

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Special Board Meeting on Monday January 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center an Administrative Offices, located at 24076 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan.

A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Mr. Adam Lipski, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Adam Lipski, Vice President
 Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President
 Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
 Mrs. Amelia Servial, Treasurer
 Mr. John Da Via, Trustee
 Mr. Al Doss, Trustee
 Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
 Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Ms. Rochelle O'Malley, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
 Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
 Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations
 Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology
 Mr. Drake Okie, Director for Athletics
 Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
 Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the January 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Discussion followed. The Superintendent requested a closed Session be added after K. Board Member Comment regarding an employee matter.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Mr. Lipski introduced student Jacob Mason and Ava Kern from L'Anse Creuse High School and Nolan Rybarczyk and Aby Kovacs from L'Anse Creuse High School-North who recognized the Board Members in honor of January being Board Appreciation Month and presented them with small gifts of appreciation.

Ms. Trask shared two thank you videos created by the students and staff at Green and Carkenord Elementary Schools. Mr. Lipski thanked the schools, students and staff who have created the many thank you posters, cards and gifts for the board this evening on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Edoff thanked the Board for the time they devote to the students, staff and families of the district.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 6:41-6:45 p.m.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Courtney Marx, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding her support for the May 2024 Bond Proposal.

Ms. Cindy Eyestone, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the need for improvements at Carkenord Elementary and the need for bond funding. She also spoke regarding a recent incident at Carkenord.

Ms. Lindsay Thayer, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the need for a bond in the district.

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- F.1. Budget Report
- F.2. Quarterly Budget Update
- F.3. Payment Registers
- F.4. Bid Award Recommendations
- F.5. Purchases
- F.6. Overtime Report
- F.7. Summary of Investments
- F.8. Summary of Wire Transfers
- F.9. Accounts Payable Check Register Schedule
- F.10. Employment Recommendations
- F.11. Student Travel Requests
- F.12. December 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Servial, Lipski, Sellers, Da Via, Ross, Dubai

No: None

Motion carried.

F. Human Resources Office

F.1. Dr. Dixon presented a tentative agreement for Teamsters employee group to the Board for approval.

Motion by Mrs. Dubai, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Teamsters Tentative Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dubai, Doss, Ross, Da Via, Lipski, Sellers, Servial

No: None

Motion carried.

G. Curriculum and Instruction Office

- G.1.** Mr. Edoff presented the Schools of Choice Recommendation for the Board’s consideration.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve and authorize Administration to execute unlimited Kindergarten through Grade 5, limited Middle School (70 seats), limited Grades 9 & 10 (20 seats total), and limited criteria-based programs (Grade 10 with 6 seats, Grade 11 with 10 seats), as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Ross, Lipski, Dubay, Doss, Da Via

No: Sellers

Motion carried

H. Support Services Office

- H.1.** Mr. Gratton presented the Kitchen Renovations Recommendation for the Board’s consideration.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Kitchen Renovation Recommendation project to D & S Contractors Inc. for the total project amount of \$744,000.00, utilizing the Food & Nutrition fund balance.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Dubay, Servial, Doss, Ross, Lipski

No: None

Motion carried.

- H.2.** The Board, Administration and Mike Malone from Partners in Architecture held discussion regarding the tennis court replacement bids and next steps in the planning process. This item will be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting with documentation for further discussion and consideration.

I. Superintendent’s Office

- I.1.** Mr. Edoff provided a district update and again thanked the Board for their dedication to the district in honor of Board Appreciation Month. He also shared his appreciation for the good conversations and work being done towards finding solutions to challenges.

Mr. Edoff shared that the district has posted and begun filling positions for the new High Dosage Tutoring Program at the elementary schools. He shared that tutoring positions will be filled by district staff members and will provide additional support for students. Mr. Edoff shared that the state has not approved a tutoring software program as of yet.

Mr. Edoff also shared that as part of the new language in the teacher’s contract, they are seeing employees utilizing the retirement incentive and announcing their retirements earlier, benefiting both the district and the employee.

- I.2.** Mr. Edoff presented a Election Resolution to call an election on May 7, 2024 for a Bond Proposal. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Election Resolution calling a special election of the school electors of the district on May 7, 2024.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Da Via, Servial, Dubay, Ross, Lipski

No: Sellers

Motion carried.

J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

K. Board Member Comment

Mr. Da Via thanked Jacob Mason and other L’Anse Creuse High School students for their involvement in the “Hassle before the Tassel” event and shared that 32 vendors participated.

Mrs. Dubay thanked everyone for recognizing them for Board Appreciation Month and shared one of her favorite items given to them. She read some of the elementary student statements created for the board.

Mr. Doss thanked everyone for the time and effort in honoring them at the meeting. He also shared that he looks forward to the public review and opinion on the upcoming bond proposal.

Mrs. Servial thanked everyone who acknowledged them for Board Appreciation. She also reminded others that senior citizens living in the district are on a fixed income, and to be mindful of the impact taxes may have on all community members.

The Board set a Special Meeting for February 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. for the Superintendent’s Goals.

L. Closed Session – Employee Matter

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8 (a) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:58 p.m. for an employee matter.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Ross, Servial, Sellers, Lipski, Da Via, Dubay

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Servial to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:16 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Servial, Sellers, Ross, Lipski, Dubay, Da Via

No: None

Motion Carried.

M. Adjournment

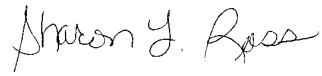
Motion by, Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon L. Ross".

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education
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