

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 4:45 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LONG TERM SUSPENSION/EXPULSION HEARINGS

1. Student 16-17/03

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing at the request of the parent.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 4:46 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 5:01 p.m.

**Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Johannesburg Media Center, on the 9th day of January, 2017, at 4:45 o'clock in the p.m...

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Vogt at 4:45 p.m.

Present: Vogt, Mathewson, Huston, Kussrow, Campbell, Claeyes, Owens

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Claeyes and supported by Owens:

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Section 1311(2) of the Revised School Code, a student whose identity is known to the Board ("Student 16-17/03") be suspended for possessing a dangerous weapon in a weapon-free school zone.
2. School administrators notified the Student's parent/guardian of the specific charge underlying the suspension recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.
3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parent/guardian, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.
4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.
5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on December 19, 2016, the Student possessed a dangerous weapon (knife *with blade over 3"*) in a weapon-free school zone.
2. Clear and convincing evidence establishes that the Student did not possess the object or instrument for use as a weapon or for direct or indirect delivery to another person for use as a weapon;
3. Because the Student did not possess the object or instrument for use as a weapon or for direct or indirect delivery to another person for use as a weapon, the Student is not permanently expelled from the District. However, the Student is suspended for 180 school days/until December 11, 2017.
4. During the time of the suspension, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.
5. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

6. Consistent with the Board's actions taken this date, administration shall promptly meet with the Student's parent/guardian to determine those appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.

7. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Claeyes, Owens, Campbell, Mathewson, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow
Nays: None

Motion Passed

Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on December 20, 2016, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the special meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski at 5:34 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 2017 Board of Education Officers.

President

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

TIMES AND PLACES

2017 meetings are to be alternated between Lewiston (L) and Johannesburg (J) and begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to approve the board meeting times and places for 2017 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

FIFTH THIRD -ACCOUNT NAME

Checking-Debt Retirement 95* (refinanced in 2004)
Checking-Debt Retirement 2012
Checking-General Fund
Checking-Petty Cash, Supt.
Checking-Hot Lunch
Checking-Trust & Agency (Internal)
Checking-Sinking Fund
Money Market-GF
Money Market-Debt 04
Money Market-Debt 12
Money Market-Sinking Fund

SIGNATURES

Sup't, Finance Director or Treasurer
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Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston 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 Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the 2017 depositories of Fifth Third Bank.

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 2017 legal counsel.

Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS – GAYLORD HERALD TIMES/MONTMORENCY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to approve the Gaylord Herald Times and Montmorency County Tribune as the district's 2017 legal publications.

Ayes: All Motion carried

RECORDING SECRETARY

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to appoint Merisa Campbell and/or the Superintendent's designee as the board's recording secretary for 2017.

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

Abstain: Campbell 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 Campbell to approve the board committee list as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMPENSATION

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow that board compensation shall remain \$50 per regular and special meeting, plus mileage. 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 Kussrow to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:42 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
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 9, 2017**

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Kay Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston Principal Cyndie Kievit, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren

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 12 and special meeting of December 20, 2017 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 \$323,383.48

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared letters of thanks from the memorial contributions sent on behalf of Tracy Renkiewicz's grandmother, Michelle Clark's mother and Carol Havrilla's mother.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Ann Greif presented the board with an update on the 2016-2017 Robotic season. She also informed the board of the projects that were completed in Chemistry class by the juniors.

BUDGET UPDATE

Year to date revenue and expenses for general fund and sinking fund were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Budget amendment is moving forward as Bill Melching, Finance Director, continues to meet with administrators and department heads to present an accurate update. The Business Office is working on changes to our internal purchasing process in order to move toward purchasing cards. The office is in transition following the retirement of Carol Havrilla. We will continue to evaluate the staffing needs and delegation of duties to develop a plan. A contract to provide Business Office services to Vanderbilt through June 30, 2017 is in the process of being created for approval. Beginning January 1, 2017 we will no longer collect FICA on the 3% Health Care deduction.

Technology

Mark Corbiser, Technology Consultant, Michael Probert, Frontier Communications and the committee met to discuss the options provided by the fiber located across from the Lewiston School. Costs to run the fiber 600 feet to the Lewiston building as well as a phone system upgrade will continue to be investigated.

Principals

Mrs. Kievit reported that Dibels mid-year assessments are underway. The Family School Partnership Title I Data Night will be scheduled to review data, encourage continued involvement and celebrate successes. Lewiston 5th grade will be participating in Snowshoe at the Dunes. This free program is being provided at Sleeping Bear Dunes this February. The Consolidated Application for Title funding was substantially completed with Mr. Melching today.

Mrs. Odren reported that Alert Solutions is up and running. The system is working well and office staff will continue to update contact information as it is received. Mr. Luke Brown is a new student teacher from Central Michigan University. He will be completing his sixteen week student teaching with Angie Maves, First Grade, and Mr. DeHoog, Middle School Science. Fourth grade will begin NAEP assessments in February. The Johannesburg 4th

grade was selected to participate in this additional assessment. Johannesburg 4th and 5th grade will also be participating in the Snowshoe at the Dunes program. K-3 Standards based report cards are being well received by staff and parents. Work will begin to implement the same concept for 4th and 5th grades.

Mr. Chrencik reported that the High School students and staff are preparing for the end of first semester. An assembly was held to discuss expectations leading up to exams. CTE funding has changes so Mr. Chrencik and Mrs. Payne will be meeting with our regional coordinator to maximize funding for the program. Khan academy is being used to supplement struggling learners in their areas of need. Mr. Chrencik and Mr. Proctor will be attending a Character Education and Leadership in Sports program in Alpena. Mr. Peppin has a new student teacher in his classroom as well. Mr. Havela, long term sub for HS PE, will be working for a full day the remainder of the year. He will be assisting struggling students in both the high school and middle school.

Superintendent Makowski

Superintendent Makowski reported that she attended a Legislative meeting and was able to voice concerns related to education with our State Representatives. The Business Office will continue to reassign duties and evaluate options for positions with the retirement of Carol Havrilla. The current sinking fund projects, repairs to the robotics room and shop were all completed. However, an additional leak was found today. Mrs. Makowski will be attending a financial strategies conference next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Makowski took this time to thank the Board of Education for their service to Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools. A student from the yearbook also took a new BOE photo.

ACTION ITEMS

NEOLA Policy Update Vol. 31, No. 1

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the Vol 31, No. 1 policy updates 0100, 0100S, 1619, 2628, 3142, 3149, 3420, 4119, 4420, 5830, 6424, 6605, 7540S, 7540, 8321 and 9700.

Ayes: All Motion carried

After School Academic Support Teacher: Payne

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Katy Makowski, to hire Mary Payne for the position of After School Academic Support Teacher at a rate of \$25/hour. The position is temporary and contingent upon grant funding.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Negotiations: JLESPA

Mrs. Makowski informed the board that they would need to begin meeting in closed session to discuss negotiations of the JLESPA contract.

Vanderbilt Contract

Mr. Melching and Mrs. Makowski will be presenting a contract to Vanderbilt for Business Office services. The contract will be for January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$15,000.00. The contract will include language that allows either district to opt out of continued services with advanced notice.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary