

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 14, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 6:02 p.m. in the Johannesburg Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present Mike Vogt, Ursula Owens, Scott Mathewson, Nancy Kussrow, Wendy Huston

Absent: Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, 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 October 10, 2016, special meeting and workshop of October 12, 2016 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Huston to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$1,852,198.43

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Makowski shared a thank you letter/card from the American Heart Association and Laura Duval for the donation in memory of Diane Tenbusch's brother-in-law Ronald Keys.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Mr. Chrencik provided the board with a presentation on the new teacher evaluation tool, Thoughtful Classroom.

BUDGET UPDATE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Superintendent Makowski reported on the Finance Committee meeting of November 2, 2016. The committee discussed substitute rates for JLESPA positions. No change to the rates will occur at this time. Business services for JLAS and Vanderbilt were also discussed. The committee is recommending hiring retiree Bill Melching as Finance Director for JLAS. The committee is also recommending a contract with Vanderbilt Area Schools through December 31, 2016 to provide them with business services.

Policy/Personnel

Personnel met to discuss changes to teaching schedules and a resulting long term substitute recommendation. Mr. Proctor will have an additional 2 hours of Special Education to support students in middle school math. A half day long term substitute, Kelton Hervela, will be placed in HS PE for the remainder of the year.

Principals

Mr. Chrencik reported the 2016 Veteran's Day activities were well received. The K-8 student council hosted the veteran's for breakfast followed by the HS student council assembly. A national speaker, Mr. Bob Lenz will be presenting to the MS and the HS students later this month. The speaker is being funded in conjunction with Gaylord Community Schools and a community sponsor. High school math teachers are finding students struggling with Algebra I. In order to improve instruction pre-algebra differentiated instruction using Khan Academy is being introduced in the classroom. Mr. Chrencik and Mr. Kennedy are attending Next Gen Science professional development for new standards implantation.

Mrs. Odren reported on a successful celebration of Halloween including a PTO family dance. The Gaylord Council of Arts funded a musical assembly for the Johannesburg building.

Parent teacher conferences were well attended with 96% of K-5 parents and 57% of MS parents attending.

Mrs. Kievit's report was included in the board packet.

Superintendent Makowski

Staff professional development was held October 19, 2016. Staff continued training on Thoughtful Classroom for evaluations. Presenters from community health services and the Michigan State police presented current issues with drugs, trends to be aware of, and what to watch for were shared with staff. Anthony Esson, Architect continues to meet with the HS office to plan the office remodel for the next phase of the sinking fund. Mrs. Makowski and Mrs. Odren are working with TBAISD regarding the needs of a new, emotionally impaired, student. Business office services with Vanderbilt are just beginning. We will assess their needs and plan appropriate support. A policy committee meeting will be scheduled to review the latest update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Finance Director Contract Recommendation: B. Melching

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve the contract with William Melching, Finance Director in the amount of \$39,000 per calendar year (prorated for the remainder of 2016).

Ayes: All Motion carried

Snow Plow Bid Recommendation: LakePointe Construction

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to accept the recommendation of Maintenance Supervisor John Sewell, to award the 2016-2017 Snow Plow Bid to LakePointe Construction at an hourly rate of \$40/hr. per truck and \$75/hr. per loader.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Volunteer Programming

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Kussrow to recognize JL Golf as a volunteer MHSAA sport for the purpose of competing in MHSAA sponsored events and to approve volunteer JL Sideline Cheer for the 2016-2017 school year. Volunteer programming will require annual approval and will be discussed on a case by case basis.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary