

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 13, 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** Mike Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Nancy Kussrow, Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston

**Absent:** None

**Administration:** Superintendent Rick Holt

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Wendy Huston noted the location of the June 8, 2015 meeting as Lewiston. President Vogt approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8 as corrected and special meetings of June 11 and 29, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS- All Funds**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$627,520.58

Ayes: All Motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Holt shared thank you notes from the family of Lee Williams (Brandy McVannel's grandfather) and Beverley Allen (Autumn Allen's mother in law) for the memorial donations.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

Superintendent Holt and President Vogt presented John Bush, retired PE teacher and football coach, with a clock in honor of his years of service to Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance**

The committee meet on June 15, 2015 to discuss the contract for the incoming Superintendent and a one year extension of the principals' contracts.

**Superintendent**

Superintendent Holt provided each board member with a legislative update from MASA. He expressed regrets from Katy Makowski for declining an invitation to attend the meeting due to her last board meeting in Rogers City. Mr. Holt informed the board of staff assignment changes. A recommendation to hire Special Education teacher Michelle Besson has been added as an action item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Sinking Fund Election**

Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Otsego, Montmorency and Oscoda Counties, Michigan (the "District")

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Campbell and supported by Huston:

WHEREAS:

1. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit "A".
3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:
  - a. Utilize Gaylord Herald Times & Montmorency Tribune, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.
  - b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in the form as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
  - c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.
4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

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Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT "A" MILLAGE

PROPOSAL  
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Otsego, Montmorency and Oscoda Counties; Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.30 mills (\$2.30 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to provide for a sinking fund for remodeling, constructing or repairing school buildings and facilities, and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$937,000?

EXHIBIT "B"

SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:

JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL  
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY  
2.30 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, 10854 M-32 East, Johannesburg, Michigan 49751, telephone: (989) 732-1773.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**NEOLA Policy Updates**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to approve the following policies: Policy 1240 Evaluation of Superintendent, Policy 1420 Administrator Evaluation, Policy 3220 Staff Evaluation, Policy 3120 Employment of Professional Staff, Policy 4120 Employment of Support Staff, Policy 3139 Staff Discipline, Policy 5320 Immunization, Policy 5350 Student Suicide, Policy 5517.01 Bullying, Policy 8400 School Safety, Policy 2260.01 Section 504/ADA, Policy 5112 Entrance Age, Policy 5114 Foreign and Foreign Exchange Students, Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements, Policy 8390 Animals on School Property, Policy 3132 Vacancy, Thrun Policy on Continuing Disclosure.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Bus Purchase Recommendation**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept the recommendation of Transportation Supervisor, John Sewell, to purchase a Special Education bus from Zaremba's at a cost of \$87,499.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Administrative Contracts: C. Chrencik, D. Keck, C. Kievit**

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Huston to approve a one-year contract extension for Curtis Chrencik, High School Principal, with a correction to indicate the start date of July 1, 2015.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to approve a one-year contract extension for Dennis Keck, Johannesburg K-8 Principal, as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve a one-year contract extension for Cyndie Kievit, Lewiston Principal, as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Superintendent’s Contract: K.A. Xenakis-Makowski**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve a three-year contract for Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, Superintendent, with an annual salary of \$93,000 for the period of August 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018 (\$85,250 prorated for 2015-16). Increases to be determined on a formula based method.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Special Education Teacher Recommendation: M. Besson**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to approve the recommendation of Dennis Keck, Special Education Director/Johannesburg Principal, to hire Michelle Besson as Special Education Teacher.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**RECESS**

The board took a recess from 6:15 p.m. to 6:23

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS**

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:24 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 6:46 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

President Vogt presented Superintendent Holt with a clock in honor of his dedication and service to Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Claeys to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 5:00 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** Mike Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Wendy Huston, Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys

**Absent:** Ursula Owens, Nancy Kussrow

**Administration:** Superintendent Rick Holt

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Johannesburg-Lewiston Education Support Professional Association Contract**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the JLESPA contract for the period of July 2015 – June 2017 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to adjourn the special meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary