

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2015

7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by President Eric Isham at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mary Crowl  
Eric Isham  
John Wayne Stewart  
Deann Maynard  
Tim Carroll

Members absent: Bud Fifield  
James Wood

Administrator(s)  
present:

Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others:

Kristen Hawkins

Scott Powers

Travis McComb

Carol Franz

Scott Cousineau

Dave Bunting

Dean Baker

Carrie Boylan

Troy James

Pat James

Jim Dell

Rob DeSmith

John Weaver

Laura Fenger

Stephanie Denczek

Raelynn Boylan

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Mary Crowl, 1400 Baseline Road, Leslie thanked board members for allowing her to distribute diplomas at graduation.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the amended June 8, 2015 agenda; Minutes of May 11, 2015 special meeting (with correction of adjournment time); Minutes of May 11, 2015 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of May 20, 2015 regular/workshop meeting (open and closed); Schedule B Resignation: Scott Baxter as Boys Varsity Soccer Coach; the bills in the amount of \$259,883.90 be approved for payment as presented; and Pcard Statement. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD School Board Briefs; e-mail regarding Memorial Day Parade and letter commending the Leslie Middle School Band were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) Lansing Youth Startup Challenge  
Sixth grade teacher Laura Fenger and 14 students participated in this event. They explored being an entrepreneur and wrote business plans selling their ideas to the judges. Several students won awards for their creativity and marketing skills.

2) Quarterly Report on Focus School  
Leslie Middle School Principal Carol Franz presented the fourth quarter 2014-15 Focus School Report. Ms. Franz mentioned the Visible Learning program and wants to share this material with the Board at a later date.

Ms. Franz shared her daily communication with eight 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to keep them on track for promotion to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents were supportive of all her efforts. She will expand her efforts next year to 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 1) Enrollment  
Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,402 as of June 3, 2015. This number includes Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-in students.
  
- 2) Truth in Taxation June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
This is a reminder to Board members that a regular meeting will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 to approve the 2015-2016 budget.

3) 2015-16 Budget Discussion  
Supt. Manthei shared a proposed 2015-16 budget based on a \$111 increase in per pupil funding recently allocated by the State of Michigan. Much discussion ensued regarding pending budget cuts.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart the Board of Education approve the second reading and adopt the NEOLA Bylaws and Policies of the Leslie Public School District Board of Education as outlined in Enclosure #7.

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**NEOLA POLICIES  
SECOND READING**

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by T. Carroll that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for 80/20 medical benefit plans as outlined in Enclosure #8.

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR  
80/20 INSURANCE**

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by D. Maynard to approve the Michigan Association of School Boards 2015-2016 membership dues for \$3,382.00

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**MASB 2015-2016  
MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWAL**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart to accept the resignation of Rebecca Scofield as Vocal Music Director and thank her for her 24 years of service. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 2 (J. Wood, B. Fifield), abstention 1 (E. Isham). Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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Due to conflict of interest, President E. Isham abstained from voting and left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:47 p.m.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education re-enter regular session at 8:59 p.m. Vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 3 (J. Wood, B. Fifield, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**


Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart. to approve the tentative agreement ratified by the Ingham Clinton Education Association, MEA/NEA. Vote: ayes 4, nays 0, absent 3 (J. Wood, B. Fifield, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**RATIFY  
TEACHER'S  
CONTRACT**

Vice President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Crowl, Secretary  
Leslie Public Schools