

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Annual Organizational Board Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025
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
 Eric Isham
 Deann Maynard
 Dominic Ambroggio
 Brad Dunlap
 Beth Yeider

Members absent: Bud Fifield (Excused)

Also present: Scott Powers, Superintendent

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 D. Ambroggio, supported by B. Yeider 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, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Absent: B. Fifield
Motion carried.

Election of Officers

(President)

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard 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, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Absent: B. Fifield

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Dave Cowing as President.

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

Motion carried.

Dave Cowing voted as President until January 12, 2026.

(Vice-President)

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Cowing to nominate Brad Dunlap as Vice-President.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider 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, E. Isham, D. Maynard, B. Yeider. Nays: none. Absent: B. Fifield

Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for Bud Fifield as Vice-President.

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

Motion carried.

Brad Dunlap voted as Vice-President until January 12, 2026.

(Treasurer)

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

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Ambroggio to close nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote to close the nominations for Treasurer:

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

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

Deann Maynard voted as Treasurer until January 12, 2026.

(Secretary)

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

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

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

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

Eric Isham voted as Secretary until January 12, 202.

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

Dominic Ambroggio

Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Leslie Public Schools Foundation Member

Bud Fifield
Alternate: Dominic Ambroggio

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

Representative

Eric Isham
Alternate: Brad Dunlap

Positive Culture Committee

Dominic Ambroggio
Alternate: Dave Cowing

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Yeider to approve the January 13, 2025 Agenda; December 9, 2024 Minutes of the Regular and Closed meetings; 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 \$206,608.13 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Budget Report as of 12/31/2024.

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

December 17, 2024 Ingham ISD Board Briefs: No discussion.
December 19, 2024 School Law Notes: No discussion.
Thank You Note - Operation Gratitude thank you note was read

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

GSRP Start-Up Grant _ Kristin Phillips

Kristin Phillips updated the board on the start-up grant for GSRP. She talked about the ability to expand class size. The money received must be spent by June 30, 2025.

Drinking Water Grant - Dave Medcoff

Dave talked about the water grant and the requirements. They will be installing new drinking fountains and bottle fillers by the end of the 25-26 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Powers thanked the Board of Education for their service.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Resolution to Set Regular Meeting and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2025 and January 2026.

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Ambroggio that the Resolution to Set Regular and Workshop Meeting Dates for 2025 and January of 2026 as shown in Enclosure 5 be approved and attached with the minutes of this meeting."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Retain Thrun Law Firm

"Moved by B. Dunlap, supported by B. Yeider to retain Thrun Law Firm (general counsel) for the calendar year 2025."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorized Signers and Bank Accounts

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by D. Ambroggio 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 7."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 1 (B. Yeider). Motion carried.

Overnight Art Club Activity

"Moved by B. Yeider, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approve the overnight art club activity, as recommended by Principal Roach."

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 0. Motion carried.

2025 School District "Election Coordinating Committee" Meeting Guide

The board looked at the candidates for the Election Coordination Committee.

Closed Session

"Moved by E. Isham, supported by B. Dunlap to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations."

Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 1 (B. Fifield), abstention 1 (D. Ambroggio). Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 7:59 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-entered regular session."

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

The board entered open session at 8:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

"Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m."

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

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Isham
Secretary,
Board of Education
Leslie Public Schools