

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2023

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on September 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.
2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:  
The following members were in attendance:  
Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara  
  
Administrative personnel in attendance:  
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Scroggs & Principal Cichosz
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:  
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the Agenda for the September 18, 2023, Regular Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on August 21, 2023, Motion carried.
5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:  
Mrs. Scroggs reported that the PTO is working on a Punch Card Fundraiser. *Shout Out* to Kayli Salmela who is organizing the Bus Lists.  
Mrs. Cichosz reported the juniors and seniors went to a College Fair at MTU accompanied by Heather Greutz, *Counselor*. Kinnon Kurtycz is looking into developing an *eSports team*. Rich Sarau, *At Risk & Study Skills Teacher*, was introduced.
6. STUDENT REPORTS: None
7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: August – Katie Martinac, *JrSr High School Secretary*
8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: Kim Hendrickson, *Social Worker*, commented on Teen Suicide and thanked the Board for their support.
9. FINANCES:  
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve a Frist Year Probationary Contract for Tara Kurtycz, *Physical Education Teacher*, for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.
- B. Mrs. Tollefson reported on the Baraga Area Schools Consolidation Meeting.
- C. Mrs. Tollefson addressed L'Anse Sentinel Editorials.
- D. Concerning:

Hire(s): Kirsten Nelson, *JH Cheer Coach*  
Aaron Poniatowski, *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor*  
Terra Sweeney, *Concession Manager*

Resignation(s): Holly Lubzik, *Concession Manager*  
Cassie Massie, *JSH Special Education Aide*

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: *presented in packet*

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor – *Mr. Fedie inquired about the electric buses. Mrs. Tollefson reported the 2 buses arrived last week and are waiting for radios to be installed.*
- B. Director of Student Services – *Mrs. Tollefson added that varsity football numbers are low due to injuries.*
- C. Elementary (K-5) Principal
- D. JSH (6-12) Principal
- E. Superintendent

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance - met with Baraga Area Schools to discuss idea of possible future consolidation.
- D. Library – Met on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Summer Reading Program went well. Kristin Kahler resigned as *Library Clerk*. November is *National Novel Writing Month* and flyers will be posted; Rebecca Frost will be the contact person.
- E. CCASB – meets tomorrow
- F. CCISD – Met on the 15<sup>th</sup>. School Security and School Security Grants were discussed.
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – did not meet
- I. Personnel Committee – did not meet

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Clifford Nankervis, L'Anse – expressed concerns regarding locker rooms.

Mariah Dunham, Baraga – expressed concern on teen suicide in the community.

Sierra Ayres, Zeba – spoke regarding supporting students in our community.

Austin Ayres, Zeba – spoke regarding the promotion of love in our community.

Mike Egan, L’Anse – expressed concern if boys are participating in girls sports.

Zoli Lanczy, L’Anse – inquired on policy and procedures of addressing the board.

Joe Brogan, L’Anse – commented on Board Agenda Policy 0166.

Burt Mason, L’Anse – shared a flyer for *Baraga County Republican Party* meetings.

Jordan Hoover, L’Anse – regarding sports injuries to athletes.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Paulson expressed that times are changing, the district has provided a safe and welcoming environment for students and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Frisk., supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.  
Motion carried.

  
KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

  
JOAN BUGNI, *President*