



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 28, 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. Sharon Ross, Secretary
Mrs. Amelia Servial, Treasurer
Mr. John Da Via, Trustee
Mr. Al Doss, Trustee
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Absent: Mrs. Hilary Dubay, Vice President

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 Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the May 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Mr. Edoff recognized Elementary and Middle School art students who recently won awards at the Macomb County Biennial Primary Anton Art Show. Mr. Edoff and Mr. Da Via presented the students with a Certificate of Excellence on behalf of the Board and Administration.

C.2. Mr. Edoff introduced Ms. Alysia Samborsky, Principal of L'Anse Creuse High School and Ms. Meredith Beard, Principal of L'Anse Creuse High School – North, who recognized the 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorians with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.

- C.3.** Ms. Alysia Samborsky and Ms. Meredith Beard recognized the senior students who have committed to enlisting in the armed forces after they graduation this year. Mr. Edoff and Mr. Da Via presented a Certificate of Excellence on behalf of the Board and Administration.
- C.4.** Mr. Edoff recognized L’Anse Creuse High School – North Clarinet Quintet students who were invited to participate in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association’s (MSBOA) Spring Honors Showcase. Mr. Edoff and Mr. Da Via presented the student with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board and Administration.

Mr. Lipski congratulated all of the students for their accomplishments.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 6:50 – 6:58 p.m.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Ms. Alita Meadows, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the playground condition at Carkenord Elementary.

Mr. Jody Lesinski, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding recent election cost.

E. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Doss, 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.a. April 15, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- E.12.b. April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

No: None

Motion carried.

F. Superintendent’s Report

- F.1** Mr. Edoff provided a district update and reminded everyone of the retirement banquet scheduled for May 29, 2024, and shared that he is looking forward to honoring all of the retirees and their years of service to the district. Mr. Edoff also thanked the students for hard work and attendance during the meeting, and shared that he is looking forward to the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

G. Business Office

- G.1.** Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Custodial Supply Award to ImperialDade through Omnia Partners for a total of \$159,500.00 as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- G.2.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the recommendation to Accept Form L-4029, 2024 Tax Rate Request, as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- G.3.** Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Resolution Requesting to hold a Truth-in-Budget Hearing on June 24, 2024 as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- G.4.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve the district moving to a completely self-operated food service department and hiring a director as a L'Anse Creuse employee for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

H. Technology Department

- H.1.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve a lease agreement for Apple iPad cases and AppleCare through Apple in the amount of \$756,791.55, utilizing part of the reimbursement from the ECF grant program as the first lease payment as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

I. Other Matters

- I.1.** Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Resolution for Review and Approval of the Proposed Macomb Intermediate School District Budget as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

- I.2. The Board and Administration held discussion on the July Board Meeting date. This item was tabled until the June Board Meeting.
- I.3. Mr. Doss addressed the Board regarding a recommendation to dedicate the L’Anse Creuse High School Softball Field in Lisa Downey’s honor. This item will be added to the June Board meeting agenda.

J. Human Resources

- J.1. Dr. Dixon presented the Tentative Agreement for the AFSCME employee group for the board’s approval.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the AFSCME Tentative Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Servial, Sellers, Da Via, Lipski, Doss, Ross
No: None
Motion carried.

- J.2. Dr. Dixon presented Ms. Katherine Konon as the recommended candidate for the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve Ms. Katherine Konon as the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Ross, Servial, Lipski, Doss, Da Via, Sellers
No: None
Motion carried.

Ms. Konon thanked the Board and administration for the opportunity to work in L’Anse Creuse.

- J.3. Dr. Dixon presented Mr. Rich Strozewski as the recommended candidate for the Green Elementary Principal position.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve Mr. Rich Strozewski as the new Green Elementary Principal.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doss, Sellers, Servial, Lipski, Da Via, Ross
No: None
Motion carried.

Mr. Strozewski thanked the Board and administration for the opportunity to work at Green Elementary.

Mr. Lipski thanked all who were involved in the process of hiring for the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the Green Elementary Principal, and stated he looks forward to working with both individuals.

K. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow Up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

L. Board Member Comment

Mr. Sellers addressed Administration regarding an update on any election cost received by the townships for the May 7 Election. Mr. Edoff shared that the district received a pro-rated cost of approximately \$33,000 from Chesterfield Township for the district's portion of the election.

Mr. Da Via shared that he attended the honors awards events for the high schools, and it was wonderful to see the accomplishments and goals of the students who are graduating. He also shared that two of the evening presentations for students were from arts and music and stated he is thankful the district is able to provide these types of opportunities for students.

Mrs. Ross shared that she has attended a great deal of year-end events and it is fabulous to see everything the students are doing and the scholarships they are receiving. She thanked staff for acknowledging the students who are enlisting in the Armed Forces after high school and shared how grateful she is that we were able to recognize them at the board meeting. Mrs. Ross also addressed the need for the district to continue the effort to pass a bond proposal, as it is deeply needed. She encouraged the community to seek factual information and to visit the website where much information is posted on the projects needed for students, teachers and staff.

Mr. Lipski thanked the community for bringing issues to the Board and that they will continue to address any safety concerns in the district. He stated that moving forward without bond funds for the time being, the district will need to be careful with how funds are spent, keeping safety as a focus. Mr. Lipski also recognized and thanked military members for their service in honor of the Memorial Day holiday.

Mrs. Ross stated that the district has recently approved large projects to be funded out of the General Fund as of late, costing the district approximately 9 million dollars, and expressed the need to address much more in the district and to do so with caution.

M. Adjournment

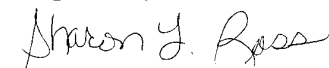
Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Servial, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary

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