

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 6:01 pm.in the Johannesburg Multi-Purpose Room.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Ursula Owens

**Administration:** Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, 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 Scott Mathewson approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2021.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS**

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$572,247.74

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

None

**EXTENDED CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN**

At the time the ECOL was sent in board packets, the district was in a face to face learning environment. The day of this meeting, the district moved to remote learning for a two week period. Students are expected to return face to face on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Finance Director Merisa Campbell let the board know there will be swings in the budget and deferred revenue is likely with the 3 year timeline to spend the current allocations of federal program monies.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Principals**

Mrs. Makowski reviewed the written report for Mr. Chrencik who was unable to attend. The high school is continuing work on the master schedule for 2021-2022. End of year events are being planned at this time as well.

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Kievit spoke about plans for end of year. They would like to provide some fun activities for students while following safety protocols. Testing and assessing are being completed in both buildings. The principals are also working on the 2021-2022 schedule.

**Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski provided an update on the bond work and noted the bid award for the parking lot will be awarded this evening. Thunder Bay Community Health has been to the building to get construction quotes to submit with the grant for the School Based Health Center. Mrs. Makowski noted the increase in audit and reporting requirements this year. The district continues to implement the requirements of MDHHS.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Overnight Trip Request – Odyssey of the Minds World Finals**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to approve the request of the Kim Samkowiak, OM Coordinator to allow a team to travel to OM World Finals in Orlando, Florida June 11-12, 2021.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Appointment of Acting Treasurer**

President Scott Mathewson nominated Frank Claeys as Acting Treasurer. Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Huston to approve the nomination.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Retirement – K. Nieman**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Claeys to accept the retirement resignation, with regrets of Katherine Nieman, Band Teacher. Her effective retirement date is June 30, 2021 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Retirement – S. Axford**

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Campbell to accept the retirement resignation, with regrets of Shari Axford, Lewiston Title Teacher. Her effective retirement date is June 30, 2021 as requested.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Resignation – T. Fonseca**

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Campbell to accept the resignation of Tim Fonseca, Bus Driver. His last day of work will be April 9, 2021.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Bond Ratification Resolution**

Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Otsego, Montmorency and Oscoda Counties, Michigan (the “Issuer”)

A regular meeting of the board of education of the Issuer (the “Board”) was held:

- ☒ in the Johannesburg Multi Purpose Room, within the boundaries of the Issuer,  
☐ electronically through \_\_\_\_\_ with identification number \_\_\_\_\_

on the 19th day of April, 2021, at 6 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”)

The Meeting was called to order by Scott Mathewson, President.

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

Absent: Members Owens

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

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. By resolution adopted on December 21, 2020 (the “Bond Resolution”), this Board authorized the issuance of not to exceed Twenty Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,900,000) 2021 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I (the “Bonds”); and
2. Pursuant to the Bond Resolution, the Issuer delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Director of Finance (each an “Authorized Officer”) to accept a bid on behalf of this Board for the sale of the Bonds within the parameters established in the Bond Resolution; and
3. On April 8, 2021, the Issuer received five (5) bids for the purchase of the Bonds, which were presented to an Authorized Officer for consideration; and
4. Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the “Purchaser”), presented a bid to an Authorized Officer on April 8, 2021, which bid is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and
5. Based upon the written recommendation of the Issuer's financial consulting firm, an Authorized Officer accepted the offer to purchase the Bonds from the Purchaser, and the Board desires to ratify and affirm the acceptance of the offer.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Authorized Officer’s acceptance of the offer of the Purchaser as set forth in its bid, and the terms and conditions set forth therein, presented to the Authorized Officer on April 8, 2021, to purchase the Bonds in the principal amount of \$20,900,000 is hereby ratified and affirmed. The Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal sum of \$20,900,000 and designated 2021 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax).

2. The Bonds shall be dated May 4, 2021, and shall mature on May 1 of the years 2022 to 2041, inclusive, 2043, and 2046, on which interest is payable commencing November 1, 2021 and semi-annually thereafter on May 1 and November 1, at the rates and in the principal amounts set forth in Exhibit B and shall be subject to optional and mandatory redemption as set forth herein.

