

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 10, 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, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Frank Claeys, Linc Campbell

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, 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 July 13 and the special meeting of July 29, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$408,289.06.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports will be provided once the staff returns from summer break.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski reported that a letter was received from the Michigan Department of Education stating that the Lewiston School is one of only 20 candidate schools eligible to receive Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition. An application must be filed with supporting documentation. The schools awarded this honor will be recognized and honored at the 2016 National Title I Conference in Houston, Texas.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth, certified public accounts, has begun the field work on the 2104-15 financial audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principals

Mr. Keck reported that one of the At-Risk aides has submitted his resignation due to relocation. The PE Teacher previously approved has accepted another position downstate. The position will be reposted. Spring testing scores are still pending. The COP ESD will be using *Illuminate* for data warehousing with ongoing training. Mr. Keck advised the board of tragic accident involving a staff member's relative. The K-8 staff will be assisting with a luncheon to help the family with costs.

Mr. Chrencik reviewed upcoming dates and events. He reviewed the plans for the professional development sessions planned prior to the start of school. Early College letters will be going out to parents. High School Science Teacher Ann Greif has been attending a "Modeling in Science" program which gives a different way to teach the sciences using the knowledge the students have through analyzing and thinking rather than memorization. Mr. Chrencik reported on a former student who passed away this summer.

Additional discussion was held on the differences between *Data Director* and *Illuminate* with regard to ease of use and the transfer of data.

Mrs. Kievit commended the staff members who dedicated time during their summer break to attend trainings and professional development. A staff update was provided. The Family School Partnership Committee is planning the 4th Annual Back to School BBQ. An assessment workshop is planned for August 25 in Gaylord.

Superintendent

Mrs. Makowski reported on her first week as superintendent. Meetings have been held with the administrative team. A Back to School BBQ is planned for the Johannesburg School. She has been reviewing board policies and student and staff handbooks. The Annual Education Report will not be required due to the lack of assessment data from the state. Mrs. Makowski will be meeting with Mr. Hilgendorf, Sugar Construction, and Architect Anthony Esson to review the sinking fund proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Owens to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary