

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 12, 2016**

**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** Frank Claey's, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Michael Vogt, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Linc Campbell (arrived at 6:09)

**Absent:** None

**Administration:** Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowksi, 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 8 and special meeting of August 31, 2016 as written.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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

Motion was made by Claey's and supported by Huston to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$832,546.42

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Makowski shared the Educational Excellence Award and the Safety Award received from SET SEG. A letter, from MHSAA, commending the athletes, fans and community of Johannesburg-Lewiston for sportsmanship and not receiving any negative officials' reports for the 2015-2016 school year was also shared.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

The committee met to review the JLEA Agreement, discuss the Administrative contracts and to discuss further consolidation of internal accounts.

**Personnel Committee**

The committee met to review options for the vacancy created upon the resignation of Dennis Keck. A K-8 Principal/Special Education Director posting was created and released. The personnel committee participated in second round interviews for two K-8 Principal applicants on Monday, August 29. The committee recommended Nancy Odren who was approved at the Special Meeting of August 31, 2016.

**Facilities Committee**

The committee met with Anthony Esson, Architect to review the bids received for Sinking Fund Project 1.1.2. A recommendation to approve Great Lakes Roofing and Insulation Systems for the partial reroofing project and to reject bids for any electrical work at this time was presented to the Board.

**Principals**

Mr. Chrencik reported that the 2016-2017 school year began for staff with professional development on the "Thoughtful Classroom" evaluation system to be used for teachers. High School staff participated in a modified Freshman Focus with a shorter version of the day. The Gaylord Herald Times covered the event. Professional development continued at the Cheboygan Opera House where staff participated in "Teach Like a PiRATE". Homecoming activities are scheduled for the week of September 26-30 with the dance on October 1, 2016. M-step data is just beginning to become available and needs to be reviewed. Mr. Chrencik is very proud of staff and students for the science and social studies scores as presented. Staff will continue to review assessments and tools to improve scores. High School enrollment numbers are approximately 245 at this time.

Mrs. Kievit reiterated Mr. Chrencik's comments regarding staff professional development. Staff is being trained in "Thoughtful Classroom" to become more comfortable with the evaluation process. Mrs. Kievit is using the "hook" from "Teach Like a PiRATE" to engage the Lewiston students. Students and staff are engaged in discussions about what makes Lewiston great! Benchmarking assessments are beginning in the Lewiston building. MStep results indicate Science as an area of need. Staff will be attending NexGen Science training as an additional resource. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual back to school BBQ was successful with 58% of families in attendance. Mrs. Kievit reported increased K-5 enrollment in Lewiston at 163 students compared to 148 K-5 last year.

Mrs. Odren reported that benchmarking assessments are beginning this week. Data will be used to tailor interventions for students. Enrollment in the K-8 building is 153 in grades K-5 and 161 for grades 6-8.

**Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski reported on staff PD/Orientation. Staff received excellent training from OMH regarding blood borne pathogens and the use of Epipens. Michigan Officeways provided staff training for the use of the new Xerox machines including use with google docs. Lori Pearson, COPESD, lead the discussion to implement change to grading practices. New K-3 standards based report cards will be implemented. ThunderBay has hired a social worker that will be dedicated full time to JL. Jillian Jurkiewicz will be in Lewiston Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Johannesburg Tuesday/Thursday. Mrs. Makowski has been working with transportation to investigate route changes and implement a transfer site to lessen the time students are on the bus in the afternoons.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brittany Griffor thanked the board and expressed her gratitude to Superintendent Makowski for the prompt response to her concerns regarding the changes to transportation for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Griffor expressed concern regarding the process used to notify parents of the changes.

**ACTION ITEMS****Middle School Volleyball Coach Recommendation: S. Vermilya**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to contract with Thumb Educational Services for Middle School Volleyball coach, Sky Vermilya.

Ayes: All Motion carried.

**Principals' Contracts: C. Chrencik, C.Kievit**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the 2016-2018 contract for Curt Chrencik in the amount of \$92,700.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Owens to approve the 2016-2018 contract for Cyndie Kievit, Lewiston Principal, in the amount of \$79,310.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Superintendent's Contract: K. Xenakis-Makowski**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to approve the 2016-2019 contract for Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, Superintendent, in the amount of \$97,650.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Executive Assistant Contract Addendum: C. Havrilla**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the addendum to Mrs. Havrilla's, Executive Assistant, July 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016 contract in the amount of \$253.85

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Finance Assistant Contract Addendum: C. Havrilla**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to approve the addendum to Mrs. Havrilla's, Finance Assistant, September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 contract in the amount of \$25.75/per hour.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Maintenance/Transportation Contract Addendum: J. Sewell**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to approve the contract addendum for John Sewell, Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$51,510.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MASB Delegate Selection**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to nominate Wendy Huston as a delegate and Mike Vogt as an alternate delegate for the 2016 MASB Delegate Assembly.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Third Party Contract: Media/Athletic Clerk**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeys to contract with Thumb Educational Services for Media/Athletic Clerk, Kathy Alston.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Third Party Contract: Concession Coordinator**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to contract with Thumb Educational Services for Concession Coordinator, Kathy Alston.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Michael Vogt, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary