



D.12.b.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 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

Mrs. Dubay, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President
Mrs. Amelia Servial, Vice President
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
Dr. Terri Spencer, Treasurer (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Mrs. Mary Hilton, Trustee (arrived at 6:51 p.m.)
Mr. Adam Lipski, Trustee
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Rochelle Gauthier, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
Ms. Kim Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
Mr. Brandon Streng, Supervisor for Technology
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Sellers made a motion to approve the August 23, 2021 Board agenda with two changes, the removal of F.1. Social-Emotional Support System Recommendation and the addition of H.2.Video Conferencing at Board meetings. The motion failed due to support.

Motion by Mr. Servial, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the agenda for the August 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Hearing of District Patrons

The following residents and parents addressed the board regarding the mask requirement for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Nora Trabilisy
- Christa Bieniewicz
- Pat VanConant
- Eric Meier

- Sheila Cohoon

Ms. Pamela Sape, grandparent in the district, addressed the Board regarding curriculum taught in the district.

Ms. Deanna Randall, student in the district, addressed the Board regarding AP courses not available for next school year.

D. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented with the removal of D.12 Board Meeting minutes for further discussion:

- D.1. Budget Report
- D.2. Quarterly Budget Update
- D.3. Payment Registers
- D.4. Bid Award Recommendations
- D.5. Purchases
- D.6. Overtime Report
- D.7. Summary of Investments
- D.8. Summary of Wire Transfers
- D.9. Accounts Payable Check Register Schedule
- D.10. Employment Recommendations
- D.11. Student Travel Requests

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Spencer, Servial, Ross, Lipski, Hilton, Dubay.

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve Consent Agenda Item D.12. Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Discussion followed. Mr. Sellers addressed the Board regarding the Closed Session during the June 28, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Spencer, Ross, Lipski, Hilton, Dubay

No: Sellers

Motion carried.

E. Superintendent's Report

- E.1.** Mr. Edoff provided a district update and stated that the district will continue to share the health recommendations from the Michigan Health and Human Services/Macomb County Health Department. He stated that a number of issues have politicized education recently and expressed that the district's role is to wade through information for staff and students, and remain focused on providing the best education for L'Anse Creuse students.

Mr. Edoff provided an update on the Jefferson Avenue property and stated that the recent offer they received fell through. He informed the Board that they received a second offer for \$275,000, much lower than what the property is listed for and lower than the first offer. The Board asked for additional information on what costs were required by the township for the prospective buyer and a summary of the property's history since it was listed to assist with decision making for the future of the property.

F. Special Education Office Report

F.1. Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Social-Emotional Support System Recommendation as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

G. Business Office

H.1. Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Ricoh Copier Contract Renewal as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

H. Other Matters

Mrs. Dubay addressed the need to approve a change in the Superintendent's contract.

Mrs. Dubay called a break from 7:37 p.m. – 7:42p.m.

Mr. Edoff addressed the need to approve a change in the longevity language in his contract to align with the Non-Affiliated Administrator's contract, and allow the clause in the contract to adjust when changes occur. Under Section 10, the word "decrease" was revised to "change".

Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the change in the Superintendent contract language as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

Mr. Sellers addressed the Board regarding video streaming all of the Board of Education meetings in the future. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Lipski, to approve the livestreaming of all board meetings including organizational, committee, regular, special and workshop and emergency meeting including audio and video stream indefinitely.

Discussion followed. The board decided to table this item until the September Committee of the Whole meeting, when more information was available.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mrs. Servial, to table the video livestreaming of board meetings until supporting information regarding cost, needs and benefits can be provided by administration.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Hilton, Servial, Lipski, Dubay, Spencer, Ross, Sellers

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the Board and spoke regarding the process for adding items for the agenda. Discussion followed.

I. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-Up

The following residents and parents addressed the board regarding the mask requirement for the 2021-2022 school year:

- TJ Calabrese
- Ted Bolak
- Ed Trabilisy

Mr. Vince Thompson, employee in the district, addressed the Board regarding support services wages.

Ms. Sheila Cohoon, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding real estate property.

Ms. Pat VanConant, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding the social-emotion item that was discussed during the meeting.

J. Board Member Comment

Mrs. Ross addressed the Board and public regarding the mask and COVID procedures for next school year. She expressed her concerns about the information that surrounds the protocols being recommended by the local authorities and stated the district has done the best they can with the information that have been given. She thanked everyone for their opinions and input.

Mrs. Dubay shared that the Social-Emotional Plan that was passed earlier in the meeting was in regards to additional support positions in the district to provide social-emotional support, not a curriculum recommendation. Mrs. Dubay also addressed a concern relayed earlier and shared that the district does not have a CRT/CSE curriculum in the district. She thanked and acknowledged the student who had spoken earlier regarding AP courses. Mrs. Dubay stated that the district tries to provide as many courses as possible; however it is also based on enrollment and student interest.

Mrs. Dubay addressed the Board and public regarding mask protocols and shared that for her personally she based her decision on how to proceed for next year based on the data that was gather from last year and the fact that the virus was not spreading in schools.

Dr. Spencer shared that everyone is making decisions based on their personal experiences and that these decisions are not easy to make. She expressed her concern for the lack of tolerance when it comes to others opinions and the importance for everyone to have understanding and respect for others. Dr. Spencer also expressed how much she appreciates the community and their support and how excited she is for the start of school.

K. Adjournment

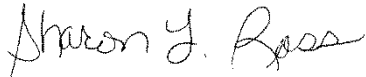
Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mr. Sellers, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon L. Ross".

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education

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