



BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024 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

Mr. Adam Lipski, called the Committee of the Whole/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
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent
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. Tony Sedick, Director for Elementary Education
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology
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. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the December 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Mr. Howell introduced Daniel Griffith, Band Director for L'Anse Creuse High School – North and Adam Kosi, Band Instructor for L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East, who recognized two students for recent accomplishments. Santino Saroli and Caden Wagner were recognized for being selected to perform in the Michigan All State Orchestra and Band on January 25, 2025. Mr. Howell presented the students with a certificate of excellence for their success.

Mr. Howell recognized three students for their Athletic accomplishments during the fall season. Miley Mieczkowski was recognized for Girls Varsity Swim, and Aidan Daly and Xavier Solgot were recognized for Cross County. Mr. Howell presented the students with a certificate of excellence for their success.

Mrs. Dubay congratulated the student for their accomplishments and shared that she is pleased to see the arts and sports being recognized together at the board meeting. She congratulated the families and encouraged the students to keep pursuing their endeavors and doing great things.

- C.2.** Mr. Howell recognized Hilary Dubay and Amy Servial for their years of service to the Board of Education. He provided a summary of their accomplishments, the impact they have had in the district, and thanked them for their dedication to the students, staff and L'Anse Creuse community. Mr. Lipski acknowledged Mrs. Dubay and Mrs. Servial for their leadership, guidance and friendship over the years. He shared how grateful he was for their contributions and leadership during some of the most difficult challenges the district has ever faced and wished them the best.

D. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Howell shared that the L'Anse Creuse Foundation held their grant day and presented over \$16,431.36 in grants to 13 recipients in the district. He thanked Foundation President Ne'cole Cichowlas, and others who support the Foundation, for the positive impact they have on students and staff and the support they give throughout the year.

Mr. Howell thanked everyone sharing that it's been a little over two months since he's been in his role and it's been terrific being a part of L'Anse Creuse Public Schools. He hopes everyone can use the holiday break to reflect, rejuvenate and rest.

Mr. Howell acknowledged the contributions of Nikki Trask and her three decades of service and dedication to L'Anse Creuse Public Schools in honor of her upcoming retirement.

E. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Sandra Hernden, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the Michigan Association of School Boards Membership.

Ms. Wendy Amoe, resident in the district, congratulated Ms. Dubay on her retirement from the Board and acknowledged her dedication to the district.

F. MASB Presentation

Mr. Don Wotruba from the Michigan Association of School Boards presented information on the benefits of their organization's membership. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Ross motioned to approve the district becoming a member of the Michigan Association of School Boards, however the motion failed due to lack of support.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Servial, to table the MASB Membership vote until the January 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Ross

Motion carried.

G. Bond Update

Ms. Konon, Mr. Gratton and Mr. Streng presented an update on the bond projects for the board and public. Ms. Konon shared they are planning to provide updates as the district moves through the bond program and projects throughout the district. The district website will be updated and will reflect the work that is being done to keep the community informed. Ms. Konon thanked the community and the voters for the passing of the Bond Proposal.

H. Department Updates

The Business Office, Operations, Technology, Human Resources, Special Education and Curriculum, Departments provided an informational update for the Board on the progress of work and projects occurring within their department. Discussion followed.

I. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- I.1. Budget Report
- I.2. Quarterly Budget Update
- I.3. Payment Registers
- I.4. Bid Award Recommendations
- I.5. Purchases
- I.6. Overtime Report
- I.7. Summary of Investments
- I.8. Summary of Wire Transfers
- I.9. Accounts Payable Check Register Schedule
- I.10. Employment Recommendations
- I.11. Student Travel Requests
- I.12. November 18, 2024 COTW/Regular Meeting Minutes

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

J. Business Office

J.1. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Kitchen Equipment Purchase for Double Ovens in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, using Food Service funds as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

K. Support Services

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supporter by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Bus Purchase Recommendation to purchase a total of 6 buses in the amount of \$818,000.00 as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

L. Other Matters

- L.1.** Ms. Dubay provided the minutes from the Board Policy Committee meeting held on November 21, 2024. She expressed the need for the policy items stated in the minutes to be revisited after the new year when the two new board members can be a part of the process.
- L.2.** Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Resolution to Authorize Internal Service Fund Deposits as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

M. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

N. Board Member Comment

Mr. Sellers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also thanked Mrs. Trask for her years of service in the district and welcomed Cheryl Goodall to her new position. Mr. Sellers shared that he looks forward to working with Mr. Howell in the new year.

Mrs. Ross thanked Mrs. Dubay and Mrs. Servial for their time and leadership on the board. She also thanked Mrs. Trask for her years of service and welcome Cheryl to the Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Doss thanked Ms. Trask, Mrs. Dubay and Mrs. Servial for their years of service in the district. He stated he was honored to recognized the students during the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Lipski thanked Ms. Trask, Ms. Dubay and Mrs. Servial for all they have done for the district.

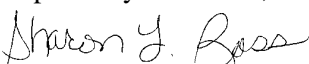
Mrs. Dubay shared that she is grateful for her time in the district as a parent and a board member. She stated that she appreciates administration and cabinet for their support and the important work they do every day to ensure the district is doing what is best for kids.

O. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Servial, to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education
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