

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13, 2014**

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 Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Chris Paffi, Linc Campbell, Wendy Huston, Michael Vogt

Absent: Frank Claeys

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS/FOOD SERVICE

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund and Food Service in the amount of \$3,011,815.91.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The September internal accounts reports were provided.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

The 2013-14 Financial Audit was presented by Trina Edwards, CPA, MSA of Dennis, Gartland, and Neirgarth. Revenues exceed expenditures by \$244,376 leaving an ending fund balance of \$666,596.

BUDGET UPDATE

The budget format for revenues and expenditures was updated to align with the audit financial statements and transparency guidelines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The committee met to review negotiations and the expected year-end fund balance.

School Improvement

The committee met to review the purpose of the School Improvement Committee. State reporting was reviewed. The school and district goals were addressed.

Technology Committee

The committee met to discuss the Chromebook labs and wireless internet. The district has taken measures to be more independent with technology. The Lewiston Building data loss was reviewed with the steps to prohibit another event. A team of teachers will be presenting at the November professional development on November 3.

Principals

Mr. Keck reported that 12 interviews were held for the five at-risk aide positions. Recommendations for hire will be brought for approval in November. He reviewed some ideas for school improvement. An opportunity to use the Chromebooks for a K-2 spring assessment pilot program is being considered.

Mr. Chrencik and Mrs. Kievit were in attendance at the high school marching band expo in Traverse City. Written reports were provided.

Superintendent

A mandatory walk-through for the electrical bid was held last week. The major renovation will be completed by winter break. A special meeting will be held on October 23 to award the bid. The high school band is performing at the high school marching expo. A survey was sent to all new students on their enrollment experience. The Class of 2015 is requesting to leave one day early for their class trip.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Agren appreciated the work that went into the audit.

ACTION ITEMS

2013-14 Audit

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to accept the 2013-14 audit as presented by Dennis, Gartland, and Niergarth.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Summer Tax Resolution

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the school district and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the "Revised School Code"), hereby invokes for 2015 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests each city and/or township in which this District is located to collect those summer taxes.
2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2015 in the amount as specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2015.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of this District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.611 or MCLA 380.612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Paffi to approve the summer tax resolution as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of resolution adopted by said Board of Education at a meeting held on October 13, 2014, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act"(Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education

2015 Overnight Field Trip Requests

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to approve the annual 6th grade trip to Camp Wolverine scheduled for February 23-27, Lewiston 4th Grade trip to Lansing, MI on May 28-29, Johannesburg 4th-5th Grade trip to Lansing on May 11-12, Johannesburg 7th Grade trip to Mackinaw on May 28-29, and Johannesburg 8th Grade trip to Michigan Adventure on May 28-29.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Meetings

Superintendent Holt has scheduled two community meetings to discuss the academic and financial status of the district. The first meeting is scheduled to be held at the Johannesburg Building on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with a spring meeting at the Lewiston Building on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Electrical Issue

A special board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Johannesburg to award the bid for the electrical repair work in the Johannesburg Building. The completed work is to be completed by the end of the Christmas Break.

Board Committee: School Security

Superintendent Holt requested to form a board committee for the purpose of addressing school security.

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 7:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

The Board went into closed executive session at 7:18 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 8:00 p.m.

Additional discussion was held on the School Security Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Paffi and supported by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael D. Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 5:30 p.m. in the Lewiston Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Chris Paffi, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Michael Vogt, Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LONG TERM SUSPENSION/EXPULSION HEARINGS

1. Student 14-15/01

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Paffi to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing regarding Student 14-15/01 at the request of the parent.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 5:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 5:51 p.m.

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 14-15/01 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement in August 2015 as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

2. Student 14-15/02

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing regarding Student 14-15/02 at the request of the parent.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 6:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 14-15/02 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement in August 2015 as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

3. Student 14-15/03

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing regarding Student 14-15/03 at the request of the parent.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 6:47 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 14-15/01 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement in August 2015 as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

President Vogt adjourned the special meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 23, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:00 p.m. in the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Present: Wendy Huston, Ursula Owens, Scott Mathewson, Michael Vogt, Frank Claeys
Christopher Paffi

Absent: Linc Campbell

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ELECTRICAL BID AWARD

Motion was made by Huston and seconded by Claeys to award the electrical bid upgrade to J. Ranck Electric, Sault Ste Marie, MI as recommended by Anthony P. Esson, Architect at the stipulated price of \$77,100.00.

Ayes: All Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Owens, Paffi, Huston, Mathewson, Claeys, Vogt

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Claeys to adjourn the special meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary