

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 13, 2015**

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 Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Linc Campbell, Nancy Kussrow (arrived at 6:02), Wendy Huston (arrived at 6:04)

Absent: Frank Claeys

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, 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 regular meeting of March 9 and special workshop meeting of March 25, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$624,900.21.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards were received for memorial donations from The National Kidney Foundation (William Bailey), Margaret Fletcher (Glenn Fletcher) and the William Hansen Family (Kevin Foster's father-in-law).

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

General Fund revenues and expenditures were reported as of April 8, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The committee met on March 18 to discuss adjusting Thumb Educational Services employee wage steps to be comparable to support staff with similar functions. Negotiations with JLESPA (support staff) will begin after spring break. Discussion was held on upcoming meetings related to the bond and sinking fund. The proposal from Thunder Bay Clinic was discussed. A meeting was held on March 31 and discussion was held on meetings with construction managers, negotiations, maintenance/transportation supervisor contract renewal, and bond vs sinking fund. Mr. Holt will be holding several meetings with staff and the community to introduce the idea of a bond or sinking fund.

Building & Grounds

The committee met with representatives from DeVere Construction on March 23 and Wolgast Corporation on April 1. Discussion was held on the need for an architect.

Principals

Mr. Keck reported that assessments begin Tuesday, April 14 and is confident that everyone is prepared. The K-8 Building has received a request for placement of a student teacher in the elementary next fall. Technology curriculum is going to be a focus with the staff this spring. Mr. Keck reviewed his calendar.

Mr. Chrencik reported that an "unannounced" Code Cardinal was held today. HS Teacher Ann Grief was selected for a 3-week summer program sponsored by COOR for "Modeling of Chemistry". Student Kelsey Hardy qualified for the archery national competition. Mark Peppin is interested in starting a golf club. The application for Early College is still being analyzed with a parent meeting planned for May. Dual enrollment, minor handbook changes, master schedule planning, and upcoming testing was reviewed.

Mrs. Kievit was attending a high school track meet. Mr. Holt provided her report. The department of education has selected the Lewiston School to observe the M-STEP process with representatives coming to the building.

Superintendent

Mr. Holt will host several community meetings on April 20 and April 28 to address the state of the district and introduce the idea of a bond or sinking fund. The Policy Committee will meet on May 14 at 4:00 p.m. to review NEOLA Spring Updates. The district received a school security grant to through the Michigan Department of State Police, Grants and Community Services Division to install exterior ballistic shields on the outside doors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
JUNE 1, 2015 BIENNIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Revised School code provides that board members of Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District, Michigan (the "ESD"), be elected biennially on the first Monday in June by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district; and
- 2. The Revised School Code further provides that this Board shall consider the resolution of designating its representative on the electoral body al not less than one (1) public meeting before adopting the designating resolution;
- 3. This Board now determines it necessary and desirable to establish the first public meeting at which this Board will consider the proposed resolution designating the District's representative on the electoral body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. At the public meeting of this Board to be held on the 13th day of April, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Lewiston Media Center, this Board will consider a resolution to appoint Scott Mathewson as the designated representative of this District for the electoral body of the ESD biennial election to be held June 1, 2015 and Linc Campbell as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
- 2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provision of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

Fifth Third Money Market Accounts – Debt Retirement Funds 2004 and 2012

RESOLVED, that Fifth Third Bank ("Bank") is designated a depository of the Company, with full authority to accept deposits made at any time, by any person and in any form to the credit of this Company in accounts with Bank, in accordance with the written or verbal instructions of the person(s) presenting the funds for deposit or of any document accompanying said deposits and subject to the rules and regulations of Bank.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Bank is authorized to pay or otherwise honor or apply without inquiry and without regard to the application of the proceeds all checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment, transfer and withdrawal of money from any and all accounts maintained by this Company with Bank, including those drawn to the individual order of a signer, when signed, accepted or endorsed by any of the following officers or employees of this Company:

Frederick G. Holt, Superintendent
Scott Alan Mathewson, Board of Education Treasurer

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any of the above named officer(s) person(s), member(s) or partner(s) is/are hereby authorized on behalf of this Company to (i) execute the necessary documents to conduct if applicable, wire transfer services, automated clearing house transactions, electronic data interchange, sweep services, deposit management services, and lockbox services, and (ii) authorize outgoing wire transfer requests and transfer to and from the accounts of this Company using the funds transfer system of the automated clearing house.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a facsimile signature of any or all of the above-named signers shall constitute the signature of said signer, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual or purported facsimile signature may have been affixed, if such facsimile signature resembles the facsimile specimen(s) (if any) filed with Bank by the secretary or other officer of this Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Bank is authorized to rely upon the foregoing resolution until receipt by Bank of written notice of any change or revocation.

The undersigned certifies that they are the Secretary of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools ("Company") and at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 13th day of April, 2015, at which a quorum was present these resolutions were duly adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the resolution to open two new money market accounts for Debt Retirement 2004 and Debt Retirement 2012.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor Contract Renewal

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to renew the contract for Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor John Sewell for the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017 with any increases to be determined at a later date.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

On-site Health Services

Thunder Bay Clinic would like to offer counseling services to students and families on-site at each building a couple days a week. They will handle all scheduling and billing with no cost to the district. The consensus was to move forward with the free offer.

Handbook Changes

Mr. Keck reported on handbook changes which were minor in nature.

Sinking Fund or Bond Election

Mr. Holt reported on the condition of the roofs, carpet, doors, and parking lots and the need to make repairs. He explained that bonds bring in the money upfront with interest paid over time. A sinking fund works differently and is based on mills which are assessed annually based on the approved number of years. The current debts total 2.35 mills. The plan is to time the election so that taxes will not increase and the new levy will replace the current ones as they expire.

Senior Trip

Mr. Holt would like to set a committee to discuss the senior trip and the fund raising involved. Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, and Frank Claeys were selected.

RECESS

The board took a recess at 6:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:51 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS ADDED

Sinking Fund/Bond

Additional discussion was held on this subject.

Superintendent Retirement

Mr. Holt informed the Board of his intention to retire as of July 31, 2015.

Senior Trip Concession Sharing

The 10% profit sharing of concession sales was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Owens to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Principal Cynthia Kievit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (MASB) PRESENTATION

Superintendent Search

Tom White, MASB Consultant, Executive Search Services, provided an overview on the process MASB follows to facilitate a superintendent search.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to adjourn the special workshop meeting at 8:32 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
April 27, 2015**

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 Lewiston School Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Linc Campbell

Absent: Nancy Kussrow Ursula Owens

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF RETIREMENT: R. Holt

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept the retirement resignation of Superintendent Rick Holt, with regrets, effective July 31, 2015.

Ayes: All Motion Carried

MASB SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Claeys to contract with Michigan Association of School Boards for an Executive Search for the Superintendent of Schools vacancy. The proposed contract offering partial services is to be replaced with a full service contract in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus expenses.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to adjourn the special workshop meeting at 7:09 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
April 30, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:30 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Frank Claeys, Linc Campbell, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Michael Vogt

Absent: Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson

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 HEARING

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing regarding Student 14/05-07 at the request of the student's mother.

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Owens, Huston, Vogt

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:37 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 6:59 p.m.

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to suspend student 14/15-07 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to adjourn the special meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary