

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 14, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mike Vogt

**Administration:** Superintendent Rick Holt,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, Vice President Owens approved the minutes of the June 9 regular meeting and the June 23 and 30, 2014 special meetings as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS**

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Claeys to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$526,654.20.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The June internal accounts reports were provided.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A note was received from the OM World Finalist group thanking the board for supporting their recent trip.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

High School Counselor Danica Nowak shared information on an opportunity for students to earn an Associate's Degree through a cooperative early college arrangement between Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools and North Central Michigan College.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

No report at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

The committee met on June 12, 23, and 30 to review the final budget amendment, 2014-15 budget, negotiation updates, and non-union contracts. The 2014-15 budget hearing truth in taxation hearing was held on June 30. The food service final budget amendment and 2014-15 proposed budget were reviewed. Proposals for a facilities analysis from two architect firms were reviewed as were trash disposals bids, and quotes for fire extinguisher/kitchen hood maintenance. The electrical repair situation was discussed. Architect Anthony Esson will provide services for the electrical repair at a cost of \$5,670 plus expenses incurred.

**Personnel Committee**

The committee met prior to the public interviews of K-8 Principal candidate to review questions and procedure.

**Technology Committee**

The committee met to review content filtering, firewalls, internet connectivity, and support from COP-ESD. Updates were provided on the tech team, mobile labs, loss of Lewiston back-ups and disaster recovery. Flat screen monitors are in and will be installed before school starts. Including flat screen for Superintendent's office.

**Superintendent**

Mr. Holt discussed on-line education in more detail. He brought the board up to date on the electrical system situation in Johannesburg. The bid process for electrical repair is complicated and time consuming. The district is working with Architect Anthony P. Esson. The work will take place in the fall, predominately during non-school hours and will be completed over Thanksgiving Break.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Agren commented that it's going to be a great year!

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **K-8 Principal**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Superintendent Holt to hire Dennis Keck as the K-8 Principal/Special Education Director for a two-year contract at a salary of \$75,000 plus benefits.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

### **Trash Disposal Bid Award**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the recommendation of Maintenance Supervisor John Sewell to award the three-year trash disposal bid to Waste Management of Michigan.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

### **School Success Contracts**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Paffi to approve the School Success Worker contracts for Johannesburg-Lewiston Elementary/Middle School (\$29,999) and Lewiston Elementary School (\$4,000) for the 2014-15 school year as presented.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

### **Food Service Director Contract: C. Kierczynski**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Mathewson to approve a two-year contract for Food Service Director Cathy Kierczynski at a salary of \$26,554.56 as presented.

Ayes: All          Motion Carried

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Northern Michigan Schools Legislative Association Dinner (NMSLA)**

Board members were invited to attend the annual NMSLA dinner on July 31 at the Haggerty Center in Traverse City featuring keynote speaker Lt. Governor Brian Calley.

### **Fire Extinguisher/Kitchen Hood Maintenance Quotes**

Quotes were received from three companies for the annual maintenance of the fire extinguishers and kitchen hoods. Maintenance Supervisor John Sewell will contact Fire Pros, Inc. of Grand Rapids for the 2014-15 school year services.

### **Anthony Esson, Architect (AEA)**

The finance committee reviewed proposals from two architect firms for a facilities analysis. The quote from Anthony Esson of Gaylord was preferred at a rate of \$5,000.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Ayes: All          Motion carried

The Board went into closed executive session at 7:11 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:51 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ayes: All          Motion carried

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Ursula Owens, Vice President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary