

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 2015**

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 Lewiston Media Center.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Scott Mathewson

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, 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 regular meeting of September 14 and special meeting of September 28, 2015 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS

Motion was made by Owens and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – General Fund in the amount of \$2,693,469.86.

Ayes: All Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports were provided for each internal account.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

None

BUDGET UPDATE

The year to date figures were provided. The auditors have requested additional information regarding the GASB 68 reporting. The business office will be issuing a Request for Proposal for auditing services for the next 2 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising/Class Trip Committee

The committee goals were to address concerns on the lack of participation in the class trips as well as in fundraising. The group is looking at an All Night Senior Party. The current sponsors (Junior, Sophomore, Freshmen) are in favor of an alternative to the trip. The current senior trip will continue as planned. Fundraising efforts were discussed on crediting students for expenses. Discussion was held on the concessions and how to staff events without a booster club.

Principals

Mr. Keck reported that the Johannesburg Parent-Teacher Organization has been restarted with new members coming on board. Angie Hummel accepted the position of President. School Success Worker Sandy Bandt has taken another position within the program. Kate Martell has accepted the vacancy and is familiar with the district. School Improvement will look at grading scales and policies. Mr. Keck reviewed the overnight field/trip requests presented for action.

Mr. Chrencik's report was reviewed by Superintendent Makowski. The Early College program has experienced some issues with access to college campuses and fees. He attended a training on how to issue the SAT test. The Building Leadership Team is looking at ACT data, assessment models, and Illuminate training.

Mrs. Kievit's report was provided. The fall data review has been completed. The Family School Partnership Committee is planning a Title I Data Night for parents. Overnight trips were listed. Mrs. Kievit received a grant to order books on reading strategies.

Superintendent

An updated information sheet on the sinking fund was provided. The community committee for the campaign is meeting. Committee members have met with staff members and will continue to meet with community groups and staff. An article is expected by the Gaylord Herald Times. A discussion with the Montmorency Tribune will follow. A meeting was held

with the Greenwood Township Assessor on the Garland Tax Tribunal and the financial impact this may have on the district. Count day figures came in as budgeted. The teacher evaluation system is being updated to meet state requirements, however, the requirements continue to change. A meeting was held with the technology team with a focus on professional development and resources. Junior Achievement will be presenting at the high school. Mrs. Makwoski reported that Cheboygan Schools has loaned the district a special education bus while the current bus is in for repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teacher Shari Axford commented on the benefits of holding an All-Night Senior Party as she experienced with her children at the Gaylord Sportsplex.

ACTION ITEMS

Summer Tax Resolution

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the school district and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the "Revised School Code"), hereby invokes for 2016 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests each city and/or township in which this District is located to collect those summer taxes.
2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2016 in the amount as specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2016.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of this District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCLA 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to approve the summer tax resolution as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

K-12 Physical Education Teacher: S. Hunt

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve Samantha Hunt for the position of K-12 PE Teacher contingent upon successful completion of the MTTC Exam and receiving a Michigan teacher certificate.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Overnight Field/Trip Requests

Requests were submitted for 6th Grade-Camp Wolverine (February 22-26, 2016); Jbg 4th-5th Grade-Greenfield Village (May 24-25, 2016); Lewiston 4th Grade-Lansing (June 9-10, 2016); 7th Grade-Mackinac Island (June 8-9, 2016); 8th Grade-Michigan Adventure (June 8-9, 2016); Class of 2016 Senior Trip-Florida (March 31-April 8, 2016).

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the overnight/field trips as presented above.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Michael Vogt, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Carol Havrilla for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary