

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 20, 2023

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President, Mr. Fedie, on November 20, 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. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara remotely.
Excused: Mrs. Bugni

Administrative personnel in attendance:
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Scroggs & Principal Cichosz
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the Agenda for the November 20, 2023, Regular Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on October 16, 2023. Abstain: Mr. Cavanaugh. Motion carried.
5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
Mrs. Scroggs reported that the David Hunter received a \$500 grant for the *Lego League*. The Winter Concert will be held on December 18th.
6. STUDENT REPORTS: Julie Juntunen reported that *Student Council* held a Veteran's Day breakfast and assembly and are currently collecting Toys for Tots. *NHS* is doing a Canathon.
7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: October – Jacqueline Rowlison, *K-12 Art Teacher*
8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Cichosz introduced Brittany Wadaga, part-time Teacher and part-time Nurse.
9. FINANCES:
Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the Audit for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the Section 97 Security Grant Budget. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve listing the Covington Bus Garage property for sale with *Northern Michigan Land Brokers*. Discussion was held. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve increasing the Concessions Manager pay to \$17.50 per hour effective December 1, 2023. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve increasing the Support Staff Cash-in-Lieu amount to \$250 per month effective January 1, 2024. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve Stephanie Reed for a 3 year term on the *Library Advisory Board*. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the updates to the *ESSER 3 Budget* as presented. Motion carried.
- G. Consolidation Survey Results were shared by Mrs. Tollefson.
- H. The following NEOLA policies were reviewed:

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- Policy 2370.01 – Online/Blended Learning Program
- Policy 7217 – Weapons
- Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- Policy 8305 – Information Security
- Policy 8531 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- Policy 5330.02 – Opioid Antagonists
- Policy 8100 – Telecommuting Work

I. Concerning:

Hire(s):

- Justice Kinnunen – *JV Girls Basketball Coach*
- Jacob Ogea – *Varsity Track Coach*
- Elijah Emmer – *Assistant Varsity Track Coach*
- Lauren Lachen – *International Travel Club Advisor*
- Kinnon Kurtycz – *eSports Advisor*
- Tara Kurtycz – *Varsity Softball Coach*
- Michelle Goodreau – *11th Grade Class Advisor*
- Whitney Chapman – *Elementary At Risk Aide*
- Cassey Kolbus – *JSH Special Education Aide*
- Tyler Belanger – *JV Cheer Coach*

Resignation(s):

- Jeanne Sikkila – *JV Cheer Coach*
- Sheila Royal – *7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach*

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: presented in packet

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- B. Director of Student Services
- C. Elementary (K-5) Principal – Mrs. Scroggs added that letters were sent home to parents regarding an increase of Impetigo.
- D. JSH (6-12) Principal – Mrs. Cichosz added that 3 students were chosen for Honor’s Band & Mrs. Frost will be teaching a Summer Youth Program at Michigan Tech University next summer.
- E. Superintendent – Mrs. Tollefson added that 2 new Para-Pro’s were hired, there has been a 31% savings on heat with new windows, student absences have decreased and the Superintendent Evaluation is coming up

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance – met with Mr. Grentz regarding Audit
- D. Library – met; discussed computer issues, Writing Contest by Dr. Frost and 2 openings on board that begin next summer
- E. CCASB – did not meet
- F. CCISD – met; discussed WillSub recruitment event & Macul Conference
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – met; approved grant recipients and discussed updating Investment Policy
- I. Personnel Committee – met; discussed Cash-in-Lieu, Work from Home Policy and Concessions.

13. STUDENT COMMENTS: Julie Juntunen & Sophia Brunet introduced themselves.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Paulson expressed her excitement for eSports Club & Lego League.
Mr. Fedie discussed a board photo for holiday cards.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom., supported by Mrs. Frisk to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*


JAMES FEDIE, *Vice President*

