



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Committee of the Whole on Monday, January 16, 2024 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

Mr. Lipski, President called the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Present Mr. Adam Lipski, President
 Mrs. Hilary Dubay, Vice President
 Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary
 Mrs. Amy Servial, Treasurer
 Mr. John Da Via, Trustee
 Mr. Al Doss, Trustee
 Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent
 Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 Ms. Rochelle O'Malley, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
 Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
 Ms. Laura Holbert, Director for Elementary Education
 Ms. Kimberly Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
 Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special 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. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Jessica Rowell, parent and employee in the district, addressed the Board regarding the Food Service Program and the current food company contracted with the district.

C. Department Updates

The Special Education, Curriculum, Business, Human Resources, Support Services, and Technology Departments provided an informational update for the Board on the progress of work and projects occurring within their department. Discussion followed.

D. Superintendent's Report

- D.1.** Mr. Edoff provided a district update and spoke about the weather and the effort to monitor conditions for closing school. He shared that like many business and public entities, it is challenging to maintain good walking paths and parking lots, given the weather patterns. He also spoke to the school closure for January 16, 2024 and shared that school closing decisions are made with many elements in mind,

however, districts first try to follow national and local weather advisories and warnings when determining to close schools. Mr. Edoff also shared that the district should be receiving communication or approval on the Bond Application from the Michigan Department of Treasury this week. He stated that once this is received, he will present a resolution to hold an Election for the board's approval. He also spoke to progress on current legislation. Discussion followed.

E. Curriculum and Instruction Office

F.1. Ms. Montpas provided Student Travel Requests that will be presented to the Board for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

F.2. Ms. Montpas provided information on student enrollment and Schools of Choice program. The Schools of Choice recommendation will be presented at the next regular board meeting for approval for the 2024-2025 School Year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 7:21 to 7:29 p.m.

F. Business & Operations Office

F.1. Mrs. O'Malley provided information on the Consent Agenda Items that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

F.2. Mrs. O'Malley provided a Food Service Management presentation with an analysis of the department cost and job duties. Discussion followed.

G. Human Resources Office

G.1. Dr. Dixon provided information regarding the Employment Recommendations that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

H. Support Services Office

H.1. Mr. Gratton provided information regarding a recommendation for kitchen renovations in the district utilizing Food Service funds, that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

I. Hearing of District Patrons Follow-up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

J. Board Member Comment

Mr. Da Via addressed the board regarding the February workshop and suggested that the goals portion of the meeting be conducted in the district and the workshop be set for a later time.

Mr. Sellers addressed the board regarding the workshop and stated that he was not made aware of the workshop information. He further stated that the vote to set the workshop in Frankenmuth was a violation of board policy, referencing to Section 10, letter A of the board policy manual. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sellers also addressed the student incident at Carkenord Elementary and his concerns regarding the incident. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Ross addressed the Board regarding the workshop discussion and reminded the board to be mindful of the legalities on conducting board business outside of meetings.

Mrs. Servial, Mr. Sellers and Mrs. Ross continued discussion regarding how the February 8, 2024 workshop was scheduled.

Mr. Doss addressed comments regarding the Carknenord incident and shared that as a parent, he understands the amount of stress everyone was under. He believes the actions of those involved made for a positive outcome in a difficult situation.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported Mr. Da Via, to allow voting at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Doss, Servial, Lipski, Dubay, Ross

No: None

Motion carried.

K. Closed Session – Pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 8(c) – Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to move into Closed Session pursuant to the OMA Section 8(a) for Negotiations (Time: 8:48 p.m.)

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Sellers, Doss, Da Via, Ross, Lipski, Servial, Dubay

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Servial, to reconvene to Committee of the Whole at 9:19 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

L. Adjournment

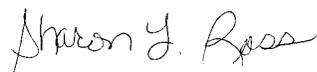
Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

Board of Education

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