

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 14, 2016**

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 Johannesburg Elementary Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Frank Claeys, Linc Campbell, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Michael Vogt

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Principal Cyndie Kievit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the regular and special meetings of February 8, 2016 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$565,367.13.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card was received from the family of High School Teacher Michelle Kossa for the donation in memory of her mother.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

The current expenditures and revenues were provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology Committee

Superintendent Makowski reported on current issues including a state-mandated upgrade of the telephone system. The District will be requesting an exception to the deadline of December 31, 2016. Continued discussion was held on Lewiston internet connectivity. TRIG grant money will be used to purchase more devices and charging units. Future technology needs, strength of wireless, routing of services, replacement parts, off-site access for staff, and training and updates from the teacher's technology team were discussed. Consultant Mark Corbiser reported on the condition of hardware which is 6-7 years old.

Athletic Committee

Superintendent Makowski reported that Ron Parker, Topcat Sales, presented an agreement between Adidas and the District to purchase uniforms. Athletic transportation costs and cheerleading requests were reviewed. MHSAA has added 6th Grade eligibility to individual sports. The decision to participate will be made by each district individually. Additional signage has been requested in the weight room for safety and proper use of equipment. The 3-year cycle on the athletic banners ends this school year. Discussion was held on continuing the program to offset costs. Ticket pricing and student/staff shirts were reviewed.

Principals

Mrs. Kievit reported on the on-going book study and the implementation in the classroom, writing conversations and MSTEP preparations. A Title I Celebration Night is planned to celebrate the extra efforts of the parents and students. March is Reading Month is being celebrated with a Dr. Seuss theme. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy developed a report card based on 2,246 schools and the Lewiston School was ranked #119. Mrs. Kievit presented a certificate and thanked the staff for their achievement.

Mr. Keck stated that 43 test sessions have been scheduled over 15 days for MSTEP testing. A curriculum inventory assessment was done to prepare for the testing. Data meetings were held with each teacher to assess trends and areas of need. The PSAT test

was administered for the first time to the 8th Graders. March is Reading Month has daily activities.

Mr. Chrencik's report was available. Mr. Keck reported on the Illuminate Common Assessment work being done at the high school level. The Archery Team narrowly missed qualification for National Competition.

Superintendent

Mrs. Makowski reported that Thrun's Law Firm is working with Architect Anthony Esson on the contract for services. She reported that the Lewiston 6th Grade will move to Johannesburg permanently. This will allow all 6th Grade students to be a part of a middle school concept and is fiscally responsible with the retirement of a teacher. Mrs. Makowski reluctantly accepted the retirement resignation of Teacher Donna Yohe. Negotiations with the teachers has begun. Mrs. Makowski stated that she enjoyed the Acting Up Theater Company performance at the Lewiston School. Grandparent's Day was a success. Embargoed district data was reviewed to meet the annual measurable objectives. The COP-ESD will host a board training session on "Keeping Kids Engaged in the Educational Process" on April 21 in Indian River.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Retiring Teacher Donna Yohe thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to teach at Johannesburg-Lewiston. She spoke of her admiration for the district and students. Mr. Keck extended personal thanks to Mrs. Yohe for her dedication and service to the district. He commented that she is a loyal J-L fan regularly attending events both home and away.

ACTION ITEMS

Concession Stand Coordinator Position

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve a position of Concessions Coordinator with an annual salary of \$2,500 funded by concession stand revenues.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Social Host Responsibility Month Resolution

APRIL 2016 IS SOCIAL HOST RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

WHEREAS, adults who provide a alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

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, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) estimates that, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under age 21 each year. This includes: 1,580 deaths from motor vehicle crashes; 1,269 from homicides; 245 from alcohol poisoning, falls, burns, and drowning; 492 from suicides, and

WHEREAS, Youth who start drinking before age 15 years are five time more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21 years, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth report, of 14 counties of northern Michigan who participated, an average of 26% of 9th graders and 52% of 11th graders have been drunk in their lifetime.

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 2016 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 Owens and supported by Campbell to approve the April 20156 Social Host Responsibility Month Resolution as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Staff Retirement: D. Yohe

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept, with regrets, the retirement resignation of Teacher Donna Yohe effective June 30, 2016.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Middle School Boys Track Recommendation

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve a third party contract with Thumb Educational Services for the Middle School Boys Track position (K. Havela).

Ayes: All Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Senior Class Trip Recommendations

The committee suggested a maximum of three nights outside of scheduled school days. The class would be required to make a decision on their choice of a Senior Class activity by 10th Grade for fundraising purposes. The recommendation was based on the student survey held earlier this year.

Athletic Events Ticket Prices

A survey was done of Ski Valley Teams for current ticket prices. The recommendation was to leave the student prices at \$3.00 but increase adult prices to \$5.00.

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:38 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary