

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

January 17, 2024

Middle School Media Center

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Angst, Mark Burley, Renee Gutzman Jason Michels, Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Julies Nosek, Krissy Pratt, Kerri DeVault, Tara Hengesbach & Brandon Woodworth

Election of Officers

Proposal # 46

Motion by Sayles to nominate Michels as President. Seconded by Angst. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 47

Motion by Michels to nominate Rourke as Vice-President. Seconded by Sayles. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 48

Motion by Angst to nominate Gutzman as Secretary. Seconded by Hagerty. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 49

Motion by Hagerty to nominate Sayles as Treasurer. Seconded by Michels. No further nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gutzman to close nominations. Seconded by Angst. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Angst to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024, special board meeting. Seconded by Rourke. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagerty to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's reports. Seconded by Sayles. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the December 2023 Warrants:

December Accounts Payable: \$ 222,504.80

December EFT/ACH Transfer(s): \$ 72,197.75

December Payroll: \$1,197,884.66

December Building and Site: \$ 15,186.09

Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 50

Motion by Sayles to approve committees as follows, the appointments of the board to serve on the committees:

Finance, Curriculum, Policy, – Entire Board
Building and Facilities – Sayles-Chair, Rourke, Burley
Extra-Curricular – Michels-Chair, Gutzman, Angst
Scoutten Scholarship – Sayles-Chair, Hagerty, Rourke
Shiawassee County School Board Executive Board – Angst
Shiawassee RESD Budget Review – Burley
L.E.A.F. – Angst
School Improvement Committees – Michels (H.S.), Burley (M.S.), Rourke (E.S.)
Community Relations Committee – Hagerty-Chair, Gutzman, Rourke

Seconded by Hagerty. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

From Delegations and Visitors

- Middle School Student Council members Madison Eakin and Ava Rann gave an update on everything the student council is doing for the school.

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports - None

From Superintendent and Staff

- Superintendent Shastal acknowledged that January is School Board recognition month. Supt. Shastal thanked the board for their willingness to serve the district on behalf of the students, staff, and community, this volunteer service is often taken for granted. Collectively, the board has served nearly 60 years on behalf of the district.

-Superintendent Shastal updated the Board on the 2023-24 budget. Our student count is holding steady. There will be another Count Day on February 14. This count will not impact our 23/24 budget. We continue to make adjustments to our budget for “ins and outs” for the many line items. We are on track to amend the budget in February. It should be better than the deficit of \$303,119 represented in October.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update to the Board on the 2024-25 preliminary budget. The January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference was held last week and indicated that the Michigan economy is “strong” and is expecting another surplus this year and next. Three main goals for 23/24, we want to:

- Maintain our small class sizes and maintain all student programs.
- Maintain funding for mental health, and school safety initiatives.
- Hire one math/science teacher at the secondary level, an elementary teacher, and another school counselor/social worker.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Legislative Update. House and Senate have officially returned to session. Special elections are April 16th and Committee work will resume sometime in early February.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a strategic goal planning update. ECEC parking lot we met with the City, Kebs, and Christman Construction on January 3rd and there are some subtle changes to the plan. Christman is taking the lead in acquiring the permits necessary for the construction of the

parking lot. The City is planning to lead the plan review and inspection process. The intent is to release the bid in late January or early February and have a three-week bid process.

Building Reports:

-Kerri DeVault, ECEC & Elementary School Assistant Principal: After a busy December January seems calm. They are busy with the NWEA/Acadiane evaluations. The county literacy coach has some assessment ideas. They are having a kindness challenge with school-wide kindness goals.

-Tara Hengesbach, Middle School Principal: Also said January is calm compared to the crazy December. She gave a special thanks to the student council for the huge impact they have in the building. Boys basketball is done and the girls started right after the break. February 2nd the aspiring teachers will celebrate 100th day.

-Brandon Woodworth, High School Principal: He stated they have a student leadership flex that is similar to the middle school council and they have a pulse on the building, Administrators, and teachers. They are focusing on mental health awareness. The band concert was awesome and the jazz band will have the dinner dance in March. They also have the MSBOA coming up in March. Robotics is going hot and heavy, they try to stream their events live so more students can watch. MIFA competition for Drama is on the 25th at 6 pm. Powerlifting starts competition next week. The Snow coming dance is coming up. Boys and Girls basketball and wrestling are going strong.

From Board Members- None

Board Committee Reports – None

Unfinished Business –

Proposal #51

Motion by Sayles to approve Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s). Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s)

Bylaws – None

Section 1000 – Administration – None

Section 2000 – Program

Policy 2370.01 – Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)

Section 3000 – Professional Staff – None

Section 4000 – Support Staff – None

Section 5000 – Students – None

Section 6000 – Finances – None

Section 7000 – Property

Policy 7217 - Weapons (Revised)

Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)

Section 8000 – Operations

Policy 8305 – Information Security (Technical Correction)

Policy 8531 – Free and Reduced Price Meals (Revised)

Section 9000 – Relations – None

Seconded by Hagerty. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Personnel:

The Board acknowledges the resignations of Melissa Kramer, Secondary Teacher, Effective at the end of the school year, and Trish D’Haene, Daycare Para-Professional.

Proposal # 52

Motion by Angst to hire Leah Mills, Food Service, Effective immediately. Seconded by Rourke. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 53

Motion by Hagerty to hire Lianne Fosnight, Lead Caregiver. Seconded by Angst. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 54

Motion by Angst to hire Megan Phares, Daycare. Seconded by Gutzman. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 55

Motion by Sayles to approve the Childcare Para-Professional Agreement as presented. Seconded by Angst. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 56

Motion by Rourke to approve the Secretarial Agreement as presented. Seconded by Angst. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 57

Motion by Angst to approve the purchase of one used bus from Midwest Transit for the amount of \$89,926 plus \$6,286 (60-month extended warranty) for a total of \$96,212. Seconded by Rourke. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2024

Regular Meeting – **March 13, 2024**. A motion by Sayles to move the date of the March meeting up a week to March 13, 2024, was seconded by Angst. Motion carried unanimously.

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

2023-24 General Fund Budget

2024-25 General Fund Preliminary Budget

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendation

Executive Session – for the purpose of employee negotiations

Motion by Angst to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Seconded by Hagerty. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Angst, Acting Board Secretary