

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 15, 2024

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on July 15, 2024, 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:
Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara
Excused: Mr. Cavanaugh & Mrs. Frisk

Administrative personnel in attendance:
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Cichosz, Principal Scroggs & Business Manager Bianco
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the Agenda for the July 15, 2024. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearing Board of Education meeting held on June 17, 2024. Abstain: Mr. Fedie & Mrs. Paulson.

Minutes are tabled to next meeting for approval.

B. Regular Board of Education Minutes are also tabled to the next meeting for approval.
5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
Mrs. Scroggs reported '*things are quiet*'.

Mrs. Cichosz reported Summer School ends on Friday.
6. STUDENT REPORTS: None
7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JUNE – Keri Williams, *Special Education Aide*
8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None
9. FINANCES:
 - A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
 - B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.
10. DISTRICT BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:
 - A. Motion Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve hold regular meetings of the Board of Education on the Third Monday of each month except in February on the Third Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the L'Anse High School. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve to adopt the depository resolution for Superior National Bank & Trust, Huntington National Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as depositories of district funds. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve to appoint Theresa Bianco, *Business Manager*, Assistant Treasurer and Electronic Transaction Officer to receive record and deposit school funds at the discretion of the Board of Education. The Electronic Transaction Officer will be responsible for the ACH agreements that include payment approval, accounting, reporting and compliance with ACH policy. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve to designate the Superintendent as the Board representative for posting public notice of meetings. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the adoption of MASB (*Michigan Association of School Board*), NAFIS (*National Association of Federally Impacted Schools*) and CCASB (*Copper Country Association of School Boards*) Boards Affiliation. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Graybill and Mead P.L.L.C. as the Law firms to use for legal consultation. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the firm of Anderson, Tackman, & Co. P.L.C. as the auditing firm of record. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to represent the school district with regard to Public Act 874 Impact Aid Matters. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to represent the school district as the *School Safety Liaison*. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the *Extracurricular & Athletic Handbook* for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve policy 3220.01 *Merit Pay* and policy 5136 *Communication Devices* as presented. Motion carried.
- C. District Improvement Plan was presented in packet.
- D. New Hire(s) / Resignation(s)
 - Resignation: George Lahti – *Bus Driver / Maintenance*
 - New Hire: Cindy LaTendresse – *Janitorial*
- E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to accept the resignation of Tyler Belanger, *Math Teacher*, effective July 15, 2024. Motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: *presented in packet*

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- B. Elementary (K-5) Principal
- C. JSH (6-12) Principal
- D. Superintendent – reminder Ballot deadline is July 24

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance – did not meet
- D. Library – did not meet
- E. CCASB – did not meet
- F. CCISD – did not meet
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – meet next week
- I. Personnel Committee – did not meet
- J. Tribal Education Committee – did not meet

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Superintendent Evaluation Training were discussed.

Mrs. Paulson inquired about woodchips on the playground.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*


JOAN BUGNI, *President*