



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 27, 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 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

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. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education  
                         Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education  
                         Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations  
                         Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology  
                         Employees and Patrons of the District

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented:

Yes:    All  
No:    None  
Motion carried.

**C. Presentations**

**C.1.** Ms. Chandler Missig, teacher in the district, introduced students from L'Anse Creuse High School, L'Anse Creuse High School – North and Pankow Center student councils who presented information on the 2023 Charity Week. They shared information on the various activities occurring during the week of March 12, and stated the three main charities that they will be supporting is the Macomb Charitable Foundation, Rejoiceful Animal Rescue, and Special Olympics.

**C.2.** Mr. Drake Okie, Athletic Director, acknowledged the L'Anse Creuse High School – North Wrestling Coach and Team for their recent 2023 Silver Wrestling Championship, the first in 20 years. Mr. Doss, on behalf of the Board, recognized the team for their accomplishment.

Mrs. Dubay call a break from 6:48 - 6:53 p.m.

**D. Hearing of School District Patrons**

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

Ms. Sandra Hernden, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding an assignment her son received.

Ms. Sara Jay, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding a literature class being offered at L'Anse Creuse High School.

**E. Department Updates**

The following departments provided informational updates for the Board:

- Food & Nutrition, Rochelle Gauthier
- Business office, Rochelle Gauthier
- Curriculum Department, Lisa Montpas and Kim Rawski
- Human Resources, Greg Dixon
- Technology, Brandon Streng
- Support Services & Operations, Don Gratton
- Athletics, Drake Okie

**F. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, 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. January 17, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes
- F.12.b. January 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- F.12.c. January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**G. Superintendent’s Report**

**G.1.** Mr. Edoff provided an update regarding Act of God days and the recent issues we have been having with weather and power outages in the district. He shared that public schools will see a fair amount of legislation in the upcoming weeks. He stated that the budget is scheduled to be done by the end of May. Mr. Edoff shared that Meredith Beard has been named a semifinalist for Principal of the Year by MASSP. Discussion followed.

Mr. Edoff addressed a question regarding holding school that has partial power.

**G.2.** Mr. Edoff provided an Educational Goals Benchmark Update. He stated that the district has two goals regarding growth in the area of ELA and Math and using NWEA assessment scores, he reported that the district had growth in all of the areas for all grades K-11, and even performance for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Discussion followed.

**G.3.** Mr. Edoff provided information on the Strategic Plan prep work being done and a Strategic Plan Timeline for the Board’s consideration.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to adopt the Strategic Plan Timeline as presented.

Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**H. Curriculum and Instruction**

**H.1.** Mrs. Montpas presented the Consortium Agreements and Program Participation for the 2023-2024 school year.

**H.1.a.-** Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the Career Technical Education (CTE)

**H.1.d.** Consortiums, Early College of Macomb, International Academy of Macomb and Southwest Macomb Technical Education Cooperative Agreement.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

**I. Business Office**

**I.1.** Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve Yeo & Yeo Audit firm as the district’s auditing firm for the 2022-2023 fiscal year with a financial audit cost of \$42,900 and the single audit of \$7,200 as presented. If additional federal programs are required to be audited, each one will have a fee of \$3,000. GASB implementation will be a fee of \$3,000.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None  
Motion carried.

- I.2.** Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve and authorize administration to execute the continued relationship with these depositories and investment/banking institutions as stated, at the discretion of the Superintendent:

<b>Depositories</b>	<b>Primary Service</b>
A. Bank of America	Annuity, Direct Deposit, GLP
B. Fifth Third Bank	2010 BABS Checking, Internal, General and Cafeteria Depository
C. JPMorgan Chase	Accounts Payable, Internal Fund, General Fund, Payroll, Purchase Card
D. PFM Asset Management, LLC (MILAF)	Bond Trustee for 2008 Investment
E. UMB	Paying Agent 2023 Bond
F. US Bank	Escrow Agent 2023 Bond

<b>Investment/Banking</b>	<b>Primary Service</b>
A. Merrill Lynch	Investment Banking
B. PFM Asset Management, LLC (MILAF)	Investment Banking
C. JPMorgan Chase	Investment Banking

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**J. Support Services Office**

- J.1.** Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the South River Elementary Classroom Renovation and enter into an contract with PGC Development in the amount of \$30,456 with a \$6,000 contingency for unknown circumstances, for a total of \$36,456.00 as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- J.2.** Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve entering into a contract with ViviLED for 45,594.00 for the construction and installation of the L'Anse Creuse High School Pool Scoreboard with contingency in the amount of \$5000.00 and a total project cost of \$50,594.00, as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- J.3.** Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the purchase of a swing set and subsequent area preparations at Francis A. Higgins Elementary in the amount of \$41,197.36 as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- J.4.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve roofing work to be completed at Middle School – Central in the amount of \$1,417,437.04 and L’Anse Creuse High School – North in the amount of \$414,083.83. Both projects will be completed by Royal Roofing with a total cost of 1,831,520.87, as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- J.5.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the purchase of a play structure for the Anna Mae Burdi Center in the amount of \$181,000.00 and a play structure for L’Anse Creuse Early Childhood Center in the amount of \$27,000.00. Both play structures will be purchased using a childcare stabilization grant as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**K. Other Matters**

- K.1.** Mrs. Dubay stated that she has received all of the committee interest surveys and will work with Nikki to finalize the committee chart and send it out to everyone.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the need for the Policy Committee to convene to review a few different policies regarding background checks for childcare employees, the organizational meeting, and hearing of district patrons.

- K.2.** Mrs. Dubay and Mr. Edoff addressed the need for board members to sign up for check register review. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the need to reschedule the Special Board meeting to address the Superintendent’s Goals. The Board decided to hold the Special Board Meeting on March 20, 2023 and combine the Committee of the Whole meeting with the Regular Meeting on March 27, 2023.

**L. Hearing of District Patrons Follow-up**

No additional patrons addressed the Board at this time.

**M. Closed Session – Negotiations**

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Lipski, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section H(c) of the Open Meetings Act for Negotiations at 8:39 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to reconvene to Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Teamsters Tentative Agreement as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

**N. Board Member Comment**

Mrs. Dubay addressed the Board and public regarding public comments made earlier in the meeting regarding African American literature books, classes in the district and a student assignment. Mrs. Ross also addressed the African American literature and public concerns expressed earlier. Discussion followed.

**J. Adjournment**

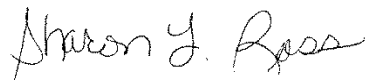
Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Lipski, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

Board of Education

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