LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2014
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Board Room

CALL MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by President Erica Willard at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Erica Willard, Bud Fifield, Mary Crowl, Deann Maynard, Eric Isham, John Wayne Stewart, James Wood

Members absent:

Administrator(s) present: Jeff Manthei, Superintendent

Others: Kristen Hawkins, Rob DeSmith, Troy James, Travis McComb, Jim Dell, Andrea Weaver, Eric Morrison, Chris Donoghue, Connor Owen, Nicole Stock, Lars Carlson, Jarrett Brown, Elizabeth Sherfinski, Trevor Huttenlocker, Mackenzie Stevens, Keaghan Cassibo, Victoria Miers, Katelynn Serrels, Amber Stevens, Chad Craddock, John Weaver, Carol Franz, Alison Morrison, Pat James, Cecilia Morrison, Martha Owen, Donna Corts, Amy Carlson, Luke Carlson, Sydnee Fletcher, Kyle Weinstein, Dakota Scutt, Chelsea Wiltse, Elizabeth Miers, Parker Secord-Cripe

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:
None.

Middle School Counselor Chris Donoghue and the 6th grade PALs presented a Power Point about their recent training and how they help other middle school students. The Board presented the PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership Students)

with a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts. PALS attending were Jarrett Brown, Sydnee Fletcher, Elizabeth Sherfinski, Kyle Weinstein, Trevor Huttenlocker, Dakota Scutt, Mackenzie Stevens, Chelsea Wiltse, Keaghan Cassibo, Elizabeth Miers, Victoria Miers, Parker Secord-Cripe, Katelynn Serrels, Connor Owen, Lukas Carlson, Madison Craddock and Nicole Stock.

Three High School Art Students (Kaitlin Arnett, Thomas McHugh and Vanisa Patel) were given Certificates of Recognition for their artwork being accepted at the Ingham County Student Art Exhibition.

First grade teacher Alison Morrison was recognized for winning the American Legion's "Teacher of The Year Award."

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the March 10, 2014 agenda; Minutes of February 10, 2014 regular meeting (open and closed); Minutes of February 12, 2014 special meeting (open and closed); Minutes of February 26, 2014 regular/workshop meeting; Schedule B Resignation: Chris Bondsteel as Assistant Football Coach; the February bills in the amount of $262,689.67 be approved for payment as presented; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 2/28/14. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:
School Law Notes; ISD Board Briefs; and ISOA Executive Board Meeting Minutes were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) Quarterly Report on Focus Schools

Leslie Middle School Principal Carol Franz and Woodworth Elementary Principal Jim Dell updated the Board on the progress of the Superintendent's Challenge, which is the neediest students identified by grades, attendance and behavior problems. Plans for grade-level interventions were discussed. Special Education Director Rob DeSmith outlined plans for meeting the needs of the middle school students. Mrs. Franz concluded her report with the next steps that will be taking place. Mr. Dell concluded his report saying their teachers will continue to work on transition plans to middle school and continue with interventions. In addition, they will create a schedule for summer school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1) MEAP Report

Supt. Manthei gave a lengthy report on the fall 2013 MEAP results. The Power Point showed five-year comparisons, cohort data, state and ISD comparisons and similar-size district comparisons.

2) Enrollment as of March 5, 2014

Enrollment as of Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 was 1,409. This number includes 66 students in GSRP, 28 students in Ingham Virtual High School and one drive-in student.

3) Budget Information for 2014-15

Supt. Manthei is projecting revenue of $12.1 million and expenditures of $12.5 million. Kindergarten round-up numbers will help determine enrollment for next year. The budget assumptions are based on an enrollment of 1,284 students.

4) Snow Days Make-up

Legislation has been introduced for snow day forgiveness. Currently, Leslie Public Schools has one day to make-up for the 2013-14 school year.

5) Schools of Choice

Supt. Manthei presented information prepared by the Ingham ISD showing the number of School of choice students enrolling in Leslie as well as the Leslie students enrolling in other districts. School of choice students are approximately 19% of our population.

6) Potential Forensics Overnight Trips

If forensics students qualify for state tournaments, there is a possibility they will request two overnight trips in May. One is for the state tournament at Western Michigan University and the other at Mackinac Island.

7) Update on Board Goal #6

Excellence and Pride: Achieve educational excellence and community pride with staff, students and parents

Recognition of students and staff highlights the recognition of excellence in our school district. Another example of community pride is three fan buses are going to the basketball game tonight to support the team.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

TECHNOLOGY PLAN FIRST READING

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education approve the Technology Plan per the recommendation of the District Advisory Team. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ALGEBRA I TEXTBOOKS - SECOND READING

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve the purchase of 100 Algebra I textbooks at a cost of $7500 which includes a 6-year online license per the recommendation of the District Advisory Team. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

HIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD TRACK COACH

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to approve Dan Laird as the Middle School Head Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

HIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST ASST TRACK COACH

Moved by J. Wood, supported by J.W. Stewart to approve Tammie Doane as the Middle School 1st Assistant Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

HIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2ND ASST TRACK COACH

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by B. Fifield to approve Michael Porter as Middle School 2nd Assistant Track Coach per the recommendation of Middle School Athletic Director Tom Shafer. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

HIRE HEAD JV BOYS BASEBALL COACH

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood to approve Bill Durfee as the Head Junior Varsity Boys Baseball Coach per the recommendation of Athletic Director Scott Cousineau. Vote:ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by J. Wood that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to Carol Franz as Middle School Principal which would extend her contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a two-year contract (215 days per year) to Scott Powers as High School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Wood, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Scott Cousineau as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director which would extend his contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (215 days per year) to James Dell as Elementary School Principal which would extend his contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board approve a two-year contract (210 days per year) to Rob DeSmith as Special Education Director which would extend his contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Troy James as Leslie Public School's Transportation Director/Working Maintenance Supervisor which would extend his contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion Carried.

Moved by E. Isham, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (210 days per year) to Kristen Hawkins as Leslie Public School's Food Service Director which would extend her contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Loretta Vince as Leslie Public School's Executive Secretary which would extend her contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by D. Maynard that the Board approve a one-year contract extension (230 days per year) to Cindy Farley as Leslie Public School's State Reporting/Data Specialist which would extend her contract to June 30, 2016. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by E. Isham to convene into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing teacher and support staff contract negotiations. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

The Board entered Closed Session at 9:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education re-enter Regular Session at 9:31 p.m. Vote: ayes 7, nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

President Willard adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Crowl

Mary Crowl, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools