

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 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 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 10, 2017 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$378,217.80

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared a thank you letter from Tracy Renkiewicz. Mrs. Renkiewicz thanked the board for their support of the 6th grade camp and allowing her to serve as camp advisor for many years. Mrs. Renkiewicz will be stepping down from her role as camp advisor after 26 years. Mrs. Makowski also shared thank you notes from Cindy Bagnasco and Cyndie Kievit for staff appreciation gifts.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Kate Martell, School Success Worker and Stacy Brown, Speech Language Pathologist presented an update on Project Unify.

BUDGET UPDATE

Year to date revenue and expenses for general fund and sinking fund were presented. Bill Melching is continuing to meet with Administration and department heads to develop the 2017-2018 budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District School Improvement Committee: The minutes from last month's meeting were included in your packet. Superintendent Makowski reported on the committee meeting at the regular meeting in April.

Athletics: The committee met in the JLHS Gym to review plans for the refinishing and design of the high school gym.

Policy/Personnel: The committee met to review postings for the teaching vacancies for the 2017-2018 school year. The committee also reviewed the NEOLA Spring Updates and the policies will be discussed later in the agenda.

Principals

Mrs. Odren reported her staff is very positive about having a new K-8 Interventionist position being added. Kindergarten round up had nineteen incoming students registered. Each student was provided a gift consisting of a backpack, t-shirt, book and JL magnet. Mrs. Odren reported on a Leadership Series-The Diploma minded Principal conference she attended. The conference was excellent and she will be attending the next phase in August. Mrs. Odren is working with Jackie Fry to provide writing PD in the Johannesburg building.

Mrs. Kievit reported that end of year testing (MStep, Dibels, Rigby, and Illuminate) is fully occupying the students and staff. Everyone is very involved and handling the pressure like "champions". Kindergarten round up was very successful in Lewiston as well. The gift bags were presented to the incoming class also. The Lewiston School Improvement Plan is being finalized and a large part of the remainder of the school year will be spent on federal program reporting and budgeting.

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 19th in both buildings. The Golf team hosted and won their first annual Cardinal Invitational. The team also received a thank you for the community service they completed at the Caring Closet. The planning has started for the 2017-2018 mentoring program. Joe Hofer and Madison May received the Michigan Service Award for achieving 400 serve hours in volunteerism.

Superintendent Makowski

Superintendent Makowski reported that a day and half will be added to the school calendar as a result of snow days. The roof warranties have been received and are on file in Central Office. Mrs. Makowski applied for and received Early Literacy Testing and Improvement grants. The grants will facilitate the summer school programs in both buildings. The summer construction plans are moving forward including for the tower in Lewiston as well as the next phase in each building. Staff appreciation week was a big success in both buildings. Everyone was appreciative of the events provided by staff, the BOE, and both PTO groups. Negotiations with the support staff and their MEA representative are scheduled for next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

COP Budget Resolution (see enclosed resolution)

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

COP Election Resolution (see enclosed resolution)

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to appoint Ursula Owens as the designated representative and Mike Vogt as the alternate representative of the District for the electoral body of the ESD biennial election.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Resignations/Retirements

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Claeys to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Lewiston Special Education aide Samantha Johnson-Klein. Her resignation is effective May 18, 2017 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to accept the retirement resignation, with regrets, of Cindy Connelly, Lewiston Aide. Her resignation is effective June 14, 2017 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to accept the retirement resignation, with regrets, of Bus Driver Nancy Haskill. Her retirement will be effective June 30, 2017 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to accept the retirement resignation of JLHS teacher Mary Payne. Her retirement will be effective June 30, 2017 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Lewiston Secretary Recommendation: Carroll

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to accept the recommendation of Cyndie Kievit, Lewiston Principal to hire Terri Carroll for the Lewiston Secretary position for the 2017-2018 school year.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Evaluation: A special meeting for Superintendent Makowski's evaluation has been scheduled for June 26, 2017 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.

NEOLA Policy Vol. 31 No. 2: The recommended policies are included in your packet. The following policies will be an action item at the June board meeting:

0168.1, 2221, 2461, 2623, 3120.04, 3121, 4121, 5330.02, 5517.01, 5610, 5610.01, 7540.02, 8330, 8400, 8500, 8510, 5111.01, 5111.03, 8340, 8300, 8305

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 6:42 p.m.

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

The Board went into closed session at 6:46 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary