

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present Scott Mathewson, Frank Claeys, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Linc Campbell (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Absent: Michael Vogt

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, Johannesburg K-8 Principal Dennis Keck, Lewiston Principal Cynthia Kievit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAUDER-BARCH PRESENTATION: SINKING FUNDS VS BONDS

Paul Stauder of Starder- Barch & Associates provided information on qualified vs non-qualified bonds, sinking funds, allowable expenses, state equalized values, and projected revenues from millage levies.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Mathewson to adjourn the workshop at 6:40 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 9, 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 Frank Claeys, Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Linc Campbell (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Absent: None

Administration: 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 February 9 and special meetings of February 24 and March 2, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$ 530,945.41

Ayes: All Motion carried

AGENDA CHANGE

The executive session for negotiations was removed from the agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from the family of Sophia Kwapis Maschke for the expression of sympathy.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Class of 2015 Sponsors Autumn Allen and Jackie Purkiss presented the itinerary for the trip to California from April 1 – 11, 2015.

BUDGET UPDATE

The current revenues and expenditures were reviewed. Non-budgeted revenues in the amount of \$22,551 were received from COP ESD for a one-time transportation reimbursement and timber sales in the amount of \$4,800 were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District School Improvement

Mr. Chrencik provided an overview of the items discussed including spring assessments, school improvement plans, and state reporting.

Athletic Committee

Member Frank Claeys stated the discussion revolved around the Ski Valley Conference Football Realignment which would change effective in the Fall 2016.

Technology Committee

Member Mike Vogt reviewed key points discussed including an email change. The committee is looking into updating the servers and software.

Principals

Mr. Keck stated that spring assessments begin immediately following spring break. Approximately 160 students will be testing during the window. Mr. Keck was in Lansing for an update on the new tests and how the results will be accountable toward school "grades" since the assessments are only for a one year period. Both Odyssey of the Mind teams will compete in state finals. Grandparents Day was a huge success and a great kick off for March is Reading Month. Mr. Keck recognized Cindy Huff for her planning and efforts in the Chili Dinner Fundraiser attended by 650 people. It was a great example of this community and its support.

Mr. Chrencik reported that the state archery and robotics competitions are this coming weekend. The state has changed the 2-year foreign language requirement. ACT testing was held last week and he was very proud of the efforts of the Junior Class during this process. Mr. Chrencik and Mrs. Nowak attended a workshop for the Early/Middle College program. The program would begin with the current Freshman Class and begin second semester of the 2015-16 school year if the application is approved.

Mrs. Kievit reported on math curriculum alignment. Professional development activities are planned. The M-STEP assessment preparation is massive. Title I Celebration Night is planned as a thank you for the extra work parents have committed to. The Acting Up Theatre group came in and worked with students in one week to write, plan, and perform a play as a kick off for March is Reading Month.

Superintendent

Mr. Chrencik reported for Mr. Holt. 10th Graders will take the PSAT test. The COP is considering a shared CTE program within schools in the COP. Thunder Bay Clinic is willing to provide counseling services to families and students as needed. A Finance Committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teacher Mark Peppin asked about follow-up on the Critical Management Training that was presented in early February.

ACTION ITEMS

Social Host Awareness Month Proclamation

APRIL 2015 IS SOCIAL HOST AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

WHEREAS, Alcohol is the drug of choice among America's adolescents and is used by more young people than tobacco or illicit drugs. More than one fifth of youth begin drinking before age 13 and

WHEREAS, underage drinking contributed to a wide range of costly health and social problems, including motor vehicle crashes (the greatest single mortality risk for underage drinkers); suicide; interpersonal violence (e.g. homicides, assaults, rapes); unintentional injuries such as burns, falls, and drowning; brain impairment; alcohol dependence; risky sexual activity; academic problems; and alcohol and drug poisoning; and

WHEREAS, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of approximately 4,700 young people in the United States per year, shortening their lives by an average of 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that young people's brains keep developing well into their 20s. Alcohol can alter this development, potentially affecting both brain structure and function. This may cause cognitive or learning problems and/or make the brain more prone to alcohol dependence. This is especially a risk when people start drinking young and drink heavily; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2014 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth report, of 14 counties of northern Michigan who participated, an average of 23.8% of 9th graders and 49.6% of 11th graders have been drunk in their lifetime. Of these reporting students, who drank recently, 58.9% reported that they usually drank alcohol at another person's home during the past 30 days.

WHEREAS, one-hundred percent of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from an adult. At one time, an adult over the age of 21 was in control of the alcohol and a minor gained access to it, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents, and adults have the authority and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Board of Education, Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, of the county of Otsego, do hereby proclaim that April 2015 is Social Host Awareness Month. We also call upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the April 2015 Social Host Awareness Month Proclamation as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Superintendent Contract Renewal

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve a two-year contract for Superintendent Rick Holt with the proposed 2015-16 salary at \$98,000 with any increase to be determined. The option to cash in days was combined from two different options to one in the same.

Ayes: All Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Money Market Account

A meeting was held with Fifth Third Bank to change the debt accounts from business checking accounts to money market accounts in order to earn interest on the money. This item will be presented for board action in April.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Scott Mathewson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:42 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
SPECIAL WORKSHOP - BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 25, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The special workshop meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 3:12 p.m. in the Signature Board Room-Treetops Lodge located at 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord MI.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston Principal Cynthia Kievit Johannesburg K-8 Principal Dennis Keck (arrived at 3:37 p.m.)

Guest: James J. Hilgendorf, Retired JLAS Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD/ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

Administrators and the Board discussed the proposed 2015-16 state funding and the concept of bonds vs. sinking funds. Mr. Hilgendorf spoke on the past history of bond issues in JLAS.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the workshop at 5:52 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary