LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 11, 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 Vice President Bud Fifield at 7:02 p.m.

Members present:
Erica Willard (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Bud Fifield
Mary Crowl
Deann Maynard
Eric Isham (remote attendance, lost connection at 8:05 p.m.)
John Wayne Stewart
James Wood

Members absent:

Administrator(s) present: Jeff Manthei

Others:
Jim Dell
Cindy Farley
Scott Cousineau
Miranda Owsley
Kristen Hawkins
Lee Stineman
Scott Powers

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT:
None.

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart to amend the Consent Agenda to insert **"Accept Resignation"** as Action Item I. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education approve the amended August 11, 2014 agenda; Minutes of July 14, 2014 regular meeting; Minutes of July 23, 2014 regular meeting/workshop; Schedule B Resignations: Alexa Hayes-Murray as Freshman Class Advisor, Nathan Antelo as Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, and Raelynn Johns as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach; the July bills in the amount of $247,786.95 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget

Report and Food Service Fund Budget Report as of 7/31/14. Roll Call Vote: ayes Erica Willard, Bud Fifield, Mary Crowl, Deann Maynard, Eric Isham, John Wayne Stewart, James Wood; nays 0, absent 0, abstention 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:
School Law Notes and ISD Board Briefs were distributed as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1) District Procedure Manual

State Reporting/Data Specialist Cindy Farley showed the Board a Procedure Manual she recently created. In several audits this past school year, auditors repeatedly asked to see where the district's procedures were in writing. This manual was created to be in compliance with future audits.

2) Food Service Annual Report

Food Service Director Kristen Hawkins gave Board members a chart showing breakfast and lunch comparison numbers for three school years. Food Service received two audits this past school year. This summer's meal program started June 17 and will run through August 15. Breakfast and lunch numbers are consistently higher when compared to last year's numbers. She reviewed the new "Smart Snacks in Schools" federal mandate for foods and snacks sold in schools.

Discussion ensued regarding an agenda item to increase lunch prices.

Skype connection lost for Board Member Eric Isham at 8:05 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1) Enrollment/Staffing Update

Supt. Manthei said it is too early to know the families who have moved into and out of the district over the summer. Once the building secretaries are back from summer break, accurate enrollments

Numbers will be available. Principals are Interviewing for new staff positions.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

**INCREASE LUNCH PRICES (THREE BUILDINGS)**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Leslie Board of Education establish increased lunch prices for students at Woodworth Elementary School, Leslie Middle School and Leslie High School beginning with the 2014-15 school year as follows:

| | ***13/14 Paid*** | ***13/14 Reduced*** | ***14/15 Paid*** | ***14/15 Reduced*** |
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| **Student Lunch** | | | | |
| Woodworth | $2.25 | $0.40 | $2.50 | $0.40 |
| Middle School | $2.50 | $0.40 | $2.75 | $0.40 |
| High School | $2.75 | $0.40 | $3.00 | $0.40 |

Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

Moved by M. Crowl, supported by J.W. Stewart to hire David Bentley for the position of School Psychologist per the recommendation of Special Education Director Rob DeSmith. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE HIGH SCHOOL INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY/ DESIGN TEACHER**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by M. Crowl to hire Lee Stineman for the position of High School Industrial Technology and Design Teacher per the recommendation of High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE CO-HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORS**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield to hire Alison Desmarais and Chris Bondsteel as Co-School Student Council Advisors per the recommendation of Leslie High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**HIRE CAREER CENTER CONTACT COUNSELOR**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl to hire Alexa Hayes-Murray as Career Center Contact Counselor per the recommendation of Leslie High School Principal Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**TAX LEVY**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approve the Tax Levy as shown in Enclosure #8. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by J.W. Stewart to accept the resignation of Heather Dykstra from her position as Resource Room Teacher and thank her for her two years of service. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**PLAN FOR SINKING FUND**

Board discussion took place regarding a plan for the sinking fund issue on the November 5, 2014 ballot. Timelines and strategies were discussed. The question of sinking fund monies to be used for athletic facility improvements was raised. District priorities will be further discussed at the August 27th workshop, along with the possibility of using a public relations firm.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart to accept the resignation of Sean Strasberger from his position as Resource Room Teacher and thank him for his two and one-half years of service. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (E. Isham), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Willard adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Crowl

Mary Crowl, Secretary
Leslie Public Schools