

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 14, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:01 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: **None**

Administration: Superintendent Kay Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren, 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 April 9, 2018 and the special meeting of May 8, 2018 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$427,398.15.

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared a thank you note from Cyndie Kievit for staff appreciation gifts.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Kristine Speerstra, Class of 2019 Sponsor discussed Prom 2018 and possible plans for next year's Senior Trip.

BUDGET UPDATE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities

Anne Sullivan, President of Oiler's Football Organization was present to request the use of the high school practice and main football fields for youth football. She also requested bussing of teams for their games. Mr. Sewell said this would not work due to lack of drivers and busses. Updates were given on 2018 projects, RFPs will be posted for the sign and LED projects. Summer construction is set to begin June 13th. A conversation was had about issues with the door software, Tony Esson is working to get these issues resolved in a timely manner.

Finance

Superintendent Makowski update the committee on the Finance Director position. There was only one application received from the first posting. The job has been reposted, in the meantime Central Office has absorbed prior Finance Director duties. Mrs. Makowski also discussed preliminary numbers in regards to budget.

Security

Superintendent Makowski presented the information from the State on 31a funds and how they can be used to support security this year. Mark Corbiser presented options for a new security system. He also presented new phone systems and VOIP options through the consortium.

District School Improvement:

DSIC met just prior to tonight's meeting, Mrs. Makowski shared that there was discussion about improving the K-8 parking lot congestion. There was also discussion about bringing some trades classes back to the high school.

Principals

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Kievit reported Kindergarten round up was held on April 27th in both building and had forty-one incoming students. Transition night was held for current 5th graders as well. Testing is underway in both buildings. All principals commended Kathy Nieman on being voted band director of the year by MSBOA, Division 2.

Mr. Chrencik reported that end of the year activities are scheduled over the next several weeks. Graduation activities, including Senior Walk, Senior Luncheon, Baccalaureate and underclassman awards have all been scheduled. Relay for Life will be May 17th & 18th. Mr. Chrencik stated that individual SAT reports are out and will be released to schools in June. Teacher evaluations are happening across the district.

Superintendent Makowski

Superintendent Makowski congratulated Mrs. Nieman on being voted Band Director of the Year by MSBOA, District 2. Staff appreciation week was a big success in both buildings. State requirements for getting bids on health insurance has been completed. RFPs for several projects are in the works. Mrs. Makowski also stated that a successful meeting took place bringing multiple law enforcement agencies together to review current safety plans and options to improve the safety needs of the district.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

COP Budget Resolution

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the COP ESD Budget Resolution as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Resignations/Retirements

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Johannesburg High School Teacher, Rebecca Olson. Her resignation is effective August 15, 2018 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Evaluation: A special meeting for Superintendent Makowski's evaluation has been scheduled for June 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Lewiston. Board members are encouraged to review the documentation provided and contact President Vogt in advance of the meeting with any questions or concerns.

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 6:29 p.m.

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, Claeys, Mathewson, Owens, Vogt, Huston, Kussrow

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:34 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 5:30 p.m. in the Johannesburg High School Conference Room.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Nancy Kussrow

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 17-18/01

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to go into closed executive session for a purpose protected by FERPA.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 5:31 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 5:43 p.m.

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

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Johannesburg High School Conference Room, on the 8th day of May, 2018 at 5:30 in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Vogt at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Owens, Campbell, Claeys, Vogt, Mathewson, Huston

Absent: Kussrow

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Claeys and supported by Huston

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board ("Student 17-18/01") be expelled for bringing prescription muscle relaxers to school that she bought off a boy in Gaylord and handing them out to other students.
2. School administrators notified the Student's parents of the specific charge underlying the discipline recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.
3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parents, 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 May 1, 2018, the Student bringing prescription muscle relaxers to school that she bought off a boy in Gaylord and handing them out to other students in violation of Section Controlled Substances of the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Based on careful consideration of all the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:
 - The student's age;
 - The student's disciplinary history;
 - Whether the student has a disability;
 - The seriousness of the behavior;
 - Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
 - Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
 - Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.
3. The Student is expelled for 180 school days/until May 2, 2019.
4. During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

5. The student may petition the Board for reinstatement at the start of the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year no sooner than January 7, 2019. Before reinstatement, the Student must:

- demonstrate successful participation in an appropriate counseling program approved by the Superintendent;
- submit to the Superintendent competent and credible evidence from an appropriately licensed and credentialed professional that the Student does not pose a risk of harm to the Student or to others;
- establish that the Student has not engaged in conduct during the period of expulsion that may be viewed by the Superintendent as detrimental to the Student's continued education at the District;
- complete to the satisfaction of the Superintendent all recommendations contained in any psychological or counseling report;
- demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Superintendent that the Student received educational instruction and cooperatively participated in an educational program during the period of expulsion;

6. 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.

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: Claes, Huston, Campbell, Owens, Vogt, Mathewson
Nays: None
Absent: Kussrow
Motion Passed

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 May 8, 2018, 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 Campbell to adjourn the special meeting at 5:46 p.m.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary