



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center and Administrative Offices, located at 24076 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan.

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

Mrs. Dubay President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President
Mr. Adam Lipski, 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. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Rochelle O'Malley, 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
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. Doss, to approve the December 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Mr. Edoff introduced Jacob Mason and Alex Habarth, student council members from L'Anse Creuse High School, who shared information on a Shoe Drive charity fundraiser taking place in January 2024.

C.2. Mr. Edoff recognized Mr. Chris Zoller, Physical Education teacher at Green Elementary, who recently provided aid to an individual by using his AED training through the district, and assisted with saving a person's life at his local gym.

Mr. Edoff also recognized Ms. Elizabeth Allen, District Media Technician, who recently led a holiday toy drive for the Children's Hospital of Michigan, gathering toys from five elementary schools in the

district. The Board presented Mr. Zoller and Ms. Allen a Certificate of Excellence.

The Board and Administration thanked students for attending the meeting and including the school community in their fundraiser. The Board also recognized the teachers for their efforts and stated how proud they are and are thankful they are a part of the L'Anse Creuse team.

Mrs. Dubay called a break from 3:15-3:22 p.m.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Kelly McDevitt, teacher in the district, addressed the Board regarding the need for bond funding for L'Anse Creuse schools.

Ms. Gail Ashburn, teacher and parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding her support for moving forward with a bond for the district.

Mr. Michael Bilen, teacher and in the district, addressed the Board regarding his support for a bond in the district.

Mr. Ken Grix, teacher and parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding his support for placing a bond on an election ballot.

Mr. Keith Weiland, teacher in the district, addressed the Board regarding upgrading facilities and supporting bond funding.

E. Department Update

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

F. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mrs. Ross, 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 November 20, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes
- F.12.b. November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- F.12.c. November 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

G. Superintendent's Office

G.1. Mr. Edoff shared information on a new pilot program in Macomb County where 25 college students are certified to work as substitutes while they obtain their degree in education. He shared that he is proud of this opportunity and that there is currently a need for this in all school districts. He stated that he is pleased to see young individuals choosing education as their career.

G.2. Mr. Edoff presented a Bond Application for approval by the Board to start the process in applying to the Michigan State Department of Treasury to place a bond proposal on the election ballot in May 2024.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the Bond Application as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

G.3. Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Expense Reimbursement by Bond Proceeds Resolution as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

H. Human Resources Office

H.1. Dr. Dixon presented the TPOAM Tentative Agreement for the Board's approval.

Motion by Mr. Lipski, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the TPOAM Tentative Agreement as presented.

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

I. Support Services Office

I.1. Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the Bus Purchase Recommendation to purchase three off-lease buses from Hoestra Transportation in the amount of \$235,748.00 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

I.2. Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Fuel Tank Repair recommendation as presented in the amount of \$38,382.11.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

K. Closed Session – Negotiations and Superintendent’s Evaluation

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8 (a,c) of the Open Meetings Act at 4:48 p.m. for a Negotiations Update and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Lipski to reconvene to Regular Session at 5:25 p.m.

Yes: Sellers, Lipski, Doss, Servial, Ross, Dubai, Da Via
No: None
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Dubai addressed the Superintendent’s annual evaluation and stated that through the evaluation process, the Board has come to the conclusion to assign a Highly Effective rating to the Superintendent for the 2022-2023 School Year. Ms. Dubai also issued a statement to accompany the Highly Effective rating as follows:

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, our Superintendent Erik Edoff, has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing our educational community. His visionary approach, effective communication, and collaborative spirit has fostered a positive and encouraging environment, resulting in tangible improvements to our overall district success. Superintendent Edoff’s commitment to innovation and continuous improvement in our district, the Tri-County area and the State Capital as well, reflects a strong understanding of the evolving needs of our district. His proactive initiatives have positioned us for continued growth and success. We commend Superintendent Edoff for his outstanding performance and look forward to building on this foundation for even greater achievements in the future. It is for these reasons amongst others that the L’Anse Creuse Board of Education has given our Superintendent, Erik Edoff an evaluation rating of highly effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Doss, to accept the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Motion to approve Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Superintendent’s Contract with amendments as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

L. Board Member Comment

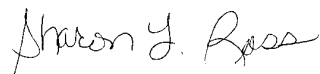
Mr. Da Via stated that he is gratified for his former students to attend and see the fundraising work they are doing for special needs.

M. Adjournment

Motion by, Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education
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