



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center and 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. Shane Sellers, Trustee (arrived at 6:54 p.m.)

Absent: Mr. Al Doss, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent  
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
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  
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education  
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. Dubay, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the February 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**C. Presentations**

**C.1.** Mr. Edoff acknowledged Mrs. Dubay for her years of service as President over the last five years and thanked her for the dedication and leadership through her tenure. Mr. Edoff also shared that Mrs. Dubay is the only board president with 5 consecutive years for over 60 years in the district.

Mr. Lipski recognized Mrs. Dubay for her leadership through the unprecedented COVID-19 challenges, advocating for students while making difficult decisions, and her efforts towards the district's fund balance increasing from 4.5% to 19% during per presidency.

- C.2. Mr. Edoff and Mr. Lipski acknowledged the L'Anse Creuse High School – North Girls Bowling Team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the for the second year in a row. They presented the team with a Certificate of Achievement for their accomplishment.
- C.3. Mr. Edoff recognized the family of Louise Bommarito for their generous athletic scholarship donation to the district. He thanked Mr. James Chauvin and the family who donated a \$5,000 annual athletic scholarship in the total amount of \$175,000 on behalf of Mrs. Bommarito. Mr. Edoff shared that this family has three generations of students who have graduated or are attending L'Anse Creuse, and two family members are currently working in the district. He thanked them for their support with a Certificate of Excellence and a small gift on behalf of the district and students as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 6:44-6:50 p.m.

**D. Hearing of School District Patrons**

Mr. Marc Bates, parent and Tennis Coach in the district, addressed the Board regarding the replacement of tennis courts.

Mr. Dylan Wolfe, student in the district, addressed the Board regarding the replacement of tennis courts.

Ms. Kristi Glavich, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the replacement of tennis courts.

Ms. Christine Templin, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the replacement of the tennis courts.

Mr. David Dugger, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding proposed bond projects in the district and a recent communication to the district.

**E. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, 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. January 16, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes
- E.12.b. January 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- E.12.c. January 29, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

**F.1** Mr. Edoff provide a district update and shared the district is planning for the tutoring program next year. He also shared that there is a small increase in foundation allow and a few interesting things in the budget regarding school safety and mental health. Mr. Edoff shared that he is looking forward to Charity Week events and the transition of sports moving outside for Spring. Discussion followed.

**F.2.** Mr. Edoff presented his goals for the 2024-2025 school year for the board's approval. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the 2024-2025 Superintendent Goals as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: Sellers

Motion carried.

**G. Curriculum and Instruction Office**

**G.1.** Mrs. Montpas presented the Consortium Agreements and program participations for 2024-2025 school year for the Board's approval.

Motion by Mrs. Dubai, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the following consortium agreements and program participation for the 2024-2025 school year as presented:

- Career Technical Education (CTE) Consortia
- Early College of Macomb
- International Academy of Macomb
- Southwest Macomb Technical Education Cooperative (SMTEC)

Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

**H. Business Office**

**H.1.** Mrs. O'Malley presented the recommendation to appoint the district auditor. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to appoint Yeo & Yeo, P.C. as the district auditor for services for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

- H.2.** Mrs. O’Malley presented the 2024 Summer Tax Collection Rates for the board’s approval. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the 2024 Summer Tax Collection Rates as presented. Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
 No: None  
 Motion carried.

**I. Support Services Office**

- I.1.** Mr. Gratton presented information and funding options for the replacement of the L’Anse Creuse High School tennis courts for the Board’s consideration. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the replacement of the L’Anse Creuse High School tennis courts in the amount of 1,400,000 with work done by Simone Construction Services. Project funding will be paid out of bond dollars, or if the bond does not pass, financed over a 7-year period with a 3.25% interest rate with payback of approximately \$234,000.00 per year. Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
 Yes: Dubay, Ross, Da Via, Lipski, Servial  
 No: Sellers  
 Motion carried.

**J. Technology Department**

- J.1.** Mr. Streng presented the Elementary Staff Technology Device Recommendation for the Board’s consideration.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the purchase of Apple iPad bundles through Apple in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 as presented.

Yes: All  
 No: None  
 Motion carried.

**K. Other Matters**

Mr. Edoff presented the First Reading of the following Policy Updates for the Board’s Consideration:

- Article VII. Students - Section 12. Student Discrimination and Harassment
- Article VIII. Curriculum and Instruction - Section 18. Non-discrimination
- Article X. Personnel
  - Section 12. Staffing, Assignment, Layoff and Recall of Tenured Teachers
  - Section 13. Staffing, Assignment, Placement, Layoff and Recall of All Non-Tenured Teaching Staff
  - Section 14. Performance Evaluations
  - Section 28. Discrimination and Equal Employment
- Article XI. Facilities and Operations – Section 14. Generative Artificial Intelligence Use Policy

Discussion followed. Ms. Dubay asked that “or designee” be added to Section 12 on page 46 for the second reading approval.

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Servial to approve the First Reading of the Policy Updates as presented with the addition of “or designee” to Section 12 on page 46 of the policy manual.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**L. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up**

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

**M. Board Member Comment**

Mrs. Ross addressed the Board and reminded everyone of the Macomb County School Board Dinner Meeting on February 27 and encouraged board member to attend these meetings in the future.

Mr. Sellers recognized Mrs. Ross for her position in the Macomb County School Board Association and commended her for representing the district.

**N. Closed Session – Negotiations and Legal Opinion**

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8 (c,h) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:11 p.m. for negotiations and legal opinion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Dubay to reconvene to Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

**O. Adjournment**

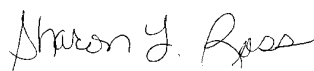
Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Servial, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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