



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022 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. Jeffrey Cyprus was sworn in as a new board member. Mr. Cyprus was appointed to the Board on October 17, 2022 to fill a vacancy until December 31, 2022.

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

Roll Call

Present Mr. Adam Lipski, Vice President
 Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
 Mrs. Amy Servial, Treasurer
 Mr. Jeffrey Cyprus, Trustee
 Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee
 Dr. Terri Spencer, Trustee

Absent: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
 Mrs. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Ms. Rochelle Gauthier, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
 Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
 Ms. Kim Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
 Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
 Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations
 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 Mr. Sellers, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve the October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

- C.1.** The Board and Administration recognized Angelina Burson, senior at L'Anse Creuse High School – North who achieved a perfect score on her ACT this year and presented her with a Certificate of

Excellence for her accomplishment. Mr. Cyprus thanked everyone on behalf of the Board and congratulated Angelina on her success.

- C.2. Mrs. Jennifer Watkins of Yeo & Yeo audit firm presented the 2021 District Audit for the Board’s acceptance. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers to approve the 2021 District Audit as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Mrs. Ross read the *Addressing the Board Guidelines* for the public.

Mr. Jody Lesinski addressed the Board and public regarding school board election and his candidacy for the Board.

Mr. David Beran addressed the Board regarding a past board member issue.

Mr. Nathan Dekett, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the Early Childhood Center program.

E. Consent Agenda

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

- E.1. Budget Report
- E.2. Quarterly Budget Update
- E.3. Payment Registers
- E.4. Bid Award Recommendations
- 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
- E.10. Employment Recommendations
- E.11. Student Travel Requests
- E.12.a. September 19, 2022 Summer Board Workshop Minutes
- E.12.b. September 19, 2022 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- E.12.c. September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

F. Superintendent’s Report

- F.1. Mr. Edoff welcomed Mr. Cyprus to the Board of Education and stated he looks forward to his ideas to enhance programs and student experiences.

Mr. Edoff thanked the L’Anse Creuse staff for their work with students every day. He reminded everyone that teaching and learning is the district’s focus, however when social media and the internet become a part of the school environment, it creates a negative distraction. He shared he is planning for next year and will be addressing the physical, academic and instructional needs in the district. Mr. Edoff stated that it is important to center on what is best for students and the district will be seeking input from stakeholders on projects and what is needed.

Mr. Edoff thanked the Business Department for a successful audit and their work in protecting district funds. He also thanked the Curriculum Department and stated the district will have long-term benefits due to their efforts and work on the budget.

- F.2. Mr. Edoff presented a Bond Refunding Resolution for the Board’s consideration.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of L’Anse Creuse Public Schools 2022 or 2023 Refunding Bonds as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

G. Human Resources Office

- G.1. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Servial to approve the Renewal of the Non-Affiliated Contracts and Employee Handbook and Reference Guide as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- G.2. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve Ms. Jodi Marshall as the new Supervisor for Transportation.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

H. Other Matters

Mr. Cyprus shared a fundraising idea for high schools students to raise money towards a charity. He encouraged board members to participate in a beard shaving challenge with student council groups in attendance at future board meeting.

Mr. Cyprus also spoke about a possible agenda item for the future that would allow for students to attend and participate at board meetings to address what is occurring at their schools.

Dr. Spencer shared that she supports Mr. Cyprus’s idea to encourage student participation at the board meetings. She also asked that he meet with the Board President as a newly appointed member for an overview of board operations.

Mrs. Ross addressed the Board and shared that the district does have a Student Advisory Committee in place for student participation. She also encouraged students to speak at board meetings.

Dr. Spencer addressed the Board regarding the need to follow up on a recent policy recommendation to address when a complaint is made about a board member or employee. She asked that the Board follow through on the discussion.

Mrs. Servial addressed the Board and public regarding recent election issues that have been occurring in the district with election signs being tampered with, and expressed the need for these actions to be reported.

Mr. Sellers thanked Coach Orande Roy and Athletic Coordinator Ryan Stocker at L’Anse Creuse High School for the recent football game between L’Anse Creuse High School and L’Anse Creuse High School – North, sharing that it showcased the best of the district.

Mr. Cyprus thanked everyone for their support and stated he hopes to make a positive impact during the short time he has on the Board. He encouraged everyone to vote on Election Day, and informed everyone he is now running as a write in candidate for the L’Anse Creuse Board of Education.

Dr. Spencer thanked the Business and Curriculum Office for the audit and welcomed Mr. Cyprus to the Board.

Mr. Lipski thanked the Business Office for the audit and shared how far the district has come with the fund balance over the last four years. He stated that the election is very important to the Board and reminded everyone to vote.

Mrs. Ross thanked the Business and Curriculum Offices for their work on the audit and addressed the election sign issue occurring in the district.

I. Hearing of District Patrons Follow-up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

J. Board Member Comment

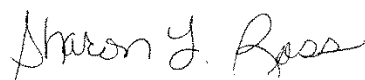
None.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Dr. Spencer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



SHARON L. ROSS, Secretary
Board of Education
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