3. The Bonds or portions of Bonds in multiples of \$5,000, maturing on or after May 1, 2031, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Issuer in such order as the Issuer may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any date occurring on or after May 1, 2030, at par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

4. The Bonds due May 1, 2043 and May 1, 2046, are term bonds subject to mandatory redemption in part, by lot, on the redemption dates and in the principal amounts set forth below and at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, without premium, together with interest thereon to the redemption date, as set forth below.

| <u>Bonds Due May 1, 2043</u> |                          | <u>Bonds Due May 1, 2046</u> |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Redemption Dates</u>      | <u>Principal Amounts</u> | <u>Redemption Dates</u>      | <u>Principal Amounts</u> |
| May 1, 2042                  | \$895,000                | May 1, 2044                  | \$915,000                |
| May 1, 2043 (maturity)       | 905,000                  | May 1, 2045                  | 920,000                  |
|                              |                          | May 1, 2046 (maturity)       | 920,000                  |

When term bonds are purchased by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Bonds so redeemed or purchased in the order determined by the Issuer.

5. Notice of redemption of any Bond shall be given not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner's or owners' registered address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent (the "Paying Agent"). The Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000, and Bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the Bond by \$5,000, and such Bonds may be redeemed in part. The notice of redemption for Bonds redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the Bond to be redeemed a new Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the registered owner thereof.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity shall be called for redemption, unless otherwise provided, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent, in such manner as the Paying Agent in its discretion may deem proper, in the principal amounts designated by the Issuer. Any Bonds selected for redemption which are deemed to be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution and this resolution will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for redemption. Upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent, such Bonds shall be paid and redeemed.

6. The Bonds shall be registered as to principal and interest in the name of the Purchaser and are transferable as provided in the Bond Resolution only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose by the Paying Agent, by the registered owner thereof in person or by an agent of the owner duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of the Bond together with a

written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Paying Agent duly executed by the registered owner or agent thereof and thereupon a new Bond or Bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Bond Resolution, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein provided. The Bonds are issuable in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof, not exceeding the aggregate principal amount for each maturity.

7. Upon delivery of the Bonds, the accrued interest, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds and the balance of the Bond proceeds shall be used as follows:

A. The approximate sum of \$109,756.67 shall be used to pay the cost of issuance of the Bonds, and any balance remaining from that sum after paying the cost of issuance shall be deposited in the 2021 Capital Projects Fund.

B. The sum of \$53,295.00 from the Bonds shall be used by the Purchaser to purchase municipal bond insurance for the Bonds from Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., New York, New York (the "Insurer").

C. The approximate sum of \$58,965.25, representing capitalized interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited to the 2021 Debt Retirement Fund and used to pay a portion of the interest due on the Bonds on November 1, 2021.

D. The sum of \$20,790,243.33 shall be deposited to the 2021 Capital Projects Fund.

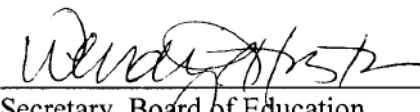
8. The Issuer hereby appoints UMB Bank, N.A., Grand Rapids, Michigan, as Paying Agent-Bond Registrar and directs an Authorized Officer to execute for and on behalf of the Issuer a Paying Agent-Bond Registrar Agreement.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.


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

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Otsego, Montmorency and Oscoda Counties, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, 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, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

  
Secretary, Board of Education

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Vogt to approve the Bond Ratification Resolution as presented. Exhibits mentioned in resolution are available in the permanent board minute book.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Awarding of Bid – Parking Lot Project**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to accept the bid recommendation of Wolgast Corporation and award MacArthur Construction the Parking Lot Project at \$370,000.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Policy committee will need to meet to review current updates.

Athletics committee will need to meet to review dual sports guidelines.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Kussrow to go into closed executive session for the purpose of negotiations.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:41 p.m.  
The Board reconvened into an open session at 8:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claeyes to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:59 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  
May 3, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 3:03 p.m. in the Johannesburg Multi-Purpose Room.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Ursula Owens

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Return to Face to Face Learning**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Huston to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Makowski to reduce the contact tracing distance from 6 feet to 3 feet and to reduce the number of days quarantined as a close contact from 14 days to 10 days.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Huston to adjourn the special meeting at 3:13 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