

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
May 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Mike Vogt at 6:00 pm in the Lewiston Cafeteria.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Wendy Huston, Frank Claeys, Nancy Kussrow, Linc Campbell, Mike Vogt

**Absent:** Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, Vice President Mike Vogt approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2024

Ayes: All Motion carried

**MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS**

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$1,684,488.45.

Ayes: All Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The board received a thank you note from the JL Middle School staff for all the recognition during Staff Appreciation Week.

**BOARD INFORMATION REPORT**

Superintendent Makowski reported on the District School Improvement Committee meeting held prior to the start of the regular meeting. DSIC was provided a district update including academics, mental health, wellness plan, sex education curriculum and moving forward the consideration to work on portrait of a graduate. In addition, the committee reviewed the survey regarding school start date. Based on the results, Superintendent Makowski will work on a waiver with the State for a pre-Labor Day start date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Principals**

Mr. Chrencik reviewed the calendar of events for high school. He is working to complete teacher observations and evaluations. Online testing was completed with only a few minor issues that were quickly resolved. SAT/PSAT testing was 100% online for the first time this year. Along with counselor, Mrs. Nowak, Mr. Chrencik is working on the 2024-25 Master Schedule with consideration for offering French as a foreign language option. Deputy Kates, SRO was instrumental in bringing in MDOT Save a Life Tour and Ok to Say as assemblies for students. Principal Chrencik also provided a review of NWEA testing comparing Fall, Winter, and Spring data.

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Robertson shared a joint report. Staff Appreciation activities were well received and appreciated. There were lots of fun activities along with a lot of food. Both principals are finishing with observations and evaluations of staff. Reviews for data and sensory programing are taking place. There are multiple field trips taking place in the next few weeks and end of year activities are being scheduled.

## **Superintendent**

Mrs. Makowski provided an update regarding the summer project timeline. Bids are due next week for summer work projects including the Shop class remodel, construction of the outdoor classroom and updates to the well. Finance will be scheduling a meeting to review bids and non-union contracts. A special meeting will be scheduled to award bids, approve the initial 2024-25 budgets, and approve contracts that are ready for renewal. Bond update included information on the water retention on the baseball field, holding of funds for pavement work, McArthur and JE Johnson with ongoing work left to be done. Summer schedule for abatement and installation of the remaining doors was reviewed. Fitness Center equipment was delayed but due to arrive soon. The district is moving forward with posting positions for preschool to open in both buildings for Fall 2024. Negotiations with the JLEA are ongoing and an update will be provided during closed session.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **4th of July Fireworks**

Motion was made by Claeys supported by Campbell to approve the request to host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, contingent upon receipt of proof of insurance listing Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools as an additional insured party.

Ayes: All            Motion carried

## **COP ESD Budget**

Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District was held in the Lewiston School Cafeteria in the District, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, at 6 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Michael Vogt, Vice President.

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

Absent: Members Mathewson, Owens

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kussrow and supported by Member Campbell

### **WHEREAS:**

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the intermediate school board to submit its proposed budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and
2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed intermediate school district budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed intermediate school district budget, and shall submit to the intermediate school board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget.

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

1. The board of education has received and reviewed the proposed intermediate school district budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed intermediate school district budget.

2. The secretary of the board of education or his/her designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the intermediate school board or its superintendent no later than June 1, 2024.
3. All resolutions insofar as they conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

Nays: Member

Resolution declared adopted.

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Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a regular meeting held on May 20, 2024, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

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Secretary, Board of Education

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Overnight Trip Request-Modification**

Motion was made by Campbell supported by Claeys to approve the modification to the Lewiston 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Lansing allowing students and chaperones to use a hotel due to the closure of the zoo to overnight accommodations.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **Human Resources Report**

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

#### **Resignations**

- Daniel Lubelan, Bus Driver, effective 05/10/2024.
- Kim Gascho, Cook effective 06/05/2024.
- Nikki Kern, K-8 Instructional/Non-Instructional Aide, effective 06/05/2024
- Corie Long, High School At-Risk Aide, effective 06/05/2024
- Priscilla Winter, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective 06/05/2024

#### **New Hires**

- Joy Moll, High School Secretary, effective 2024-2025 school year.
- Laurie Butterfield, High School Math Teacher, effective 2024-2025 school year.

Ayes: All Motion carried

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The following meetings were scheduled:

Finance Committee: Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 8:30

Special Meeting and Board Hearing: Monday, June 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Negotiations**

Motion by Claeys supported by Kussrow to enter closed session to discuss negotiations was approved by a roll call vote.

The Board entered closed session at 6:31 p.m.  
The Board reconvened into open session at 7:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 pm.

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

