

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 14, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:08 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Katy 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 meeting of August 10, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$889,110.64

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account for the months of June-August.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski presented a thank you letter from the family of GaryThoms (retired teacher) for the memorial donation. A certificate for outstanding safety from SET SEG Workers' Compensation Fund was presented.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Makowski reported that the auditors are unable to present this evening due to an illness. A special board meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. for the audit presentation. She discussed the need to amend the 2015-2016 budget to reflect the audited fund balance and the resulting pay increases. She reviewed enrollment numbers as of September 10, 2015 reporting a zero net change from one year ago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Superintendent Makowski reported that the Finance Committee met on August 14 and September 11, 2015. Based on audited fund equity projections, the committee supported

implementation of pay increases effective September 4, 2015 with a letter of agreement indicating this as a non-precedent setting practice. The committee recommends enforcement of current policy for payroll to be processed through a form of direct deposit with the discontinuation of paper checks. The committee discussed low substitute availability, substitute pay rates, and possible substitute incentives. Members Vogt and Mathewson did not participate due to a conflict of interest.

Principals

Mr. Keck reported on Illuminate training; EMS training in first response, CPR and AED use; Dr. John Draper, who presented at the instructional staff professional development day, and staff orientation. The K-8 Open House is September 15th. Illuminate testing is to begin next week. M-step data reports are due from the state in late fall. Mr. Keck is working on a new school sign.

Mrs. Kievit reported that back to school has been a success, starting with 68% of families attending the 4th Annual Back to School Barbeque. The Family School Partnership Committee is in the process of scheduling activities for the year. Mrs. Kievit provided additional information on Illuminate training and testing.

Mrs. Makowski reported for Mr. Chrencik regarding a change to the high school cell phone policy that allows students to use phones at lunch. During class time, teachers will implement a red light-green light policy for phone use. Mr. Chrencik will be on Eagle Radio 101.5 for a weekly address on Fridays at 7:15 a.m. After additional meetings, Mr. Chrencik and Mrs. Nowak have questions regarding Early College. They plan to host parent meetings to gauge interest and provide additional information.

Superintendent

Superintendent Makowski reported that the district's contract with Great Lakes Online Education (GLOE) has been renewed. Student enrollment is on target for budget and similar to the previous year. A grant application has been submitted for new AED devices. The Title I Recognition application was completed with the assistance of Mrs. Kievit and Mrs. Axford. A letter from the Director of Federal Programs requesting a visit in April of 2016 has been received. Mrs. Makowski will continue to meet with Jim Hilgendorf, former Superintendent, as plans move forward for the sinking fund campaign. A board workshop will take place following the auditor's report on September 28, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Greif reported that six high school teachers received \$100 gift cards from Meemic Insurance for school supplies. Mary Vratana, Superintendent COPESD shared an update on services being offered by COP ESD for fall 2015. She also introduced Lori Pearson, General Education Director, who is shadowing her as a mentor for a school project. Mr. Keck introduced Timory Wilcox, student teacher with Rochelle Wangler (2nd grade), who thanked the board for allowing her to be part of the district.

ACTION ITEMS

7th grade Volleyball Coach Recommendation

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to contract with Thumb Educational Services for the 7th grade Volleyball Coach position.

Substitute Teacher Pay Rate Approval

President Vogt and Treasurer Mathewson announced individually that they are salaried employees of PCMI and as a result they will not participate in discussion or a vote on this matter. The announcements were made in compliance with Policy 0144.3

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to increase the teacher daily sub rate from \$65 to \$82 beginning Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Ayes: Claeys, Campbell, Owens, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

Abstain: Vogt, Mathewson

Motion carried

MASB Delegate Selection

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to nominate Mike Vogt as a delegate and Ursula Owens as an alternate delegate for the 2015 MASB Delegate Assembly.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A copy of the FOIA Procedures and Guidelines Manual was provided. The document will be posted on the district website.

RECESS

The board took a recess from 6:52-7:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –REINSTATEMENT HEARING

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to go into closed executive session for the purpose of a student reinstatement hearing.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 7:04 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 8:13 p.m.

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to reinstate Student #14-15/02 beginning Monday, September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with a mandatory meeting with Mr. Chrencik. The student will be allowed to return to the classroom following the development and signing of a reinstatement plan and behavioral contract.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Huston, Board Secretary