

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular/Community of the Whole Board Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 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 called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present Mrs. Hilary Dubay, President

Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary Mrs. Amy Servial, Treasurer Mr. Jeffrey Cyprus, Trustee Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee Dr. Terri Spencer, Trustee

Absent: Mr. Adam Lipski, Vice President

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent

Mrs. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ms. Rochelle Gauthier, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

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 Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

C. Presentations

- **C.1.** The Board and Administration recognized the L'Anse Creuse High School Football Team, Coaches and Staff with a certificate for winning the 2022 District Championship. This is the first time in history of the district for this accomplishment.
- **C.**2. The L'Anse Creuse High School Student Council and L'Anse Creuse High School North Honor Society shared an update on the Canned Food Drive competition they conducted in November. They

announced a total of 4,084 food items were donated and shared that they are looking forward to Board Member Jeffrey Cyprus shaving his beard in honor of this accomplishment.

Mrs. Dubay, on behalf of the Board, acknowledged Mr. Cyprus for filling the board vacancy over the last three months and presented him with a gift.

Mrs. Dubay, on behalf of the Board, acknowledged Dr. Spencer for her service to the district the last 6 years and her dedication to the district. She presented her with a gift on the board's behalf.

Mrs. Dubay called a break from 6:52 p.m.to. 6:58 p.m.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

No patrons addressed the Board at this time

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- E.1. Budget Report
- E.2. Quarterly Budget Update
- E.3. Payment Registers
- E.4. Bid Award Recommendations
- E.5. Purchases
- E.6. Overtime Report
- E.7. Summary of Investments
- E.8. Summary of Wire Transfers
- E.9. Accounts Payable Check Register Schedule
- E.10. Employment Recommendations
- E.11. Student Travel Requests
- E.12. November 21, 2022 Regular/Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ross, Cyprus, Servial, Sellers, Spencer, Dubay

No: None Motion carried.

F. Superintendent's Report

F.1. Mr. Edoff thanked the Mr. Cyprus for his contribution to the Board and stepping into fill an important role in the district. He also thanked Dr. Spencer for her dedication to L'Anse Creuse and the advice and guidance she has provided to both him and the district. Mr. Edoff shared that he appreciates Dr. Spencer's mentorship on the Board and stated that her vast history with education and technology brought a good focus and best practices to many scenarios.

Mr. Edoff also shared that the district hosted the MCSBA dinner meeting in December. He expressed how great of a job the choir, culinary and horticulture students did in providing a wonderful meal and environment for the dinner meeting. He was proud to share their talents with neighboring schools. He thanked everyone in the district for all they do for the students.

G. Support Services

G.1. Mr. Gratton presented information on a bus purchase recommendation for the board's consideration. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Bus Purchase Recommendation in the amount of \$234,740.00 as presented.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

H. Other Matters

Mrs. Ross thanked Dr. Spencer and shared that it has been a pleasure working with her over the past 6 year. She appreciates the common sense and calm presence she had on the Board. She also thanked Mr. Cyprus for his time on the Board the last three months and the knowledge base he brought to the table.

Mr. Sellers welcomed Al Doss and John Da Via to the Board. He shared that he looks forward to working with both individuals and their knowledge.

Dr. Spencer stated that she has lived in L'Anse Creuse for over 25 years and her children have all graduated from the district and are successful adults due to their education. She shared how awesome the school district is and through her experience with other districts, acknowledges the district has exceptional schools and an amazing community. The staff, community, board and administration have pulled together in the worst of times and make it through great challenges with success. She encouraged everyone to participate in community service.

Dr. Spencer thanked Mrs. Dubay for her leadership during her tenure on the Board, Mrs. Servial with her good whit and comments, Mrs. Ross for her passion for kids, Mr. Lipski for his no nonsense attitude, and Mr. Cyprus for his interest in the Board. She thanked Mr. Sellers for his perspective of a young person and appreciates the conversations they have had along with the research and detail he puts into his work. Dr. Spencer thanked Mr. Edoff for all the work he has done and stated that he is an exceptional leader and the district is very lucky to have him.

I. Hearing of District Patrons Follow-Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

J. Closed Session – Negotiations and Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Servial, to move into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ross, Servial, Cyprus, Dubay, Sellers, Spencer

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ross, Sellers, Spencer, Cyprus, Servial, Dubay

No: None Motion carried.

Dr. Dixon provided information on the ASFME 1993's contract proposal for the Board's consideration and shared information on pay increases for SACC and Early Childhood employees.

Motion Mr. Cyprus, supported by Dr. Spencer, to approve the ASFME 1993 proposal as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Cyprus, Spencer, Ross, Dubay, Sellers, Servial

No: None Motion carried.

Mrs. Dubay 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 2021-2022 School Year. Ms. Dubay also issued a statement to accompany the Highly Effective rating as follows:

The 2021-2022 school year has provided L'Anse Creuse Public Schools with the opportunity to continue to lead the way in teaching and learning. We have been honored to have Erik Edoff serve as our Superintendent and look forward to many more years of our partnership. During this school year, Superintendent Edoff has continued to provide fiscally sound decisions which has resulted in a rise in the district's fund balance. He has also spearheaded and successfully accomplished collective bargaining agreements with the support of a strong cabinet. Superintendent Edoff continues to demonstrate both his exceptional professionalism and ethical leadership. His visionary skills and forward thinking will undoubtedly keep us on the path towards excellence. It is for these reasons, amongst others, the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education had given our Superintendent, Erik Edoff an evaluation rating of highly effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Spencer, Servial, Sellers, Ross, Cyprus, Dubay

No: None Motion carried.

K. Board Member Comment

Mr. Cyprus thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Board for the last few months. He also thanked L'Anse Creuse High School and L'Anse Creuse High School – North for collecting over 4,000 food items for their charity. He also shared that the L'Anse Creuse Foundation distributed over \$15,000 in grants to teachers. Mr. Cyprus acknowledged Terri Spencer for her tenure on the board and shared over the last few years he has seen the points she has made and how informative she has been for the Board. He shared that he is looking forward to Al Doss and John Da Via becoming board members. Mr. Cyprus thanked Mr. Edoff and his staff for all they do behind the scenes and expressed his appreciate for Mr. Edoff's exceptional work.

Dr. Spencer congratulated John Da Via and Al Doss on becoming board members.

Mrs. Dubay acknowledged Dr. Spencer and Mr. Cyprus for the roles they filled during their tenure on the Board and thanked them for their service to the district. She also recognized and thanked Mr. Edoff for dedication and leadership over the last three years and stated that the board is honored to have him as Superintendent and look forward to many more years of working together.

Mrs. Ross thanked Dr. Spencer and Mr. Cyprus for their work on the board. She also acknowledged Mr. Edoff for his leadership and stated the district is honored and blessed to have him leading. Mrs. Ross shared her experience on the L'Anse Creuse Foundation and how fun it was to present grants in the district.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Spencer, supported by Mr. Cyprus, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Yes: All No: None Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

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