REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 19, 2025

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Bugni, on May 19, 2025, 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. Cavanaugh, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara.

   Administrative personnel in attendance:
   Superintendent Davidson, Admin. Assistant Hochstein and Principal Cichosz
   Excused: Principal Scroggs

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
   Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the Agenda for the May 19, 2025. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on April 22, 2025. Motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:
   A. Library Donation – *In Memory of Elizabeth Jacobson* from her cousins
   B. Library Donation – *In Memory of Mark Wuori* from Lois Kemppainen
   C. LAS Foundation – *In Memory of Cora Anderson* from KBIC
   D. 4 Hours of Time for Chair Massages for Teachers – Jamie Smith, *Holistic Care*

6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
   Mrs. Cichosz – Students enjoyed a Financial Reality Fair took place presented by *Breakwater Credit Union.*

   Mrs. Bugni added that students at Kindergarten Graduation will be wearing caps & gowns this year (keeping tassels).

7. STUDENT REPORTS: Cassie Kujansuu, Student Council – Seniors have 2 days left; Chromebook return was today, Senior Walk is Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., Honor's Con at 7:00 p.m. senior exams are Thursday & Friday. Senior breakfast, assembly, graduation practice, decorating and parade will take place next week with commencement ceremony taking place on May 29th at 7:00 p.m. Three students passed their CNA Testing.

8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: May –Debbie Olsen, *Elem. Special Ed Aide & Bus Monitor*

9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None

10. FINANCES:
    A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
    B. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:
    A. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve a resolution designating Jim Fedie as Representative and Joan Bugni as Alternate Representative for the June 2, 2025 Biennial CCISD Election and directing that votes be cast for Gale W. Eilola & Dale J. Kero. Abstain: Mr. Fedie & Mrs. Bugni. Motion carried.
    B. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve support of the Proposed ISD Budget Resolution for 2025-26. Motion carried.
    C. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the Continuation of a Second Year Interim Probationary Contract for Jenene Roy. Motion carried.
    D. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve a contract for Brandon Marinich as *Custodial, Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor* effective June 2, 2025, through June 30, 2027, pending Criminal Background Check and PA-189. Motion carried.
    E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to dissolve the Cross Country Co-Op with Baraga Area Schools effective the 2025 season. Motion carried.
    F. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the bid submitted by **Nasi Contruction**, and as presented for the 2025 Elementary Window Replacement Project:

       Base Bid= $498,000.00
       Alternate 3 = ($4,500.00)
       Total = $493,500.00

    G. 2025-2026 Matrix – rough draft was shared
    H. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the Letter of Understanding between L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education and L'Anse Education Association as presented. Motion carried.

    I. RESIGNATIONS/NEW HIRES:

       Resignation(s): Kyra Sipe – *Elementary Special Ed Aide*

       New Hires: Jonathon Boever – *Co-Head Football Coach*

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – presented
    i. Maintenance Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
    ii. Director of Student Services / Athletic Director
    iii. Elementary (K-5) Principal –PM
    iv. JSH (6-12) Principal
    v. Superintendent

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
    i. Education Resources – did not meet
    ii. Extra-Curricular – met; discussed Cross Country Co-Op
    iii. Finance – met; window bids, supervisor contract, accounting services and budget meeting on 6/9
    iv. Library – donations, summer reading program, website & *Extraordinary Women of the U.P.* display in the fall
    v. CCASB –meeting in the fall
    vi. CCISD – met on 16th; short meeting, administrative updates
    vii. Wellness Committee – did not meet
    viii. L.A.S. Foundation – met on the 14th; scholarships & Cora Anderson donation
    ix. Personnel Committee – did not meet
    x. Tribal Education – did not meet

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

    Erin Dicarlo - regarding student drop off and the parking lots.

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

    Mrs. Nordstrom inquired about staff retirements.

    Mr. Cavanaugh thanked the Board and Administration for the use of the facility for the Community Easter Egg hunt – it was successful.

17. ADJOURNMENT:
    Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried.

KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

JOAN BUGNI, *President*