

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
April 18, 2022**

**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 High School Library.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Administration:** Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, Lewiston School Principal Cyndie Kievit, High School Principal Curt Chrencik, Johannesburg Principal Nancy Odren

**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 14, 2022

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS**

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$546,393.63

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The district received a thank you from AAUW for supporting the Tech Savvy Program with a special thank you to Nancy Odren for bringing the program to the Johannesburg building.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

None

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Year to date revenues and expenses for General Fund were provided in the packet. Additional amendments will be coming for CTE grant, Cardinal Club grant, and federal covid related dollars.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance**

Finance committee met to discuss increasing substitute rates for sub drivers to \$16.00 effective April 5, 2022. The committee also discussed the OM Coordinator position and covering the cost of traveling to World Finals. Additional discussions focused on school vehicle purchase plans and the status of calendar negotiations with the JLEA.

**Facilities**

Facilities committee met to discuss ESSER III sensory rooms. The committee discussed locations, layouts, usage, and supervision. All the principals and Mrs. Quay were able to discuss specific needs and concerns for the best utilization of existing spaces and renovations needed to make the rooms successful.

## **Principals**

Mr. Chrencik reported he is working, with Danica Nowak, on the 2022-2023 schedule. The schedule looks to be able to support a full time Building/Constructions trades classroom. Mr. Chrencik received approval for the return of the CTE Construction trades program. The Class of 2022 Valedictorian is Josiah Hall and Salutatorian Joe Hoy. Josiah plans to enlist in the Navy with a focus on nuclear engineering and Joe plans to attend Central Michigan University to study mechanical engineering. Mr. Chrencik intends to recognize Kylie Sietman with an honorable mention as her GPA was incredibly close to Mr. Hoy and deserves mention. Mr. Chrencik informed the board of the Otsego County RISE video starring Avery Huston, Kennedy Johnson, and Emma Shimel. He reported on the ongoing testing with SAT/PSAT, ACT Work keys, and NWEA all scheduled. Robotics attended another competition last weekend with several students attending as spectators to support their fellow students. Spring sports are off to a rough start with multiple cancellations due to weather but looking forward to successful seasons once the weather cooperates. Michigan Works is providing a resume writing seminar as well as mock interviews and a job fair.

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Kievit reported that end of year activities and fieldtrips are moving forward. Everyone is looking forward to the return of these activities after a two-year hiatus. The Lewiston Greenhouse is providing walking tours and educational lessons to the Lewiston K-3 classrooms. It was reported that testing also continues throughout the K-8 classrooms. Staffing changes may be forthcoming once a decision is made on one or two Kindergarten classrooms and one or two first grade classrooms in the Lewiston building. The Johannesburg building will be looking to share the Building Trades staff member to provide an additional special class at the MS level. Mrs. Speerstra will be hosting a student teacher next year. Taylor Girardin, paraprofessional in Lewiston has published a book. Mrs. Kievit reported two Lewiston students will have their artwork displayed on the 2022 Lewiston Mushroom Festival pin.

## **Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski updated the board on the work by Codenity for our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to be implemented in the Fall. An update was provided on upcoming bond work, the two-hour delay due to heating issues, the change to last day of school moving Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to a full day and Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to a half day. Budget meetings are moving forward to finalize 2021-2022 and plan for 2022-2023. Katy and Wendy will be attending the Women in Leadership Conference while Kristan and Merisa will be attending MSBO Annual Conference. Carol Havrilla will be covering the administrative office. Mrs. Makowski reported she will be out of the office, May 4-10 to attend a family wedding in California.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **Teacher Resignation- Lindsey Follete**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to accept the resignation of Lewiston Kindergarten teacher Lindsey Follette effective Monday, April 11, 2022.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

### **Varsity Coach Resignation- Heather Huff**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Vogt to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Heather Huff. The board wishes to acknowledge the time, effort, and dedication of Mrs. Huff to the Lady Cards program.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

**Substitute Bus Driver Rates**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to approve the increase in substitute bus driver rate to \$16.00/hour effective April 5, 2022.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Negotiations**

A roll call vote was taken to go into closed session to discuss negotiations of the district calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board entered closed session at 6:39 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:26 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Vogt to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Scott Mathewson, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Merisa Campbell for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 28, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 7:00 p.m. in the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Conference Room.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Linc Campbell, Frank Claey's, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow Scott Mathewson

**Absent:** Ursula Owens, Michael Vogt

**Administration:** Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**DISCIPLINE HEARING**

**1. Student 21-22-01**

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

Ayes: Campbell, Claey's, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 7:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 7:28 p.m.

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

A special meeting of the Board was held in the JLHS Conference Room on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 7 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mathewson

Present: Members Campbell, Claey's, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Absent: Members Owens and Vogt

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Campbell and supported by Member Claey's:

**WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board (the "Student") be expelled for using a vape device and a dab device with THC.
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 22, 2022, the Student using a vape device and a dab device the THC in violation of Section 3102 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. 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.
4. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Nays:

Absent: Owens, Vogt

Motion Passed: 5-0

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 April 28, 2022, 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 provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

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Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the special meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes: All      Motion carried

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Scott Mathewson, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 28, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 7:45 p.m. in the Johannesburg-Lewiston High School Conference Room.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow Scott Mathewson

**Absent:** Ursula Owens, Michael Vogt

**Administration:** Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, High School Principal Curt Chrencik

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**DISCIPLINE HEARING**

**1. Student 21-22-02**

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

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Nays: None

The Board went into closed session at 7:47 p.m.

The Board reconvened into an open session at 8:25 p.m.

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

A special meeting of the Board was held in the JLHS Conference Room on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 at 7:45 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Mathewson

Present: Members Campbell, Claeys, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Absent: Members Owens and Vogt

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

**WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that a student whose identity is known to the Board (the "Student") be expelled for using a dab device with THC and sharing it with another student.
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 22, 2022, the Student using a dab device with THC and sharing it with another student in violation of Section 3102 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 school days, with the ability to apply for reinstatement in December of 2022 for a potential early reinstatement of the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
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 the appropriate administrator.
5. The Student may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than December 5, 2022. Before reinstatement, the Student must:
  - demonstrate successful participation in an appropriate counseling program;
  - submit to the Board competent and credible evidence from and appropriately licensed and credentialed professional that the Student has a clean drug screening;
  - establish that the Student has not engaged in conduct during the period of expulsion that may be viewed by the Board as detrimental to the Student's continued education at the District;
  - demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the Student received educational instruction and cooperatively participated in an educational program during the period of expulsion;
6. Consistent with the Board's action taken this date, administrators shall promptly meet with the Student's parent/guardian to determine those appropriate educational services to which the Student may be entitled under state and federal law.
7. 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.
8. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.
9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: Campbell, Claeys, Huston, Kussrow, Mathewson

Nays:

Absent: Owens, Vogt

Motion Passed: 5-0

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Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the special meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes: All Motion carried

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Scott Mathewson, President

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Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary