

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 22, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 22, 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 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President

Mrs. Amelia Servial, Vice President

Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary Dr. Terri Spencer, Treasurer Mrs. Mary Hilton, Trustee Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee Mr. Adam Lipski, 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. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations Mr. Brandon Streng, Supervisor for Technology

Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Employees and Patrons of the District

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mrs. Hilton, to approve the agenda for the November 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented with the exception of Consent Agenda Item D.11. Student Travel Request to be voted on as a separate item.

Discussion followed. Mr. Sellers asked for Consent Agenda Item D.11. to be voted on as a separate item.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

C. Hearing of District Patrons

Mrs. Ross read the *Addressing the Board Guidelines* for the public.

Mr. David Barren, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding a band camp event and board member conduct.

Mrs. Hilton requested a closed session due to public comment.

Roll Call Vote for Closed Session:

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

No: Sellers Motion carried.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:38 p.m., with the exception of Mr. Sellers who did not attend Closed Session.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mrs. Servial, to reconvene to Regular Session at 6:43 p.m.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

Hearing of District Patrons continued.

Mr. Jody Lesinski, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Mrs. Pam Sape, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding CNN programming and visitor forms completed at the Board meetings.

D. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented without D.11. Student Travel Requests:

- 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.12.a. October 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- D.12.b. October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve D.11. Student Travel Requests as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: Sellers Motion carried.

E. Superintendent's Report

E.1. Mr. Edoff provided a district update and thanked everyone in the district for all the work they have done in the first part of the school year and being committed to our students. He shared that Administration continues to look for ways to minimize stresses in the buildings and keep the focus on teaching in learning.

F. Business Office

F.1. Motion by Mrs. Hilton, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the Resolution to Collect the 2022 Summer Taxes as presented.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

G. Human Resources Office

G.1. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hilton, to approve the tentative agreement for the L'Anse Creuse AFSCME Local Union 1993 Paraprofessional Association as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None Motion carried.

H. Other Matters

None.

I. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-Up

Mr. Jody Lesinski addressed the Board regarding Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Mr. Dave Beran, addressed the Board regarding the band director position and the travel companies being used in the district.

J. Board Member Comment

Mrs. Hilton addressed the Board regarding public comment. She also shared that the district does not participate in Critical Race Theory (CRT).

Mrs. Ross addressed the Board regarding public comment and the need for additional information from the public to support facts presented to the Board during meetings. Mrs. Ross also addressed the Hearing of District Patrons section of the meeting and the guidelines for patrons wishing to continue their comment in the second portion of public comment.

Dr. Spencer addressed the Board regarding the procedures for Hearing of District Patrons and reminded the public that this portion of the meeting is not for dialogue. She also addressed Administration regarding the Critical Race Theory comments that continue to be presented.

Mrs. Dubay addressed comments from the Hearing of District Patrons and stated that the Superintendent has responded to the Critical Race Theory comments brought to the Board. She also addressed the comments in regards to the visitor forms, stating that the forms are aligned with the Open Meetings Act requirements and not shared with anyone.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Dr. Spencer, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

Sharon Y. Rosa

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary Board of Education

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