

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 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 Lewiston School Cafeteria.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Frank Claeys

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

**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 February 21, 2022.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Vogt to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$965,393.28.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

Kim Samkowiak, Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, informed the Board that 6 teams from Johannesburg-Lewiston has earned the opportunity to attend World Finals this year. The teams placed in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the State level. She requested the board approve the overnight trip that is an added action item on the agenda. She also asked the district if there was any funding available to assist in the costs of taking 6 teams.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance**

Finance committee met to discuss increasing substitute rates for support staff, they have not been increased in several years. The committee also discussed contracts for Cardinal Club. Bids were reviewed and came in not far from what was budgeted. The committee also discussed moving the budget hearing meeting to May to help meet the needs of the townships to get tax bills out on time.

**Principals**

Mrs. Kievit spoke to the board about the numerous state tests that will take place after students return from Spring Break. She mentioned that several staff members from both buildings are

participating in a book study on orthographic mapping. Both buildings are celebrating March is Reading month with activities throughout March to encourage a love for reading. The high school sent 13 students over to the Lewiston building to read to the younger students.

Mr. Chrencik provided an update on the work the Building Trades class has been doing. The class built and donated several bird houses to the Johannesburg Fire Chili Cookoff to be auctioned off. He mentioned the High School Success Worker, Jenelle King, has started in her position and is already reaching out to students to help with their academic, social/emotional and behavioral needs. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition night took place last week with many students attending to get a tour of the high school and set up schedules for next year. Mr. Chrencik also let the Board know the RISE Coalition will be in the building tomorrow to film a short advertisement on anti-vaping with some of our students.

#### **Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski updated the board on upcoming bond work. The district was approved for \$1.2 million in the ESSER 3 grant. Monies from this grant will be used to create collaborative spaces, sensory rooms, an outdoor classroom and replace blowers and unit ventilators. Mrs. Makowski stated that she continues to work with the State on additional forgiveness for snow days this year. The also commented the MSP Safety grant was submitted which will aid in replacing the PA system if the funds are awarded.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

##### **Bid Approval**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Campbell to award the bid recommendations as presented by Kris Gerke, Project Manager for Wolgast Corporation. The awarded bid amount for the Lewiston K-5 Renovations totaled \$1,301,717.00.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Huston to award the bid recommendations as presented by Kris Gerke, Project Manager for Wolgast Corporation. The awarded bid amount for the Johannesburg K-8 & Johannesburg – Lewiston High School Renovations and Addition totaled \$15,277,885.05 and includes Alternate No. 1 (New Baseball field) and Alternate No. 4 (Additional Doors and Frames).

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

##### **Substitute Aide Rates**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to approve the increase in substitute aide rates as presented by Finance committee.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

##### **Aide Resignation**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow accept the resignation of Jenelle King, Lewiston Aide.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

##### **Food Service Resignation**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Vogt accept the resignation of Mary Peterson, Food Service Aide.

Ayes: All                      Motion carried

**Retirement – T. Renkiewicz**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to approve the retirement resignation of Tracy Renkiewicz, with regrets. Her retirement will be effective June 30, 2022.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**Overnight Trip Request – OM World Finals**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to approve the overnight trip request for 6 OM teams to travel to Iowa State University May 24 – 29, 2022 to compete at the OM World Finals.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

DSIC Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Vogt to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17 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