

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski at 5:36 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Xenakis-Makowski opened nominations for the 2016 Board of Education Officers.

President

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

TIMES AND PLACES

2016 meetings are to be alternated between Lewiston (L) and Johannesburg (J) and begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the board meeting times and places for 2016 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

FIFTH THIRD -ACCOUNT NAME

Checking-Debt Retirement 95(04)
Checking-Debt Retirement 2012
Checking-General Fund
Checking-Payroll Fund
Checking-Petty Cash, Supt.
Money Market-General Fund
Money Market-Debt 04
Money Market-Debt 12

SIGNATURES

Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't & 1 Board Member
Sup't or Treasurer
Superintendent
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer

FIRST MERIT -ACCOUNT NAME

Checking-Hot Lunch Fund
Checking-HS Internal Acct

SIGNATURES

Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or HS Principal

Checking-Lew K-6 Sch Internal Acct
Checking-Joburg K-8 Sch Internal Acct

Sup't or Lew Principal
Sup't or Joburg Principal

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the district financial accounts and signatures as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DEPOSITORY – FIFTH THIRD and FIRST MERIT BANKS

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the 2016 depositories of Fifth Third Bank and First Merit Bank – Gaylord.

Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL COUNSEL – THRUN LAW FIRM

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve Thrun Law Firm as the district's 2016 legal counsel.

Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS – GAYLORD HERALD TIMES/MONTMORENCY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Claeys to approve the Gaylord Herald Times and Montmorency County Tribune as the district's 2016 legal publications.

Ayes: All Motion carried

RECORDING SECRETARY

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to appoint Merisa Campbell and/or the superintendent's designee as the board's recording secretary for 2016.

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMMITTEES

Athletic

Ursula Owens
Scott Mathewson
Frank Claeys

Technology

Ursula Owens
Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

Finance

Scott Mathewson
Linc Campbell
Michael Vogt

Trans/Building/Grounds

Linc Campbell
Wendy Huston
Ursula Owens

Handbooks

Linc Campbell
Nancy Kussrow

School Improvement

Wendy Huston
Nancy Kussrow
Frank Claeys

Legislative Relations

Frank Claeys
Wendy Huston

School Security

Ursula Owens
Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

Policy & Personnel

Wendy Huston
Nancy Kussrow
Linc Campbell

School Security

Ursula Owens
Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

Alternate

Michael Vogt

MSU Extension Liaison

Ursula Owens

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMPENSATION

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Campbell that board compensation shall be increased to \$50 per regular and special meeting, plus mileage. Payment will be made for any committee meeting not held in conjunction with another meeting.

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

Nays: Campbell Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 11, 2016**

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 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 December 14 and special meeting of December 17, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$431,527.89.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski presented a thank you from Karmanos Cancer Institute for the memorial donation made on behalf of Jackie Smokevitch's grandmother, Gertrude Krug. A Certificate of Excellence was received from the Michigan State Police for School Bus Safety.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

The year to date revenues and expenditures were provided as of January 6, 2016. An amended budget will be presented in February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on December 18, 2015 to begin working on the February budget amendment. Net changes are projected to end the year with a negative fund balance of (306,786).

Principals

Mr. Chrencik reported results from the ACT College Readiness exam taken last spring by the Class of 2016. JLHS scores improved from prior years as well as exceeding the state average in all areas. He spoke of the Class of 2019 participation in a successful fieldtrip to North Central Michigan College and Gaylord M-Tech. The Robotics team attended the 2016 competition kickoff. The High School Student Assistance Team is working to identify struggling kids, expand student incentives and mentorship opportunities. Mr. Chrencik reviewed schedule for exams including the Corn and Cram after-school event to prepare for semester exams.

Mr. Keck provided an update on changes to the 2016 MSTEP testing. He provided an overview of the 2015 MSTEP results. Mr. Keck and staff have looked at areas of concern and are beginning to implement changes such as the Math intervention groups discussed at the December meeting.

Mrs. Kievit reviewed the Lewiston MSTEP results and reiterated Mr. Keck's point of continuing to work on areas of concern. She reported on the in-house professional development related to the best practice of Student Self-Monitoring that will be taking place in the Lewiston Building.

Superintendent

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Mrs. Xenakis-Makowski thanked the board members for their dedication to education. She reported that the Special Education mileage renewal is coming in the spring. The approach for providing information to the public will change as a result of new legislation (S.B. 571) that was signed by Governor Snyder. Superintendent Makowski is working on budget updates for federal programs and athletics. The following committee meetings will be scheduled Athletics, Transportation and Class Trips/Fundraising.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Special Education Bus Driver Recommendation

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve George Klein for the Special Education Driver position as recommended by Transportation Director John Sewell effective January 4, 2016. The route hours will be determined based on the scheduled Special Education transportation needs.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Neola Policy Update Vol. 30, No. 1

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve Neola Policy Update Vol. 30, No. 1 as presented at the regular meeting of December 14, 2015.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrative Guideline #5610

Discussion was held regarding updating Administrative Guideline #5610 to grant administrators the ability to suspend students for the number of days deemed appropriate without automatically requiring a board hearing. The changes will be made and reported to the Board.

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, Mathewson, Owens, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RECESS

The board took a recess from 6:48 – 6:56 p.m.

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 8:14 p.m.

DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Owens to adjourn the regular meeting at 8 :15 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary