

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 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 Media Center.

ROLL CALL

Present: Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Ursula Owens, Scott Mathewson, Mike Vogt

Absent:

Administration: High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Lewiston School Principal Cyndie Kievit, Johannesburg K-8 Principal Nancy Odren, 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 March 20, 2023.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$1,338,816.16.

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Makowski shared a thank you card from the Robotics team.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Kim Samkowiak, OM Coordinator, was in attendance with members from the High School OM team. Rachel Pewinski and Kayley Kassuba shared their structure problem with the Board and asked for their support in attending World Finals at Michigan State University.

BUDGET UPDATE

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principals

Mr. Chrencik introduced the Class of 2023 Co-Valedictorians, Mitchell Hall and Isabelle Monroe and Salutatorian, Carlee Campbell to the Board. He updated the Board on state testing and teacher evaluations that are taking place. and talked about the HS master schedule for 2023-2024. Mr. Chrencik also talked about the Cardinal Meet incentive to promote students turning in school and homework.

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Kievit shared plans for End of the Year activities and field trips. Mrs. Odren also talked about the MiCareerQuest opportunity for middle school students. This program allows students to explore many career pathways. Both buildings are completing state testing right now and they're accessing staffing needs for the future.

Superintendent

Mrs. Makowski provided the Board with an update on Bond work. She also announced that the clinic is fully staffed and open to students and staff. Kelly Lively from the Senator's office paid a visit to the district and talked with Mrs. Makowski about roadblocks we face in rural areas. Mrs. Makowski also shared updates on Security assessments and a meeting with the new Montmorency County Emergency Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Human Resources Report

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

Ayes: All Motion carried

Overnight Trip Request – OM World Finals

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Vogt to approve the overnight trip request for the OM World Finals teams as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Scott Mathewson, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 10, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 4:00 p.m. in the Lewiston School Cafeteria.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent:

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, School Resource Officer Deputy Kates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCIPLINE HEARING

1. Student 22-23-01

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Vogt to go into closed executive session for a purpose protected by FERPA.

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

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 4:02 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 5:23 p.m.

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS BOARD
RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A special meeting of the Board was held in the Lewiston Elementary Library, on the 8th day of May, 2023, at 4 o'clock in the p.m..

The meeting was called to order by President Mathewson

Present: Members Mathewson, Vogt, Claeys, Campbell, Kussrow, Owens

Absent: Members Huston

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Vogt and supported by Member Claeys:

WHEREAS:

1. The administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board (the "Student") be expelled for taking a teacher's credit card out of her purse, taking a picture of it with his cell phone, and using it in CashApp to withdraw funds from her account.

2. School administrators notified the Student's parents of the specific charge underlying the discipline recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parents, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.

4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the

charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.

5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on April 28, 2023, the Student taking a teacher's credit card out of her purse, taking a picture of it with his cell phone, and using it in CashApp to withdraw funds from her account in violation of Section 750.157 of the Student Code of Conduct.

2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

3. The Student is suspended 180 day with the ability to apply for early re-enrollment.

4. During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

5. The Student may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than November 15, 2023. Before reinstatement, the Student must:

- ☒ demonstrate successful participation in an appropriate counseling program approved by the Superintendent that includes both group and individual counseling;
- ☒ establish that the Student has not engaged in conduct during the period of expulsion that may be viewed by the Superintendent as detrimental to the Student's continued education at the District and cooperate with all investigations and recommendations of law enforcement and conditions of the court;
- ☒ complete to the satisfaction of the Superintendent all recommendations contained in any psychological or counseling report;
- ☒ demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Superintendent that the Student received educational instruction and cooperatively participated in an educational program during the period of expulsion;
- ☒ complete volunteer work in the community.

6. Consistent with Sections 11a and 1311(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

7. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Mathewson, Vogt, Claeys, Campbell, Kussrow, Owens

Nays: none

Absent: Huston

Motion Passed: 6-0

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on May 8, 2023, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

Michael Vogt, Acting Board Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Vogt to adjourn the special meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Scott Mathewson, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary