

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 10, 2014**

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 Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Chris Paffi, Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston Principal Cynthia Kievit, Johannesburg Principal Dennis Keck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Vogt approved the minutes of the October 13 regular meeting and special meetings of October 15 and 23, 2014 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$931,903.73

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The internal account reports were provided.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Gaylord Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 27, 2014 at St. Mary Cathedral Hall. Media Center Clerk Christa Townsend sent a thank you note for the expression of sympathy on the loss of her father.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

The current revenue and expenditures to date were provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Security

The committee met to review building security plans. The plans have been reviewed by law enforcement in Otsego and Montmorency County.

Finance

The committee met to discuss JLEA negotiations.

Policy

The committee met to review the NEOLA recommended updates. Further detail will be under Discussion Items.

Principals

Mrs. Kievit reported that the staff is volunteering for a book study that connects with the writing professional development. The school is having a reward celebration for successes throughout the school year. A current theme is “fairness” and students can earn tokens for displaying examples of being fair. The technology committee presented the topics for the professional development on November 3. The staff is exploring strategies for student engagement. A Title I data meeting was held for families with 50% attendance. The quarterly report was provided.

Mr. Chrencik reported that Veteran's Day program is tomorrow. A fund raiser is ongoing with donations to a veteran's charity. The At-Risk aide will service approximately 42 students. A record number of 17 students qualified for Honor's Band in Petoskey. Career Day was a success with 15 different community members presenting. A thank you was extended to Mrs. Nowak and Mr. Keck for their contributions to the success of the program. The Otsego Wildlife Legacy Society donated \$1,000 to the Archery Club. Mrs. Baldwin has started a book club and Spanish students are preparing for Foreign Language Day at Central Michigan University.

Mr. Keck reported on the back pack program which provides food for students over the weekend. Due to the number of volunteers and organization of the program at JL, additional supplies being considered. He commented on the quality of education being offered by the At-Risk aides. Mr. Keck signed up for the K-2 pilot test for the spring assessments on line. The amount of information required prior to application was extensive. Mr. Keck is serving on a state committee for assessments. The quarterly report was provided.

Superintendent

The Veteran's Day program begins with breakfast. A new board member orientation is scheduled for November 13. The electrical contractor has met with Mr. Holt and plans are underway.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

At-Risk Aide Recommendations

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to approve Michelle Clark as an At-Risk Aide with the position contingent on continuation of 31(a) At-Risk Funding.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Paffi and supported by Campbell to approve Robert Ferguson as an At-Risk Aide with the position contingent on continuation of 31(a) At-Risk Funding.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve Ashley Wilkinson as an At-Risk Aide with the position contingent on continuation of 31(a) At-Risk Funding.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve Brandy McVanell as an At-Risk Aide with the position contingent on continuation of 31(a) At-Risk Funding.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to approve Rebecca Wertman as an At-Risk Aide with the position contingent on continuation of 31(a) At-Risk Funding.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Marcor Technologies Contract

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Mathewson to approve an amended contract for technology services
Ayes: All Motion carried

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

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve a contract extension through June 30, 2016 for Lewiston School Principal Cynthia Kievit with a salary of \$77,000 and a one-time fund equity payment of \$2,036.47 for 2014-15. The compensation for 2015-16 is to be determined.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Paffi to approve a contract extension through June 30, 2016 for High School Principal Curtis Chrencik with a salary of \$90,000 and a one-time fund equity payment of \$2,036.47 for 2014-15. The compensation for 2015-16 is to be determined.
Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve a one-time fund equity payment of \$2,036.47 for 2014-15 for Johannesburg K-8 Principal Dennis Keck. The compensation for 2015-16 is to be determined.
Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Updates: 1420/3220 Evaluation; 7540.02 Web Page; 8540 Vending Machines; 9211 Support Organizations; 2370.01 On-Line Learning; 8325 Legal Documents; 8330 Student Records; 9800 High School Diplomas for Veterans

Mr. Holt stated that the committee met to review recommended updates from NEOLA with the majority of the updates related to changes in the law. The policies will be presented for action at the next regular meeting.

