



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 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

Mrs. Dubay, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President
Mrs. Amelia Servial, Vice President
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
Dr. Terri Spencer, Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Hilton, Trustee
Mr. Adam Lipski, Trustee
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Rochelle Gauthier, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
Ms. Kim Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
Mr. Brandon Streng, Supervisor for Technology
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the agenda for the January 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented with the addition of a Closed Session for a Negotiations Update after agenda item K.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Spencer, Servial, Sellers, Ross, Lipski. Dubay

No: None

Abstained: Hilton, as her spouse is an employee in the district

Motion carried.

C. Presentations

Mr. Edoff acknowledged and thanked the Board of Education for their service to the district in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

Mrs. Dubay thanked all of the buildings for their thoughtful gifts in recognition of Board Appreciation.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Mrs. Ross shared the Addressing the Board Guidelines with the audience.

The following patrons and employees addressed the Board regarding the Schools of Choice program.

- Ms. Kelly McDevitt, employee in the district
- Ms. Christine Duryee, employee and parent in the district
- Ms. Ne'cole Cichowlas, parent in the district
- Mr. Patrick Corcoran, employee in the district
- Ms. Michelle Palmer, parent in the district
- Mr. Ken Grix, employee and parent in the district
- Ms. Meribeth Broucker-Querio, parent in the district
- Ms. Nicole Lindsay, parent in the district
- Mr. Gavin Lindsay, student in the district

E. Consent Agenda

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

- E.1. Budget Report – no action required
- E.2. Quarterly Budget Update – no action required
- E.3. Payment Registers
- E.4. Bid Award Recommendations – no action required
- E.5. Purchases
- E.6. Overtime Report
- E.7. Summary of Investments
- E.8. Summary of Wire Transfers
- E.9. Accounts Payable Check Register Schedule – no action required
- E.10. Employment Recommendations
- E.11. Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2020 Regular Board of Education

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Ross, Dubay, Spencer, Lipski

No: Hilton, Sellers

Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilton addressed the Board regarding the purchase card report.

F. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Edoff provided a district update. He shared that the district has transitioned all students who requested to return to in-person learning for second semester. He thanked staff for their efforts in the transition of these students and the LCPS families for their support with the procedures in the buildings. Mr. Edoff provided a brief update on the vaccine and testing status for school employees.

Mr. Edoff addressed the status of state testing for the Spring and stated that as of now, the testing is scheduled to take place, however the State Superintendent has made a request to the United States Department of Education to wave testing this Spring and the district will wait to see the result.

G. Technology Department

- G.1.** Mr. Streng presented a Technology Plan recommendation for additional devices for students at the middle, high and elementary level. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Technology Plan recommendation to secure pricing for additional student technology devices in the amount up to, but not to exceed \$1,200,00.00 as presented from the sale of the 23 Mile Road Property.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Sellers, Spencer, Ross, Dubay

No: Hilton, Lipski

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dubay called a break from 7:51 p.m. – 7:59 p.m.

H. Curriculum and Instruction Office

Mr. Edoff presented the following three options for the Schools of Choice program recommendation:

- **Option A (Current SOC Program):**
Unlimited Kindergarten through Grade 8, limited Grades 9 & 10 (20 seats total), and limited criteria based programs (Grade 10 = 6 seats, Grade 11 = 10 seats)
- **Option B:**
Unlimited Kindergarten through Grade 5, limited Middle School (80 total seats), limited Grades 9 & 10 (20 seats total), and limited criteria based programs (Grade 10 = 6 seats, Grade 11 = 10 seats)
- **Option C:**
Unlimited Kindergarten through Grade 5, limited Middle School (60 total seats), limited Grades 9 & 10 (20 seats total), and limited criteria based programs (Grade 10 = 6 seats, Grade 11 = 10 seats)

Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Lipski, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve Option A for participation in the Schools of Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Lipski, Spencer, Ross

No: Sellers, Dubay, Hilton, Servial

Motion failed.

Mrs. Servial motion to vote on Option C. The motion failed for lack of support.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported Mr. Lipski by to approve Option B for participation in the Schools of Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ross, Lipski, Spencer,
No: Sellers, Servial, Dubai, Hilton
Motion failed.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mr. Sellers, motioned for 200 Kindergarten – Grade 2 Schools of Choice participation only in the School of Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hilton, Sellers,
No: Dubai, Spencer, Ross, Lipski, Servial
Motion failed.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve Option C (second vote) for participation in the Schools of Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Spencer, Dubai, Lipski, Ross
No: Sellers, Hilton
Motion carried.

I. Human Resources Office

Mr. Dixon presented the tentative agreement for the TPOAM 52-Week Support Services.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the TPOAM 52-Week Support Services Tentative Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Lipski, Ross, Hilton, Sellers, Spencer, Dubai
No: None
Motion carried.

J. Other Matters**J.1.** Mrs. Dubai provided information regarding a board workshop on fundamentals. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hilton, to cancel the workshop scheduled for February 6, 2021 and cancel the \$2600 funds allocated for the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Hilton, Spencer, Lipski,
No: Ross, Servial, Dubai
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of developing a county-wide Board Fundamentals workshop through the MISD as an alternative option for professional development. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sellers expressed interest in the Board visiting buildings together as a group as they have done in the past.

J.2. Mrs. Dubay provided the board committee list to members and asked that they respond with their interest to her.

K. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, support by Mr. Sellers, to move into Closed Session at 9:43 p.m. pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of Negotiations Update

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hilton, Sellers, Lipski, Dubay, Spencer, Ross, Servial

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mrs. Servial, to reconvene to Regular Session at 10:52 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hilton, Servial, Ross, Dubay, Spencer, Lipski, Sellers

No: None

Motion carried.

L. Board Member Comment

Dr. Spencer shared her understanding of the intent of the fundamental workshop that was approved in December and shared that she looks forward to finding a time that the Board can participate in professional development together.

Mrs. Ross shared a thank you card from Laura Burback at LCHS-North for the appreciation payment.

Dr. Spencer thanked Mr. Edoff and his team and board members for the work put into the Schools of Choice options and recommendation.

M. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mr. Sellers, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hilton, Sellers, Servial, Lipski, Spencer, Ross, Dubay

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education

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