

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Annual Organizational Board Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2024
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library

CALL MEETING

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

Members present: Dave Cowing
 Bud Fifield
 Eric Isham
 Deann Maynard
 Dominic Ambroggio
 Brad Dunlap
 Beth Yeider

Members absent: None

Also present: Scott Powers, Superintendent
 Kristen Ambroggio
 Chad Kaufman
 Andrea Roach

Pledge of Allegiance given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education received public comments from Lance Woodland.

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Superintendent thanked for the Board of Education for their service.

ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

Appointment of a Temporary Chairperson

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that Dave Cowing be appointed temporary Chairperson to serve until the election of a President.

Roll Call Vote that Dave Cowing be appointed as temporary Chairperson:

Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

(President)

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by B. Yeider to nominate Dave Cowing as President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to close nominations for the office of President.

Roll Call Vote to close nominations for President:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Dave Cowing as President.
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dave Cowing voted as President until January 13, 2025.

(Vice-President)

Moved by D. Cowing, supported by D. Maynard to nominate Bud Fifield as Vice-President.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to close nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Vice-President:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Bud Fifield as Vice-President.
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bud Fifield voted as Vice-President until January 13, 2025.

(Treasurer)

Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield to nominate Deann Maynard as Treasurer.

Moved by B. Yeider, supported by E. Isham to close nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Treasurer:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Deann Maynard as Treasurer:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E.
Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Deann Maynard voted as Treasurer until January 13, 2025.

(Secretary)

Moved by B. Yeider, supported by B. Fifield to nominate Eric
Isham as Secretary.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield to close
nominations for the office of Secretary.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Secretary:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E.
Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Eric Isham as Secretary:
Ayes: D. Ambroggio, D. Cowing, B. Dunlap, B. Fifield, E.
Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eric Isham voted as Secretary until January 13, 2025.

Appointment of Board Committee Memberships

Building and Grounds Committee

Committee of the Whole

Finance/Budget Committee

Committee of the Whole

Superintendent Evaluation Committee

Committee of the Whole

Health Committee

Beth Yeider

Alternate: Bud Fifield

District Advisory Team

Deann Maynard

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Alternate: Dominic Ambroggio

Leslie Public Schools Foundation Member

Bud Fifield

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

**Ingham School Officers Association (I.S.O.A.)
Representative**

Dominic Ambroggio
Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Positive Culture Committee

Dominic Ambroggio
Alternate: Dave Cowing

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Dunlap to approve the January 15, 2024 Agenda; December 11, 2023 Minutes of the Regular meeting; Officially designate Joan Beachey to implement public notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act; Officially designate Julie Fletcher to assume specified responsibilities of Treasurer as outlined in Board By-Law 0154G; Officially designate Julie Fletcher as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy #6144; bills in the amount of \$302,879.98 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 12/31/2023.

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

December 19, 2023 Ingham ISD Board Briefs: No discussion.
December 21, 2023 School Law Notes: No discussion.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Reaching Higher Update

Kristen Ambroggio updated the board on the startup of Reaching Higher after school program at Leslie Middle School.

Cyber Security

Chad Kaufman talked about the actions he is taking to protect our school from any cyber harm.

Senior Virtual Day

Principal Roach recommended a virtual school day for the seniors on April 10, 2024.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Update on 510 Russell Street

Superintendent Powers gave an update on the purchase of 510 Russell Street on December 27, 2023.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Neola Special Policy Update (November 2023)

Special Update - November 2023

Revised Bylaw 0122	Board Powers
Revised Policy 1420	School Administrator Evaluation
Revised Policy 3131	Staff Reductions/Recalls
New Policy 3132	Vacancies
Revised Policy 3142	Probationary Teacher
Revised Policy 3220	Professional Staff Evaluation

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Ambroggio that the Board of Education approve the Neola Special Update (September 2023) as presented."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2024 and January 2025.

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Resolution to Set Regular and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2024 and January of 2025 as shown in Enclosure 4 be approved and attached with the minutes of this meeting."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Retain Thrun Law Firm

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard to retain Thrun Law Firm (general counsel) for the calendar year 2024."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorized Signers and Bank Accounts

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to continue using the account/services with Independent Bank and approve the authorized signers on LPS bank accounts as outlined in Enclosure 6."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Hire Middle School Math Teacher

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education hire Jeffrey Boyer as Leslie Middle School Math teacher, as recommended by Principal Weber."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried

Hire Winter Games Manager

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education hire Brent Waldofsky as the Winter Games Manager, as recommended by Athletic Director Johns."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

"Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Ambroggio to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m."

Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham
Secretary,
Board of Education
Leslie Public Schools