



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

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

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

Present: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President
Mr. Adam Lipski, Vice President
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
Mrs. Amelia Servial, Treasurer
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee
Dr. Terri Spencer, Trustee (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Absent: Mrs. Mary Hilton, 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. 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 Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Mr. Edoff recognized the Board Members for their dedication to L'Anse Creuse students and staff, and thanked them on behalf of the district.

D. Hearing of District Patrons

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Servial, 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.a. December 13, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- E.11.b. December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Spencer arrived at 6:35 p.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

- F.1.** Mr. Edoff provided an update and stated that the district continues to manage through the COVID pandemic. He shared that administration is monitoring student and staff attendance daily and is making progress in sub coverage. Mr. Edoff stated the district has a good week last week and he is hopeful that we are turning a corner in regards to COVID.

Mr. Edoff provided an update on school safety and shared that they are planning for projects that will be focused on improving the physical security of buildings. He stated that administration continues to make progress with hiring mental health professionals, which is also an important part of district safety.

- F.2.** Mr. Edoff provided summary information on the architect/engineer RFQ process and presented a recommendation to contract with Partners in Architecture for future architect/engineering projects in the district.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve contracting with Partners and Architecture firm for future architect/engineering projects in the district.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Dubay thanked everyone for their work in the process.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

G. Curriculum and Instruction Report

Mrs. Montpas presented the Student Travel Requests for approval. Mr. Seller addressed the Board regarding some field trips being cancelled due to COVID protocols. Discussion followed.

- G.1.** Motion by Mr. Lipski, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve the Student Travel Requests as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Lipski, Spencer, Dubay, Ross, Servial

No: Sellers

Motion carried.

- G.2.** Mrs. Montpas provided an Enrollment and Schools of Choice presentation.

Motion by Mr. Lipski, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the participation in the Schools of Choice program as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Lipski, Ross, Servial, Spencer, Dubay

No: Sellers

Motion carried.

H. Support Services Office

- H.1** Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve the amount of \$171,000, not to exceed \$183,000, for the purchase of five maintenance vehicles as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

- H.2.** Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported Mr. Sellers, to approve the amount, not to exceed \$328,000, to be used towards purchasing buses that will be utilized in the 2022-2023 school year.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

I. Other Matters

I.1. Closed Session – Superintendent’s Contract

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Lipski, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of the Superintendent’s Contract at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Lipski, Spencer, Ross, Dubai, Sellers

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lipski, supported by Mrs. Servial, to reconvene to Regular Session at 7:18 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Lipski, Servial, Dubai, Spencer, Ross, Sellers

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mrs. Servial to support and approve the Superintendent’s Contract for 2022-2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Spencer, Servial, Sellers, Ross, Lipski, Dubai

No: None

Motion carried.

I.2. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Lipski to approve the following motion regarding livestreaming of Board meetings: "For the purposes of live-streaming Board meetings for the 2022 calendar year, the Board of Education delegates Shane Sellers and Adam Lipski to conduct the posting to the district channels at a total cost not to exceed \$500."

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Lipski, Spencer

No: Dubai, Servial, Ross

Motion failed.

Mrs. Dubai called a break from 8:05 – 8:10 p.m.

J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

K. Board Member Comment

Board members thanked the Superintendent for his work over the last year.

Mrs. Dubai provided the following statement regarding the Superintendent’s evaluation:

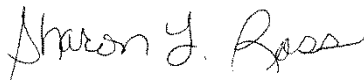
On the heels of 2020, 2021 has presented even more challenges to the educational system. Our Superintendent, Erik Edoff has not only met every challenge head on, but has thrived at continuing to educate the students of L'Anse Creuse. He has established himself as a leader throughout the Tri-County area and is seen as both a voice of reason and a reliable resource. While continuing to lead during these unprecedented times, Superintendent Edoff bettered the L'Anse Creuse Community by increasing our fund balance while expanding resources to our students. With the addition of social/emotional support staff, Superintendent Edoff shows how L'Anse Creuse understands that the mental health of our students is vital to their success. It is for these reasons amongst others that the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education has given our Superintendent, Erik Edoff an evaluation rating of highly effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education

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