

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
December 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 6:00 pm in the Johannesburg High School Library.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens

**Absent:** Linc Campbell, Mike Vogt

**Administration:** Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Principal Curt Chrencik,  
Johannesburg K-8 Principal Nancy Odren, Lewiston School Principal  
Gina Robertson, Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, President Scott Mathewson approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 and the special meeting of November 13, 2023.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$1,674,924.63.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Makowski shared a letter from the American Legion applauding the student government groups for organizing the Veteran's day assembly. Mrs. Robertson shared that Mio teachers were grateful for their time in the Lewiston building learning about the Bookworm program.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

Mrs. Makowski introduced Jessica Walter-Slocum, RN as the district's representative from the Thunder Bay Community Health Clinic. Jessica commented that clinic in our district is doing really well compared to other school based health clinics. Nancy Odren also commented that access to the clinic has been a great tool for school families.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Year to date revenues and expenses for General Fund were provided in the packet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy Committee**

Policy committee met to review Fall policy change recommendations from Thrun's. Most policies are grammar or law changes. The committee is recommending removing administrator names and replacing with positions in all policies. The committee also reviewed ideas and options for facility use.

**DSIC Committee**

DSIC Committee met to discuss district updates regarding goals, technology curriculum and instruction and safety. They also met to discuss mental health support survey data and future planning for staffing and courses.

**Principals**

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Odren updated the Board on the holiday giving and activities that are happening in both buildings. Additional learning from community partners are being provided to

students. Both principals were able to attend the MEMSPA conference and were excited for the opportunity to learn, network and celebrate with other principals.

Mr. Chrencik updated the board on upcoming events and told the Board about the 61C grant that was awarded to the district. This grant will benefit both CTE programs. He also introduced the new music/band teacher, Chase Hintermeister. He thanked the community for their support during the holidays.

### **Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski provided an update regarding the bond project. The field house floor is complete, the company is here to install basketball hoops and volleyball poles. We are awaiting the low water alarm for the fire pump and the architect made a walk through to determine punch list items. She provided an update on mental health resources the district is offering to our students, staff and families. She told the Board about the installation plan for updated camera systems.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment but Nancy Odren took the time to introduce Elexia Hagle. She will be starting as the NEMCSA Middle School Success Worker in January 2024.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

#### **Human Resources Report**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to approve the Human Resources Report as presented.

#### **Resignation(s)**

- Christopher Willour, Lewiston School Aide, effective 12/15/2023
- Ayes: All                      Motion carried

#### **New Hire(s)**

- Chase Hintermeister, Music/Band Teacher, BA, Step 0 with proper certification
- Ayes: All                      Motion carried

#### **2023-2024 Project Scope**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Claeys to accept the recommendation of Maintenance/Transportation Director, Jason Swartz, and Superintendent Makowski to contract with Sugar Construction and Architect Anthony Esson for the 2024 Summer Project Scope as presented.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

#### **Overnight Trip Request**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to approve the Johannesburg 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Lansing May 14 & 15, 2024 as presented.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Policy items will be on next board agenda.

2303, 2306, 2405, 2501, 2501A, 2506, 3118, 3301A, 3303, 3308, 3405, 3407, 3408, 4101, 4102, 4103, 4104, 4105, 4216, 4220, 4228, 4404, 4504, 5202, 5206B, 5407, 5411, 5419, 5510, 5707

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

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Scott Mathewson, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

