

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:00 p.m. in the Lewiston Elementary Cafeteria.

ROLL CALL

Present Michael Vogt, Wendy Huston, Ursula Owens, Nancy Kussrow, Linc Campbell

Absent: Frank Claeys, Scott Mathewson

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Principal Cyndie Kievit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA CHANGE

President Vogt announced the removal of Action Item: Senior Class Trip Date Change Request at the request of the Class Sponsor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$512,930.20.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared a letter of appreciation from Gregg Fettig, LaSalle High School Principal, for the support given to the St. Ignace Community following the death of LaSalle Senior Mitchell Snyder.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

The year-to-date revenue and expense report was provided. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet Friday, December 18, 2015 to begin working on budget amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising/Class Trips

A survey regarding student preferences for senior year activities has been rolled out. Survey results will be tabulated and presented to the committee at their next meeting. Staffing the concession stand remains the primary concern if changes are made to senior class activities.

Policy/Personnel

An employee full-time position request was reviewed. NEOLA policies were reviewed by the committee and will be discussed later in the meeting. The committee is recommending that the Board consider revising policies regarding suspension/expulsion to change the definition of a short-term suspension from “not more than ten (10) days” to “not more than thirty (30) days” and to allow administration to suspend for up to thirty (30) days without requiring a Board hearing.

District School Improvement Committee

The committee was given an MStep update and informed that the results are embargoed. Further updates will be provided once the data is made public. The committee discussed alignment of grade level expectations between Johannesburg K-6 and Lewiston K-6. The Bullying Prevention Task Force reviewed policy #5517 and 5517.01. The policies have been referred back to the Policy Committee for review.

Principals

Mr. Keck presented Mr. Chrencik's report. Robotics has received \$5000 in grant funds. Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Beaver have started an after school program called Bits and Pieces to provide academic support with 30 students in attendance at the first meeting. He reported on the Evaluation Committee review of four evaluation tools for teacher and administrator evaluations to meet compliance with Public Act 173 which will go into effect next year. The Building leadership team is reviewing the revamped SAT and looking at Khan Academy for improvements in student scores based on PSAT testing.

Mr. Keck reported on the implementation of a new math intervention in the Johannesburg Building for K-5 targeted assistance. Next Gen Science Standards have been released. Science staff have attended an introductory meeting regarding the new standards. A transition timeline was provided detailing the implementation of the new standards. Mr. Keck reported that Treetops is providing two JL ski nights with \$15 lift tickets with \$10 of each ticket sold donated back to the school.

Mrs. Kievit reported on the goals of the Building School Improvement Committee to improve student self-monitoring of academic progress and goal setting. The Lewiston staff book study, "Falling in Love with Close Reading", is timely with the COP-ESD ELA Collaborative discussion. Lewiston Formal observations will be 50% complete by Christmas Break. Lewiston Christmas Program is Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30. An updated calendar was provided.

Superintendent Makowski

Mrs. Makowski met with Architect Anthony Esson to begin planning projects with sinking fund monies. The next meeting will include the Facilities Committee. Mrs. Makowski and Mr. Hilgendorf met with Cheryl Nielson, Montmorency County Clerk, regarding the election costs to the district, the process for absentee ballots, and the timeline for providing information to voters for school elections. She attended the Region II Superintendent meeting and provided a Legislative update. Grant requests for Summer School Reading and Science Professional Development have been submitted. Central Office has begun the process to align volunteer forms and fingerprinting requirements for the district.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

HS Office Aide Recommendation: Davidson

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to accept the recommendation of High School Principal Curt Chrencik, to hire Sue Davidson for the position of High School Office Aide with an effective date of November 16, 2015.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Montmorency County Road Commission Contract Renewal

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to accept the renewal of the Montmorency County Road Commission Winter Maintenance Contract for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Updates: Vol. 30, No. 1

Mrs. Makowski stated that the committee met to review recommended updates from NEOLA. A summary of all recommended changes as well as the updated wording of the policies is included in the packet. The committee also discussed changing the length of suspensions that require a board hearing from 10 days to 30 days. The policies will be presented for action at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 4:33 p.m. in the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Michael Vogt, Linc Campbell, Ursula Owens, Frank Claeys, Nancy Kussrow

Absent: Wendy Huston, Scott Mathewson

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LONG TERM SUSPENSION HEARINGS

1. Student 15-16/01

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to go into closed executive session for the purpose of Student 15-16/01 long term suspension hearing.

Ayes: Campbell, Owens, Vogt, Kussrow, Claeys

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 4:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 4:51 p.m.

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 15-16/01 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement in August 2016 as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

RECESS

The board took a recess from 4:52 – 4:58 p.m.

2. Student 15-16/02

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to go into closed executive session for the purpose of Student 15-16/02 long term suspension hearing.

Ayes: Campbell, Owens, Vogt, Kussrow, Claeys

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 4:59 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:21 p.m.

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 15-16/02 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement in August 2016 as recommended by Principal Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

RECESS

The board took a recess from 5:22 – 5:26 p.m.

3. Student 15-16/03

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow to go into closed executive session for the purpose of Student 15-16/03 long term suspension hearing.

Ayes: Owens, Kussrow, Vogt, Claeys

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 5:26 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:36 p.m.

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to accept the recommendation of High School Principal Curt Chrencik to suspend Student 15-16/03 for twenty school days with a return to school on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary