

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Media Center

April 16, 2025

The Regular meeting was called to order by President Michels at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Sayles to nominate Angst as acting secretary. Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Angst, Jason Michels, Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mark Burley, Renee Gutzman

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Julie Nosek, Krissy Pratt, Kerri DeVault,
Sheila Freeman

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagerty to approve the March 2025 Treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rourke to approve the March 2025 Warrants:

March Accounts Payable –	\$270,013.20
March EFT/ACH Transfer(s) -	\$ 67,510.58
March Payroll -	\$883,131.07
March Building & Site -	\$ 0.00

Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors: None

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports:

The board was invited to the Shiawassee Community Foundation Scholarship Awards Night on April 27th at 5 pm at Owosso High School.

From Superintendent Shastal:

2024-25 Budget Update: They are working on the end-of-year projections and hope to make revisions to the deficit before June 30th. There is a recommendation on the agenda to purchase a brand new bus. The total cost is \$130,448, but there are available funds in the GSRP grant that will cover \$81,250 of this cost.

2025-26 Budget Update: No changes since the March meeting. The Governor and House budgets are out, but we are still waiting for the Senate. The projected enrollment is 1100, while the budgeted amount is 1113. We will keep a limited SOC so class sizes can remain small.

Legislative Update: Lansing is off to a slow start with only 2 bills signed into law this year to date.

District Staffing Update: Recommendations to hire two special education teachers and the approval of the Administration contract renewals are on the agenda tonight. There is a posting for a counseling position, along with support staff as always.

Strategic Goal Planning Update: The ECEC parking lot bids are due May 1st. May 6th is the Sinking Fund Proposal, and awaiting next steps in the Facility Assessment.

From Assistant Superintendent:

Julie Nosek stated they are working diligently on building counseling support. The recommended ratio for counselors to students is 250/1, and we are currently at 220/1, well below the national average.

Building Reports:

ECEC & Elementary School – Kerri DeVault: They held preschool orientation and have 51 students registered and enrolled for next year. Kindergarten Round-up is next week, and the high school Media group is making a video to showcase the points of pride, adding a bus tour. The current kindergarteners took a trip to Mooville. At the LES, the 4th and 5th grade concert had a full house. The Mileage Club just started and will conclude with a Mileage Club and Art Walk featuring STEM projects at the end of April.

From Board Members: Mark Burley will attend the SRESB budget presentation on May 5th at 6 pm.

Board Committee Reports: Maggie Sayles let the other board members know that Congressman Tom Barrett attended a presentation at the high school by Robotics.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

The Board acknowledged the resignations of:

Kristy Hagerty, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, and
Trent Lashuay, Middle School Wrestling Coach.

Proposal #55

Motion by Syales to hire Cailey George, Special Education Teacher, pending certification approval by MDE with an August 18th start date. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #56

Motion by Angst to hire Jenny Jacobson, Special Education Teacher, pending certification approval by MDE with an August 18th start date. Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #57

Motion by Sayles for Administration and Central Office contract extensions

1. Adam Curtis, Director of Maintenance
2. Kelly Zemla, Business Manager
3. Brandon Woodworth, High School Principal
4. Sheila Freeman, Elementary School Principal
5. Pam Kasik, Payroll Specialist
6. Tara Hengesbach, Middle School Principal
7. Krissy Pratt, Accounting Officer, Administrative Support
8. Jabe Thomas, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
9. Kerri DeVault, Elementary School Assistant Principal
10. Julie Nosek, Assistant Superintendent
11. Carol Hart, Director of School Readiness and Daycare Operations

Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #58

Motion by Rourke to approve the Laingsburg Community Schools Administrator/Central Office salary schedule for the 2025-2026 school year as presented for Office of Retirement Services purposes. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #59

Motion by Sayles to purchase a 2026 IC 77 passenger school bus with warranties for \$130,448, of which \$81,250 is covered by grant dollars. Seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates –

SRES D General Fund Presentation Meeting – May 5, 2025, @ 6 pm

Special Board Meeting – May 21, 2025 – MS Media Center @ 6:45 pm- SRES D Budget Presentation

Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2025 – MS Media Center @ 7 pm

High School Graduation – May 22, 2025 – 7 pm

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas –

2024/25 Proposed Budget

Board By-Laws/Policy Update

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

Did not go into Executive Session

Motion by Rourke to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Angst, Acting Board Secretary