

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 10, 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** Wendy Huston, Frank Claey's, Scott Mathewson, Mike Vogt, Ursula Owens, Linc Campbell (arrived 6:21 pm)

**Absent:** Nancy Kussrow

**Administration:** Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren, 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 March 13, 2017 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$499,556.87

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

The Johannesburg-Lewiston Middle School Odyssey of the Mind teams presented their request for an overnight trip to Michigan State University to participate in World Finals, May 23 – May 28, 2017. The teams presented an overview of Odyssey of the Mind as well as their team challenges for the 2016-2017 competition. The overnight trip request is an action item later this evening.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**District School Improvement Committee:** The sex education committee met to finalize their recommendation to the Board of Education to change from an abstinence only curriculum to an abstinence based curriculum. The recommendation is to partner with Megan Havrilla, Education Specialists to provide additional support. The committee also reviewed the Wellness Policy and additional ways to provide support for students after the end of the school day.

**Facilities:** The committee reviewed the bid tabulation sheet for the Sinking Fund Project 1.2 for 2017. The committee reviewed contract amendments for Sugar Construction and Anthony Esson.

**Principals**

Mrs. Odren reported that the Johannesburg K-8 has begun the 2016-2017 state mandated testing. March is Reading month was a success with great participation in all events. A \$500 Meemic grant was awarded to the district to purchase tennis equipment for the K-8.

Mrs. Kievit reported that the book study on close reading strategies is being utilized across the building by students and seeing the techniques being utilized by students is very rewarding. Testing is also beginning in the Lewiston building. The school improvement committee continues to work on goal setting for the 2017-2018 school year. Both reading month and Title I Celebration were successful events over the last month.

Mr. Chrencik reported that High School testing will be ongoing with PSAT, SAT, WorkKeys and MStep all taking place. Robotics competed in their second tournament of the season and finished in the middle of the competitive field at each event. Mrs. Nowak and Mr. Chrencik are working on the 2017-2018 schedule for staff and students including the continuation of the mentorship program at the high school and planned expansion to include the K-8. Mrs. Kievit was unable to attend. Her report is included in the packet.

### **Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski reported that she emailed the Board members the first draft of her Superintendent evaluation documentation. The application submitted to the State of Michigan resulted in approval for forgiveness of 3 additional snow days. The 2017-2018 proposed calendar has been sent to the JLEA for review. The district is moving forward with the tower installation for Lewiston internet service at a cost of \$8,800. A meeting has been scheduled for the NEOLA Spring Update with Paul Mancine. The policy committee will need to meet to review the recommended changes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2017 Sinking Fund Project 1.2**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept bid recommendations as presented and to accept the contract amendments for Sugar Construction and Anthony Esson.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Finance Assistant: M. Campbell**

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Claeys to approve the contract for Merisa Campbell, Finance Assistant at the rate of \$22.50 per hour effective March 6, 2017.

Ayes: Mathewson, Claeys, Owens, Vogt, Huston

Nays: None

Abstain: Campbell (declared conflict of interest)

Motion carried

#### **Overnight Trip Request: Odyssey of the Mind World Finals**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the overnight trip request for Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University May 23-28, 2017.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Auditor Contract Recommendation: Baird, Cotter and Bishop**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve Baird, Cotter and Bishop at the auditing firm for three years in the amount of \$9,950 for 2016-2017.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Approval of Bills Procedure**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to accept the recommendation of Bill Melching, Finance Director to allow the Superintendent and Finance Director to approve the payment of bills and release payments immediately. The board will continue to approve the Manifest of Bills each month.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Curriculum Changes**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of the Sex Education committee to change to an abstinence based curriculum and partner with Megan Havrilla, Education Specialist to provide additional instructional support.

Ayes: All Motion carried

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Please review Mrs. Murkowski's email with her self-evaluation and report any questions or concerns to President Vogt prior to the Board completing her formal evaluation.

#### **Service Contract Renewals**

Superintendent Makowski will be reviewing any service contracts up for renewal prior to determine if any changes need to take place prior to board approval if needed.

### **RECESS**

The Board took a recess at 7:00 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS**

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

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

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Claeys to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Ayes: All     Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary