



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023 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 called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mrs. Amelia Servial, Treasurer

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Rochelle Gauthier, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the May 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented with the combination of Letter L. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-Up with E. Hearing of District Patrons.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Doss, Lipski
No: Dubay, Ross
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

Mr. Edoff recognized students from L'Anse Creuse High School and L'Anse Creuse High School – North for being honored as Macomb County All-Academic Awards and also being name a part of the Macomb County Dream Team of Top 20 Scholars. Mr. Da Via congratulated the students and acknowledged their hard work and outstanding academic achievement and presented them with a Certificate of Excellence.

D. Mrs. Dubay called a break from 6:45 – 6:54 p.m.

E. Hearing of School District Patrons

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

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the athletic fields in the district:

- Chondrea Grant
- Blake Raymond
- Kristen Conte
- Josh Lamberti
- Mike Zuckero
- Sandra Herden
- Lori Ches
- Nick Szymanski
- Christine Templin
- Angelina Torres
- Holly Reid
- Mary Glavich
- Kristi Glavich

Mrs. Dubay called a break from 7:46 – 7:56 p.m.

F. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mr. Lipski, 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.a. April 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- F.12.b. April 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

G. Superintendent's Office

G.1. Mr. Edoff addressed the public comments regarding the district's athletic facilities and expressed his understanding and acknowledgement for the concerns brought forward to the Board and

Administration. He shared that this issue is very important and he is committed to finding a resolution as soon as possible. He assured everyone that he will work with the Board and the community to resolve the issue and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and staff for their effort in finding a resolution.

Mr. Edoff also shared that year-end celebrations and events are in full swing and honors convocations have taken place for L’Anse Creuse High School and Pellerin with L’Anse Creuse High School – North’s scheduled for this week. He stated he is looking forward to graduations, as they are a very important time and a positive experience for students.

H. Business Office

H.1. Motion b Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the recommendation to purchase 29 LIFEPAK CR2 AED SA from Aventric Technologies LLC to replace the automated external Defibrillators using the Section 97 School Safety grant in the total amount of \$46,400.00 as presented.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

H.2. Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the recommendation for the Workers Compensation Excess Insurance bid to Benchmark Insurance Company for a two-year policy in the amount of \$35,586.00 as presented.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

H.3. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross to approve the Resolution to Request a Truth-in-Budget Hearing as presented.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

H.4. Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Lipski, to table Agenda Item H.4. Food Service Management Company Bid Award Recommendation until the next meeting.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Moton carried.

H.5. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to accept Form L-4029 (2023 Tax Rate Request) as presented.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

I. Support Services Office

- I.1.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Bus Purchase of a one off-lease bus from Hoekstra Transportation in the total amount of \$55,200.00 as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- I.2.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via to approve renovations to the auto program area at the Pankow Center with a not to exceed value of \$160,000.00, as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

J. Human Resources Department

- J.1.** Dr. Dixon presented Dr. Major Mickens as the recommended candidate for the Director for Student Services and Community Education.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve Dr. Major Mickens as the Director for Student Services and Community Education.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Dr. Mickens thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated he looks forward to his new position.

K. Other Matters

- K.1.** Motion by Mrs. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross to approve the Resolution Designating Electoral Representative for the MISD Biennial Election on June 5, 2023, directing the designated Representative Al Doss and Alternate Adam Lipski to cast a vote for Michael Schulte and Brian White.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Ross, Lipski, Dubay, Doss, Da Via
No: None
Motion carried.

The Board and Administration held significant discussion regarding the replacement of the football fields and tracks for both high schools.

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mr. Sellers to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to contract for complete replacement of the football fields and tracks at L'Anse Creuse High School

and L’Anse Creuse High School – North as soon as possible, using general fund money in the amount not to exceed \$2.9 million dollars with an upfront payment.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Da Via, Sellers, Doss, Lipski

No: Dubay, Ross

Motion carried.

M. Board Member Comment

Mrs. Ross stated that her intention is to always make factual decisions at the board table and apologized if anyone thought she was being insulting. She stated that it is not ok to treat each other disrespectfully and expressed that there is a great amount of work that goes into the district budget and decisions are not always easy.

Mr. Da Via stated that all board members elected to the Board love L’Anse Creuse and that they all want the same things for students. He stated that the board members are honorable individuals and they along with the community need to work together and understand that we are all one district.

Mr. Sellers thanked the Board members who voted yes for the replacement of the football fields and tracks. He shared that more discussion has to take place regarding other projects in the district and spoke specifically to the improvement of the tennis courts. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Doss addressed the public and stated that the Board has a lot of work to do following the funds they allocated for the project they just approved. He stated that other things will be impacted due to the decision and it is not to be taken lightly and these decisions are not easy. Mr. Doss also shared that L’Anse Creuse High School just held their honors awards and it was stated that the Seniors received \$1.7 million in scholarship money. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Lipski thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also spoke regarding the finances of the district and being fiscally minded when it comes to large purchases. He shared that he also plays on the fields in the district and that safety was the force behind his decision. He thanked the community for putting their trust in the board and that these decisions are not taken lightly. Mr. Lipski also stated that the district has been investigating replacement of the fields and gathering quotes and pricing and asked that they support the board in their work. Mr. Lipski also addressed board relations, the need to continue working together as a Board, and his attendance at meetings.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the public regarding her experience and support of the district as a board member. She shared the history of what has been accomplished during her tenure on the Board thus far and summarized many challenges the district has faced and overcome in recent years.

N. Adjournment

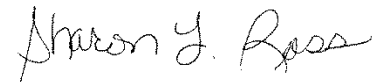
Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education
SLR:nt