

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 20, 2023

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on February 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.
2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
The following members were in attendance:
Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara
Excused: Mrs. Paulson

Administrative personnel in attendance:
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Scroggs & Principal Banyas
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the Agenda for the February 20, 2023, Regular Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the minutes for the Reorganization Board of Education meeting held on January 16, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 16, 2023. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - A. 2% Donation ~ *Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*
6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
Mrs. Scroggs reported that elementary staff are preparing for “*March is Reading Month*” and planning for an author visit. She introduced Madelynn Moughler who was student teaching and has recently obtained her teaching certificate and has been teaching 5th grade.

Mr. Banyas reported that the 8th grade toured the *Warden Power Plant* and learned about power and energy. A tour of the *Waste Water Treatment Plant* is being pursued. State Representative Greg Markkanen visited last week to speak to the Jr. High students, which was much appreciated.
7. STUDENT REPORTS: None
8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: January ~ Melissa Scroggs, *K-5 Elementary Principal*
February ~ TBA
9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None
10. FINANCES:
Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the *L'Anse Area Schools Forest Plan* as presented. Mr. Cavanaugh had some questions on the maps. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the OHM quote for *Digital Control Project* for \$11,000 as presented. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve Michael Roberts for the *Distinguished Alumnus Award 2023*. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Waara for this Board to approve the *Memorandum of Understanding for Operation of an Early College* with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Copper Country Intermediate School District & L'Anse Area Schools as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Waara for this Board to approve the *5-year Business Administration Early Middle College Program of Study* at KBOCC that requires successful completion of a math or math related course in the fifth year for EMC students as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Fedie for this Board to approve the *LAS Early Middle College Admission Criteria* as presented. Motion carried.

- E. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the *School Resource Officer MOU* as presented. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the 2022-23 Revised Budget as presented. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Waara to accept *2023-24 Course Offerings* as presented. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mr. Fedie to support Road Commissions & Municipalities for the *2023 CCASB Education Leadership Award*. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to accept the letter of retirement from Mark Smith, *Math Teacher*, effective June 9, 2023, with regret. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve a *First Year Probationary Contract* for Madelynn Moughler, *Elementary Teacher*, effective January 25, 2023. Motion carried.
- K.

Resignation(s): Darrin Voskuhl – *MS Track Coach*
Hire(s): Ashley Bianco – *After School Bus Monitor*
Kayli Salmela – *Morning Bus Monitor*
Sheila Royal – *8th Grade Basketball Coach*
Brooklyn Fish – *MS Volleyball*
Cassie Massie - *Elementary Special Education Aide*
Austin Keranen - *Long Term Sub (starting in April)*

- L. Concerning Sports Complex

Mrs. Bugni left the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Vice President Fedie addressed the *Request of Naming Sports Complex to Honor Jerry Bugni*. Discussion was held. Topic is tabled to next meeting.

Mrs. Bugni re-entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

M. Section 98b Goal Reporting was in the packet for Board to review. Mrs. Tollefson will get numbers to the Board this week.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: presented in packet
- a. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
 - b. Elementary (K-5) Principal
 - c. JSH (6-12) Principal
 - d. Superintendent – added that she is excited for SRO next year and security grant.

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- a. Education Resources – did not meet
 - b. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
 - c. Community School Advisory Board – meeting on the 8th
 - d. Finance – met to review revised budget
 - e. Library Advisory Board – meeting on the 8th
 - f. CCASB – meeting on the 1st
 - g. CCISD – meeting Friday (24th)
 - h. Wellness Committee – met on the 1st – tabled “Farm to School” Grant; meeting in April
 - i. L.A.S. Foundation – meeting tomorrow
 - j. Personnel Committee – did not meet

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A. Joe Brogan – Addressed the Board regarding the issue of transgender student bathroom requests & lockerooms; discussion was held including updating to more private restrooms/changing rooms and having a *Thrun Law Firm* presentation on the topic at the next meeting.

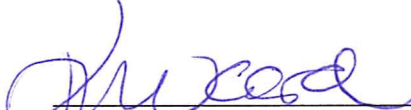
A community member presented the Board with a concern about three (3) books of concern possibly in the library that may be inappropriate for students. Administration will check to confirm if the books are present and review them for appropriateness.

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Cavanaugh commented on vaping & vaping sensors in the restrooms.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, Secretary


JOAN BUGNI, President