

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 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 Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, 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 December 8 and special meeting of December 29, 2014 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$939,742.56.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

COP ESD Superintendent Mary Vratana was welcomed.

BUDGET UPDATE

The year to date revenues and expenditures were provided as of January 7, 2015. An amended budget will be presented in February. Deficit spending for the year is expected to be lower than originally projected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principals

Mr. Keck gave an update on the on-line spring assessments. Goals for 2015 include getting students ready for assessments, curriculum workshop for teachers, and use of technology for spring assessments. The focus is on practicing for the tests as the process is different than previous tests.

Mrs. Kievit stated that she is following the same steps as Mr. Keck with regard to the spring assessments. The behavior trait for January is "respect". The Second Cup topic for January is "Poisons that Look Like Food" presented by School Success Worker Rachel Harper.

Mr. Chrencik announced a \$500 grant award by MEEMIC Insurance for physical education equipment. He provided information about classes that count as college credit but taught by J-L teachers. Special after-school events are planned to prepare for semester exams. Mr. Chrencik thanked Sue Davidson for her work as an at-risk aide. The SAT will be the new college assessment exam beginning in 2016. JLHS Student Allison LaPointe is a semi-finalist for the Coca Cola Scholarship Program which had over 200,000 applicants. Updates were given on school improvement and leadership.

Superintendent

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Holt thanked the board members for their dedication to education. The select-cut on the forest property begins this week. A board workshop/meeting is planned for January 15 to discuss drug prevention. Staff training has been scheduled for Critical Incident Management. The Department of Education will be coming to review teacher certification and highly qualified compliance. The electrical work is almost completed. The school security grant has been submitted by Montmorency County Sheriff Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Full-Time Bus Driver Recommendation

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to approve Natasha Campbell for the full-time bus driver position as recommended by Transportation Director John Sewell.

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

Abstain: Campbell

Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bond vs Sinking Fund

A board workshop has been scheduled for January 29 with Paul Stauder of Stauder-Barch & Associates, Inc.. The purpose of the workshop is to define allowable uses of sinking fund vs bonds. The facilities assessments have been completed but the reports have not yet arrived. The current debt levy of 2.35 mills will be included in the discussion.

Best Practices

A copy of the 2014-15 Best Practices Resolution was provided and will be presented for action in February. The district must meet 7 of 9 requirements to receive \$50 per student.

Board Mini-Retreat

The board mini-retreat tentatively scheduled for February 12 was rescheduled for February 26 at 3:00 p.m.

High School Math/Special Education Vacancy

Interviews were held with two applicants, each certified in Mathematics, but not Special Education. Conversation with the state will allow the district to request temporary certification.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RECESS

The board took a recess from 6:45 – 6:50 p.m. Member Frank Claeys left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. for another commitment.

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:01 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on the status of the Lewiston Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Mathewson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 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
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Frederick G. Holt at 5:35 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Wendy Huston, **Ursula Owens**, Nancy Kussrow (member-elect), Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt

OATH OF OFFICE

A ceremonial Oath of Office was issued to Nancy Kussrow, Wendy Huston, and Michael Vogt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Holt opened nominations for the 2015 Board of Education Officers.

President

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to nominate Michael Vogt as President, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Vice President

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to nominate Ursula Owens as Vice President, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Secretary

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Vogt to nominate Wendy Huston as Secretary, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Treasurer

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to nominate Scott Mathewson as Treasurer, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

TIMES AND PLACES

2015 meetings are to be alternated between Lewiston (L) and Johannesburg (J) and begin at the new time of 6:00 p.m.

January 12 (J)	July 13 (J)
February 9 (L)	August 10 (L)
March 9 (J)	September 14 (J)
April 13 (L)	October 12 (L)
May 11 (J)	November 9 (J)
June 8 (L)	December 14 (L)

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to approve the Board meeting times and places for 2015 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

FIFTH THIRD -ACCOUNT NAME

Saving-Debt Retirement 95(04)*

Saving-Debt Retirement 2012

Checking-General Fund

Checking-Payroll Fund

Checking-Petty Cash, Supt.

Money Market

SIGNATURES

Sup't or Treasurer

Sup't or Treasurer

Sup't & 1 Board Member

Sup't or Treasurer

Superintendent

Sup't, Treasurer

FIRST MERIT -ACCOUNT NAME

Checking-HS Internal Acct

Checking-Lew K-8 Sch Internal Acct

Checking-Joburg K-8 Sch Internal Acct

Checking-Hot Lunch Fund

SIGNATURES

Sup't or HS Principal

Sup't or Lew Principal

Sup't or Joburg Principal

Sup't or Treasurer

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the District financial accounts and necessary signatures as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DEPOSITORY –FIFTH THIRD and FIRST MERIT BANKS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve the 2015 depositories of First Merit and Fifth Third Bank – Gaylord.

Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL COUNSEL – THRUN LAW FIRM

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to approve Thrun Law Firm as the District’s 2015 legal counsel.

Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS – GAYLORD HERALD TIME/MONTMORENCY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the Gaylord Herald Times and Montmorency County Tribune as the District’s 2015 legal publications.

Ayes: All Motion carried

RECORDING SECRETARY

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to appoint Carol Havrilla and/or the Superintendent’s Designee as the Board’s recording secretary for 2015.

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMMITTEES

Athletic

Ursula Owens
Scott Mathewson
Frank Claeys

Technology

Ursula Owens
Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

Finance

Scott Mathewson
Michael Vogt
Linc Campbell

Trans/Building/Grounds

Linc Campbell
Wendy Huston
Ursula Owens

Handbooks

Nancy Kussrow
Linc Campbell

School Improvement

Michael Vogt
Nancy Kussrow
Frank Claeys

Legislative Relations

Frank Claeys
Wendy Huston

Alternate

Michael Vogt

Policy & Personnel

Wendy Huston
Nancy Kussrow
Linc Campbell

MSU Extension Liaison

Ursula Owens

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve the board committee list as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMPENSATION

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys that Board compensation shall to be \$45 per regular and special meeting, plus mileage as necessary. Payment will be made for any committee meeting not held in conjunction with another meeting

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 15, 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 Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, Johannesburg-Lewiston Elementary/Middle School Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Elementary Principal Cyndie Kievit, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

Staff: High School Teacher and JLEA President Mark Peppin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEM

High School Math/Special Education Teacher Recommendation

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to approve Dakota Proctor for the High School Math/Special Education vacancy as recommended by Principal Curt Chrencik.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEM

Drug Prevention

Dialog was held on drug prevention, discipline procedures, and district-provided education related to substance abuse. An overview was provided of training efforts of local law enforcement and School Success Worker Sandy Bandt to identify drug use. Training for staff members, length of suspensions, educational opportunities, extra-curricular restrictions, and communication to staff were all discussed at length.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Scott Mathewson to adjourn the special meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 29, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:03 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, Johannesburg-Lewiston Elementary/Middle School Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Elementary Principal Cyndie Kievit, High School Principal Curt Chrencik (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAUDER-BARCH PRESENTATION: BONDS VS SINKING FUNDS

Paul Stauder of Stauder-Barch & Associates Inc. (Public Financial Consultants) was unable to attend due to poor travel conditions. Superintendent Holt presented an overview of financing projects through bonds or sinking funds. He reviewed current millage information, timelines for elections, permissible expenditures for bonds and sinking funds, "wish list" of facility needs, bonding scenarios, historical taxable values, and a projection of estimated revenue from a sinking fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the workshop meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary