

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 13, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:00 p.m. in the Lewiston Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Mike Vogt, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Ursula Owens, Scott Mathewson, Linc Campbell (arrived at 6:01 pm)

Absent: **None**

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston Principal Cyndie Kievit, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the organization meeting, and regular meeting of January 9, 2017 as written. The minutes of the special meeting of January 9, 2017 were approved as amended to show the correct date and location in the resolution.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Claeys to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$474,423.48

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared a thank you note from the family of former Superintendent Ray Hyek for the memorial donation to the American Heart Association.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

The retirement of Carol Havrilla was recognized by the board and administration. Mrs. Havrilla was in attendance to accept a gift for her years of service and dedication to the district.

Shari Axford presented an update on the Lewiston book bag program. Currently, 27 students receive a book bag customized by grade level and student assessment data to improve benchmarks. The book bags included daily communication between the parent and Mrs. Axford regarding any questions or concerns that arise in using the book bags.

BUDGET UPDATE

Year to date revenue and expenses for general fund and sinking fund were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology

Discussion regarding fiber installation for Lewiston along with new phone systems in both buildings took place. Frontier communications is working to provide a quote for discount pricing if both systems are installed together. After the meeting additional information became available regarding the original tower concept. Technology will be meeting again to discuss options.

Principals

Mrs. Odren reported the Johannesburg 4th grade students completed NAEP testing after a delay due to a snow day. March is Reading month activities are getting ready to kick off. Parent and student participation in the middle school student led conferences was above 70% for conferences. Special Education enrollment continues to rise causing concerns for staff and students.

Mrs. Kievit reported on concerns that Lewiston school improvement has not been systemic. Pockets of staff had different areas of concern. Working toward a more systemic approach to school improvement activities. Data review continues to guide staff and education decisions regarding interventions. Book study and writing conversations continue to grow in the building. MStep preparation is beginning to look at scheduling and group testing scenarios. Second Data Review night with families this week.

Mr. Chrencik and Mrs. Nowak attended Talent District Career Council. The committee contributes to the work force development board. The High School is working toward a work program with local businesses to transition students from HS to the workforce. There has to be a corresponding HS program before a student can do any school to work program in the area. Meeting with CHS regarding meeting with students with discipline issues that have come before the BOE. Also, working to get information sessions included in Health curriculum. PT conferences were poorly attended at the HS level. Evaluating options to increase participation. At-Risk students identified after 1st

semester failures to improve completion rate for credit recovery. Students selected by Mrs. Nowak, Mrs. Harjala and Mr. Chrencik will comprise the student health committee that will be a part of the discussion regarding changes to our Sex Ed. Curriculum. . Mary Payne and Mr. Chrencik met with regional coordinator for CTE program to discuss changes in funding based on segments completed, as a result they are working to change curriculum to increase the number of segments being offered.

Superintendent Makowski

Mrs. Makowski reported that she will begin working to reschedule snow days already missed with the hopes of seeking forgiveness of any additional days that may occur. She continues to work with Technology committee for the upgrades needed to district phone systems and network improvements for Lewiston building. Carol's retirement led to a need to restructure Central Office staff. Mrs. Havrilla has agreed to temporarily return to work in the office, provide additional training, and assist with restructuring duties. Teachers are attending training on electronic grade books. As CPR training is mandated as a HS graduation requirement we will look at ways to add this to our curriculum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Varsity Baseball Coach Recommendation: Proctor

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept the recommendation of Athletic Director, Joe Smokevitch, to hire Dakota Proctor as the Varsity Baseball Coach.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Social Host Awareness Month

APRIL 2017 IS SOCIAL HOST RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

Underage drinking is a national public health issue with serious implications. Although we have done much work and made progress here in northern Michigan to address this pervasive problem, there is still much more we can do. According to a study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 10 million people younger than the age of 21 drank alcohol in the past month in the United States.

WHEREAS, underage drinking is a problem that affects our community, our health, and our future. It exacts a terrible toll on individuals and families, and places a costly tax burden on the community at large for law enforcement, medical services, and other social services involved in the prevention and treatment of underage drinking, and

WHEREAS, underage drinking has severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware. Consequences of underage drinking may include injury or death from accidents; unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems; and drug use; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing alcohol-free environments; and

WHEREAS, youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, and community leaders who work with our young people every day are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

WHEREAS, one-hundred percent of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from an adult. At one time, an adult over the age of 21 was in control of the alcohol and a minor gained access to it, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents, and adults have the authority and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Board of Education, Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, of the county of Otsego, a Community Committed to UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION, do hereby proclaim that April 2017 is Social Host Responsibility Month. We also call upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the April 2017 Social Host Responsibility Month Resolution as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 6:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to go into closed executive session for the purpose of negotiations.

Ayes: Claeys, Campbell, Mathewson, Owens, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting at 7: 41 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary