



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center Administrative Offices, located at 24076 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan.

A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Michael Van Camp, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathy Konon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Ms. Kimberly Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
Ms. Beth Disbrow, Director for Finance
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the October 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented with the following change:

- Move J. Closed Session – Employee Matters and Legal Opinion

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Servial, Lipski, Da Via

No: Ross, Dubay

Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Mr. Jennifer Watkins of Yeo & Yeo Audit Firm, provided a presentation on the district's June 2023 audit. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via to accept the June 2023 District Audit as presented by Yeo & Yeo Audit Firm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Sandra Hernden, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the Bond Proposal Community Form and bond funding.

Mr. Jody Lesinski, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming election and his board candidacy.

J. Closed Session – Employee Matters and Legal Opinion

Motion by Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for Employee Matters and Legal Opinion at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to reconvene at 8:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, 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. Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes
 - b. September 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

F. Superintendent's Report

- F.1** Mr. Howell provided a district update and shared that he recently attended the MCSBA Dinner Meeting where they talked about literacy essentials and family engagement. They also promoted the Macomb Reads Carnival event taking place on November 2, 2024. He thanked staff and parents for their understanding and efforts during the school closure at L'Anse Creuse Middle School - North this week. Mr. Howell also stated that he attended the L'Anse Creuse High School – North Boo Bash and shared that the students primarily run the event and demonstrated great leadership. He also shared that he visited L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central and played pickleball with the students on their new courts.

Mr. Lipski welcomed Mr. Howell to L'Anse Creuse and stated that he has been doing a great job over his first month in the district.

Mr. Lipski addressed the need to combine the November board meetings. The Board decided the November board meeting will take place on November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

- F.2.** Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0348 as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

- F.3.** Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0385 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Discussion followed.

G. Special Education

- G.1.** Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer VanderMark, as the district's representative to the MISD Parent Advisory Committee as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

H. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

Mr. Louis Peters, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding the bond proposal and school funding.

I. Board Member Comment

Mrs. Dubay shared that the expulsions approved during the meeting create challenges and can be life changing for students. She shared that these decisions are difficult, however, her decision is based on keeping all students safe.

Mrs. Ross also spoke regarding the expulsion approved during the meeting and agree they are a difficult decision and are not taken lightly.

Mr. Da Via also reflected on the student expulsions passed and shared that these decisions are one of the worst things the board has to do and they are not easy.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the public and expressed the importance of promoting and passing the bond proposal for the district.

Mr. Lipski thanked staff for the pipe work that was recently completed between L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North and L'Anse Creuse High School. He appreciates how support services quickly addressed the issue. Mr. Lipski thanked Principal Scott Henwood from Middle School – Central for the great experience he had at conferences and for how well organized the evening was.

J. Adjournment

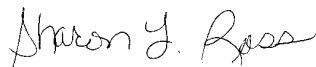
Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

Board of Education

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