

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Truth in Taxation Meeting and  
Regular/Workshop Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Members absent:     None

Also present:        Scott Powers, Superintendent

**Pledge of Allegiance given.**

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING COMMENTS/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS**

No public comments were given.  
Truth in Taxation Hearing ended at 6:02 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR/WORKSHOP MEETING**

Dave Cowing called the meeting to order

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by B. Dunlap, supported by B. Fifield to approve the June 21, 2023 Agenda.

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

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Public Hearing of Proposed Budget—Julie Fletcher**

Julie presented the 23-24 budget to the board.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**2022-2023 Budget Amendments**

**General Fund**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 final budget amendment for the General Operating Fund."

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

**Food Service**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifiedld that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 final budget amendment for the Food Service Fund."

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

**2023-2024 Proposed Budget**

**General Fund**

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Fifield that the General Operating Fund appropriation for the Leslie Public School District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, which includes 18.000 mils of Ad Valorem property taxes to be levied on all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property be adopted."

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

**Food Service**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Food Service Fund appropriation for the Leslie Public School District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 be adopted."

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

**Special Revenue Fund**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider that the Special Revenue Fund 2022-2023 final amendment and the 2023-2024 proposed appropriation for the Leslie Public School District be adopted."

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

**Resolution Authorizing 2023 Short Term Borrowing**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid (August 2023 Borrowing Through the Michigan Finance Authority) for the 2023-2024 school year."

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**New Hire - Middle School Teacher**

"Moved by D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider that the Board of Education hire Sydney Wetzel as a Middle School Elective teacher for Leslie Public Schools, per the recommendation of Principal Weber.

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

**Closed Session:**

"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 contract negotiations."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham). Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 6:55 p.m.

**Open Session:**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Dunlap that the Board of Education ratify (*Board Member*) D. Cowing's, declaration that the board re-enter regular session."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

The board entered open session at 7:17 p.m.

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**Ratify Master Agreement Leslie MEA/NEA (Teacher)**

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by B. Dunlap to approve the tentative agreement ratified by the Leslie MEA/NEA."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 2 (D. Ambroggio, E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Leslie Public Schools