RECESS

The Board took a recess at 6:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

The Board went into closed executive session at 6:49 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held on teacher tenure, call-backs, re-hires, and student substance abuse and possession issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Paffi to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael D. Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 12, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Michael Vogt at 4:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office located in Johannesburg, MI.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Vogt, Ursula Owens, Wendy Huston, Chris Paffi, Scott Mathewson, Linc Campbell

Absent: Frank Claeys

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

JLEA BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to approve the JLEA Bargaining Union Agreement 2014-2016 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Mathewson to adjourn the special meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 19, 2014**

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 Lewiston Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, Elementary-Middle School Principal Dennis Keck, Teacher Angela Baldwin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LONG TERM SUSPENSION/EXPULSION HEARINGS

1. Student 14-15/04

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Owens to go into closed executive session for a long term suspension/expulsion hearing regarding Student 14-15/04 at the request of the parent.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 5:36 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 6:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to impose a 180-school day suspension to Student 14-15/04 with an opportunity to petition for a conditional reinstatement at the beginning of second semester in January 2015 as recommended by Principal Chrencik. Student 14-15/04 is to request a meeting with Principal Chrencik in early December to provide an update on the status of her achievements toward seeking reinstatement. Principal Chrencik will determine if an additional meeting before the Board of Education is needed to seek an earlier reinstatement for first semester exams to be taken in school.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

President Vogt adjourned the special meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The special 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 Scott Mathewson, Michael Vogt, Wendy Huston, Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys, Chris Paffi, Ursula Owens

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Rick Holt, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, K-8 Principal Dennis Kick

Others Present: Student 14-15/05, Student 14-15/06, mother of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06, father of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06, aunt of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06, uncle of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06, friend of the parents of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

LONG TERM SUSPENSION/EXPULSION HEARINGS

The meeting was called to order to consider long term suspension/expulsion recommendations for Student 14-15/05 and Student 14-15/06. The hearings were held in a single, open session at the request of the parents. Each student was being recommended for a long term suspension for being under the influence of marijuana at school. Student 14-15/05 was additionally charged for unauthorized possession of a prescription medication at school.

Student 14-15/05

Principal Chrencik provided the Board and the parents with a summary of the incident containing evidence in support of the recommendation for a long-term suspension for Student 14-15/05.

Student 14-15/05 and parents were asked to offer comments and statements regarding the alleged incident of November 6 and the disciplinary recommendation. Student 14-15/05 offered comments acknowledging involvement in the incidents. Discussion among Student 14-15/05, Superintendent Holt, and the parents of Student 14-15/05 followed. Comments in support of Student 14-15/05 were offered by the student's parents.

Student 14-15/06

Principal Chrencik provided the Board and the parents with a summary of the incident containing evidence in support of the recommendation for a long-term suspension for Student 14-15/06.

Student 14-15/06 and parents were asked to offer comments and statements regarding the alleged incident of November 6 and the disciplinary recommendation. Student 14-15/06 offered comments acknowledging involvement in the incident. Discussion among Student 14-15/06, Superintendent Holt, the Board of Education, and the parents of Student 14-15/06 followed. Comments in support of Student 14-15/06 were offered by the student's parents.

The father of Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06 spoke and presented information regarding the inadvisability of suspensions and/or expulsions, offered additional comments in support of both students, and requested immediate reinstatement for Student 14-15/05 and 14-15/06.

1. Student 14-15/05

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to suspend student 14-15/05 for a period of 180 school days. During the period of suspension, JLHS will setup opportunities for the student to continue earning educational credit. The student is not permitted on school property or at school sponsored events during the term of the suspension. An opportunity for reinstatement in January will be permitted under the following conditions:

- 1) The student will contact the principal to arrange a meeting the week of December 8, 2014 to review successful completion of the conditions outlined in the letter sent to the parents dated November 13, 2014.
- 2) Upon the recommendation of the high school principal and superintendent, the student will petition for a reinstatement hearing before the Board of Education.

Ayes: All Motion carried

2. Student 14-15/06

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to suspend student 14-15/06 for a period of 180 school days. During the period of suspension, JLHS will setup opportunities for the student to continue earning educational credit. The student is not permitted on school property or at school sponsored events during the term of the suspension. An opportunity for reinstatement in January will be permitted under the following conditions:

- 1) The student will contact the principal to arrange a meeting the week of December 8, 2014 to review successful completion of the conditions outlined in the letter sent to the parents dated November 13, 2014.
- 2) Upon the recommendation of the high school principal and superintendent, the student will petition for a reinstatement hearing before the Board of Education.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the special meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Michael Vogt, Vice President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary