



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 22, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 22, 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. Adam Lipski, President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Mrs. Amelia Servial, Treasurer

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent  
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Greg Dixon, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Rochelle O'Malley, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations  
Ms. Laura Dixon, Director for Elementary Education  
Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations  
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology  
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education  
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Employees and Patrons of the District

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the April 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**C. Presentations**

- C.1.** Mr. Edoff and Mrs. Dubay, along with students from L'Anse Creuse High School and L'Anse Creuse High School-North, recognized the Charity Week advisors for their work and support they provide behind the scenes to make the events a success. Mrs. Dubay presented staff with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.
- C.2.** Mr. Edoff and Mrs. Dubay recognized DECA teams at L'Anse Creuse High School and L'Anse Creuse High School – North for being earning recognition at the State level competition and advancing to the National Competition on April 26, 2024. Mrs. Dubay presented the student with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.

- C.3. Mr. Edoff and Mrs. Dubay recognized Science Olympiad students from L’Anse Creuse Middle School Central, L’Anse Creuse Middle School – East, L’Anse Creuse Middle School – North and the Science Olympiad Team from L’Anse Creuse Middle School – South for their success in the 2024 Science Olympiad Tournament in March and also to the students who will advance to the State competition. Mrs. Dubay presented the students with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.
- C.4. Mr. Edoff and Mrs. Dubay recognized students from L’Anse Creuse High School, L’Anse Creuse High School – North and L’Anse Creuse Middle School – North for receiving awards at the Anton Art Center Secondary Art Show. Mrs. Dubay presented the students with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.

Mrs. Dubay congratulated all of the students and staff for their accomplishments. She thanked them for their dedication and the time they put into their achievements and the wonderful support they give to their schools.

Mr. Sellers congratulated the DECA students and staff, and wished them well in their upcoming competition at Nationals.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 6:56-7:04 p.m.

#### **D. Hearing of School District Patrons**

The following residents and parents address the Board regarding the upcoming bond proposal.

- Edward Trabilisy
- Jody Lesinski
- Janice Young
- Nora Trabilisy
- Ashley Karpinsky

#### **E. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Dubay, 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. March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

- F.1** Mr. Edoff provided a district update and shared that as the end of the year approaches, there are many celebrations and great activities planned over the next several weeks. He encouraged attendance and stated that the end of the year events showcase students' success and celebrates both students and staff.
- F.2.** Mr. Edoff presented information on the recommendation to Expulsion Student #0349 for violation of 3.3 of the Student Code of Conduct. He shared that the parent has requested a closed session with the Board at this time.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to move into Closes Session pursuant to OMA Section 8(b) for the Expulsion Recommendation for Student #0349 as presented at 7:28 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:04 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Resolution to expel Student #0349 for violation of Section 3.3. of the L'Anse Creuse Student Code of Conduct as presented, as long as the all conditions discussed are met, allowing for a possible reinstatement. Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**G. Curriculum and Instruction Office**

- G.1.** Ms. Montpas presented the Elementary Math Recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Elementary Math recommendation to purchase Bridges Materials for grades K-5 in the amount of \$293,751.17 as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

**H. Technology Department**

- H.1.** Mr. Streng presented information on the Elementary 1:1 Student Device Recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Recommendation to purchase Apple iPad devices through Apple in the amount of \$1,178,646.00 as presented for the Elementary 1:1 Technology program.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

## **I. Other Matters**

**I.1.** Mr. Edoff presented from the Board Policy Committee the Second Reading of the following policy and operating procedures additions:

- Article XI. Facilities and Operations, Section 19 Logo Design and Development
- Board Operating Procedures, 4.0 Meetings – 4.2.6 Student Recognitions and 4.2.7. Staff Recognitions

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Dubay, to approve the Second Reading of Policy Recommendations as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

## **J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up**

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

## **K. Board Member Comment**

Mrs. Dubay shared that L'Anse Creuse High School is having an Art Show on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged attendance. She also expressed her support of the upcoming Bond Proposal for the district and stated that it is greatly needed after being fiscally responsible for the last 19 years since the last bond. Ms. Dubay also shared that the district lost a pillar in the community at L'Anse Creuse High School with the passing of Lisa Downey.

Mr. Doss congratulated all of the students honored at the meeting and thanked the students and staff for their hard work and support. He also expressed his support of the upcoming Bond Proposal for the district and stated that he is fully committed to make informed decisions on every bond project that comes before the Board.

Mr. Da Via shared that College Night is taking place this week he is looking forward to attending. He also shared that today is Earth Day and he is proud that our middle schools have successful programs and are named Green, Emerald or Evergreen schools.

Mrs. Ross expressed her sadness on the passing of Lisa Downey, longtime teacher and coach in the district. She also shared that she enjoyed the wonderful recognition of the student and staff during the meeting and thanked everyone for the work that went into Charity Week. Mrs. Ross shared that the L'Anse Creuse Foundation held their first Mother/Son Dance and it was a great success, and reminded everyone of the upcoming MCSBA dinner meeting. Mrs. Ross also expressed her support of the Bond Proposal, stating that the district needs this bond, that it has been 19 years since the last bond and it is time to move forward with another bond.

Mr. Lipski expressed that the loss of Lisa Downey was felt by the entire community. He has thanked everyone for their efforts in the Charity week donations. Mr. Lipski shared that he supports the district's upcoming bond proposal and stated that every dollar that is spent is voted on by the Board for all projects. He looks forward to the community voting and if the bond passes, the opportunity to use the funds in the best and most effective manner for is best for the district.

**L. Closed Session – Negotiations and Employee Matter**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to move into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Act Section 8(a,c) for Negotiations and an Employee Matter at 8:28 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss to reconvene to Regular Session at 9:29 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

**M. Adjournment**

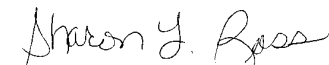
Motion by Mrs. Dubay, supported by Mr. Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

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