



BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 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 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: 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. 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 Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the November 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion carried.

C. Presentations

Mr. Howell welcomed Ryan Malburg, L'Anse Creuse High School Band Director, along with students from the Marching Lancers and acknowledged them for placing 3rd in Flight II of the State Final Competition on November 2, 2024. He also stated that the band also won the caption award for best percussion, making the first caption award won in program history, and the 8th time the band has medaled at State Finals. The Board and Mr. Howell presented the band with a certificate of excellence for their accomplishments.

Mr. Howell welcomed L'Anse Creuse High School teachers Erika Lesniak and Juliana Schewe-Jackson, along with their National Art Honor Society and Advanced Placement Spanish students. Mr. Howell recognized the teachers and students for their work in creating a display in honor of Lisa Downey that was recently showcased at the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) in Detroit from September

28 through November 3. The Board and Mr. Howell presented the students with a certificate of excellence for their work and greatly representing the district and Lisa Downey.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Servial, 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. October 21, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes
 - b. October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Department Updates

The Human Resources Office, Curriculum, and Technology Departments provided an informational update for the Board on the progress of work and projects occurring within their department. Discussion followed. The remaining departments provided their update within the bond update under the Superintendent's report.

F. Superintendent's Report

F.1 Mr. Howell, along with administration, provided a presentation on the next steps and planning for the Bond projects. The presentation provided information on initial planning, financing, prioritize scope, project schedules and phases, monitoring and adjustments, and transparency and communication. Discussion followed.

G. Business Office

G.1. Motion by Mrs. Dubai, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Resolution for Annual Summer Tax Collection as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

G.2. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss to acknowledge and authorize administration to execute relationships with the following depositories and investment banking institutions

Depositories/ Investment Banking

- A. Flagstar Bank
- B. Huntington Bank
- C. Independent Bank
- D. Fifth Third Bank

Primary Service

- Deposit/Investment
- Deposit/Investment
- Investment Banking
- Internal, General and Cafeteria Depository
- Investment Banking

E. Meeder Investments

Current Depositories and investment/banking institutions approved January 2024

- F. Bank of America
- G. JPMorgan Chase

- H. Merrill Lynch
- I. PFM Asset Management, LLC (MILAF)

- Direct Deposit
- Accounts Payable, Internal Fund, General Fund, Payroll, Purchase Card, Debt, Investment Banking
- Investment Banking
- Investment Banking

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

G.3. Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve and authorize administration to execute the Bond Resolution as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

H. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

I. Board Member Comment

Mr. Sellers thanked Mr. Van Camp for serving at Interim Superintendent in September. He also shared that Fall Athletics has come to an end and Winter sports are starting up. Mr. Sellers spoke briefly to the Bond and the prioritizing and planning of projects, and also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Da Via wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the community for their support of the bond. He thanked Kim Rawski and Mark Tapp for the work they do with the students and staff, and their effort with the Student Advisory and District Coordinating Council Committees.

Mrs. Ross thanked the community for passing the bond. She also thanked Mr. Van Camp for serving as Interim Superintendent and Mr. Howell for work over the last month. Mrs. Ross spoke to the lame duck in Lansing and encouraged everyone to look at current legislation and contact their legislators. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Lipski thanked everyone for their support in passing the Bond and wished everyone a Happy

Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Dubay congratulated the L'Anse Creuse High School Band for their accomplishments and thanked Mr. Malburg for his leadership. She shared that both high schools provide a great band program for the students in our community. She also shared that she is grateful the students honored Lisa Downey through Arts and Curriculum at the DIA. Mrs. Dubay expressed her appreciation for the great beginning of the meeting with student and staff recognitions.

Mrs. Servial thanked the voters in the community who supported her in the election. She wished the new Board members a successful term and thanked the Board for their hard work.

Mr. Doss congratulated the band, art and AP students for their accomplishments. He also congratulated Ms. Hernden and Mr. Parski for being elected to the board. He shared that it is a lot of work to run for a board seat. Mr. Doss also thanked parent volunteer Jeff Ferrington and the MEA leadership for their support in the bond program. Mr. Doss wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

J. Closed Session – Pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute, including written opinion of legal counsels which is subject to attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:28: p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:33 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

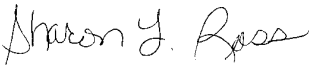
Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mrs. Servial, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

Board of Education

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