

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

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

CALL MEETING

Members present: Mary Crawl
Bud Fifield
Eric Isham
John Wayne Stewart
Deann Maynard
Tim Carroll
James Wood

Members absent:

Administrator(s)

present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others:	Rob DeSmith	Kristen Hawkins	Emily Ambs
	Jim Dell	Chris Bondsteel	AnnJel Moore
	Pat James	Julie Walczak	Steed Scutt
	Troy James	Alison Desmarais	
	Scott Powers	George Manson	
	Travis McComb	Michelle Marion	
	Carol Franz	Rebecca Scofield	
	Scott Cousineau	Anita Strong	
	Darlene Marciniak	Sharon Schmidt	

Pledge of Allegiance given.

Rebecca Scofield was recognized for receiving the 2016 Teacher of the Year awarded by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:

Steed Scutt, 201 Glasgow Road, Jackson expressed his concerns regarding a recent teacher incident.

Darlene Marciniak, 4758 Covert Road, Onondaga asked where to go to get answers regarding a recent teacher incident.

Michelle Marion, 3589 Hull Road, Leslie said she echoed the concerns of the previous two speakers.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by T. Carroll to approve the February 8, 2016 agenda; Minutes of January 11, 2016 annual organizational Meeting; Minutes of January 27, 2016 regular/workshop meeting; Schedule B Resignation: Bill Durfee as Junior Varsity Baseball Coach; The bills in the amount of \$245,968.58 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 1/31/16. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

School Law Notes; ISD Board Briefs; and a letter from the Department of Veteran Affairs were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) High School Drug Summit
Student Council Advisors Chris Bondsteel and Alison Desmarais outlined the agenda for the first-ever Drug Forum Day March 8th at Leslie High School. The drug forum is to provide knowledge and prepare high school students for life after graduation. Ten speakers will be presenting different topics. Parents will be invited to attend the sessions. Student AnnJel Moore spoke about how student peer pressure can be dangerous, but ignorance can be deadly.

2) Quarterly Report on Focus School
Leslie Middle School Principal Carol Franz gave a Power Point presentation highlighting the decrease of students with failing grades. Ms. Franz was pleased with how the AIMSWeb data triangles look. The possible retention of 7th and 8th graders was discussed.

3) Finance Report

Business Manager Anita Strong reported on the status of high school internal accounts. She said all accounts will be reconciled before the end of the fiscal year. After that, a process will be created to reconcile accounts once a year. A draft of the proposed second budget adjustment was distributed for board review. This will be an action item on the March 14th, 2016 board agenda.

4) Early Warning Signs Grant

High School Math Teacher Emily Ambs teaches an intervention class (Math Skill Builders) that is taken along with Algebra I. She applied for a grant for computers and a computer program that would identify gaps in students' knowledge to help increase math skills. This data allows her to structure the class according to students' individual needs.

5) Michigan Transition Services Conference

High School Resource Teacher George Manson submitted a proposal to present data at the MTSA Conference on March 17th, 2016. He will be talking about a program to help students with transitions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1) Enrollment

Supt. Jeff Manthei reported that enrollment is 1,399 as of Feb. 3, 2016. This number includes students in Ingham Virtual, GSRP and drive-ins.

2) Targeted Literacy Instruction and Interventions Grant

Supt. Manthei said a grant for \$13,200 was received. Funding will be used for additional instructional time to help students in grades K-3 to learn to read at grade level and help with math skills

by the end of 3rd grade. Some of this grant money can be used for the summer school program.

3) Grants Awarded as of Feb. 1, 2016
A compilation of grants awarded as of Feb. 1st, 2016 was distributed to board members. The total is approximately \$43,000 for this year.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education accept the bid of \$59,000 per bus from Capital City International for the purchase of two (2) used 77-passenger buses per the recommendation of Facility and Transportation Director Troy James.
Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0.
Motion carried.

**PURCHASE TWO
USED BUSES**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 30 marching band uniforms from Stanbury at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 per the recommendation of High School Band Director Jake Greenwood. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVE
MARCHING BAND
UNIFORM
PURCHASE**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Victoria Calkins as Varsity Softball Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE VARSITY
SOFTBALL COACH**

Moved by T. Carroll, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education hire Victoria Pierpoint as Junior Varsity Softball Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE JV
SOFTBALL COACH**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher

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contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 6,
nays 0, absent 0, abstention 1 (E. Isham).
Motion carried.

Due to conflict of interest, Secretary
E. Isham abstained from voting and left
the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:07 p.m.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart
that the Board of Education re-enter regular
Session at 9:26 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0,
absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion
carried.

OPEN SESSION

President Crowl adjourned the meeting
at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools