

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 11, 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, Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson, Wendy Huston, Ursula Owens, Frank Claeys

**Absent:** Linc Campbell

**Administration:** Superintendent Katy 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 August 14, 2017.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS- GENERAL FUND/ATHLETICS**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$688,769.99.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

Superintendent Makowski recognized the upcoming retirement of Mary Vratana, COPESD Superintendent.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Superintendent Makowski provided an update on the Sinking Fund projects, sharing that so far approximately \$500,000 has been spent out of the Sinking Fund. Projects are nearing completion so another large sum will be dispersed in the coming month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Athletic Committee met to discuss a new Facebook page and game admission options. It has been decided that student t-shirts will not be sold for the 2017-2018 seasons.

Mr. Chrencik reported that the new hires have been well received by students and parents alike. He attended a poverty seminar, brought that information back to the staff, providing training and applying it to JL students. He also attended a Poverty Dropout Prevention workshop and is using that information to formalize an intervention process with his building leadership team. Alpena Community College (ACC) is providing a satellite ENG 111 Class as an alternative to attending dual enrollment classes off campus

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Kievit are presenting a combined report going forward. They are working together to align the Lewiston and Johannesburg buildings as much as possible. For example, they are working together to create joint intervention/assessment plans that are the same at both buildings. The Back to School BBQs were well attended at both buildings, especially by new enrollees.

Superintendent Makowski shared that the Sinking Fund projects are nearing completion. A walk through with Tony Esson, Architect and Jerry Brown, Construction Manager will be completed to create a list of required project corrections. Annual back to school Professional Development and Staff Orientation were completed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kristine Speerstra stated that the COPESD Professional Development provided valuable information that she wished could've been shared with the Paraprofessional Staff also.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Leave Request – Autumn Allen**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to accept Autumn Allen's request for leave consisting of 10 unpaid days.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**Johannesburg K-8 Secretary Recommendation**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to accept the recommendation of Nancy Odren, Johannesburg Principal, to hire Kathy Alston as the K-8 Secretary for the Johannesburg building. For the purpose of seniority, her date of hire will be August 31, 2017 (4).

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**Johannesburg Middle School Aide Recommendation**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to accept the recommendation of Nancy Odren, Johannesburg Principal, to hire Sherri Washburn as a Middle School Aide for the Johannesburg building. For the purpose of seniority, her date of hire will be September 8, 2017.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**Lewiston School Aide Recommendation**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of Cyndie Kievit, Lewiston Principal to hire Elaine Thornton as an Elementary School Aide for the Lewiston building. For the purpose of seniority, her date of hire will be August 31, 2017 (3).

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**Bus Driver Hiring Recommendation**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of John Sewell, Transportation Supervisor to hire Denise D’Haene as a part time Bus Driver. For the purpose of seniority, her date of hire will be August 31, 2017 (5).

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**Thumb Hiring Recommendation**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Owens to accept the recommendation of Katy Xenakis-Makowski, Superintendent, to contract with Thumb Educational Services for the position of the Special Education Bus Aide.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Ayes: All          Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary