

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 20, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The organizational meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski at 5:45 p.m. in the Lewiston School Cafeteria.

ROLL CALL

Present: Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys (arrived at 5:48 pm), Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Michael Vogt

Absent: Wendy Huston

Administration: Superintendent Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Xenakis-Makowski opened nominations for the 2024 Board of Education Officers.

President

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to nominate Scott Mathewson as President, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Vice President

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Mathewson to nominate Michael Vogt as Vice President, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Secretary

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to nominate Wendy Huston as Secretary, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Treasurer

Motion was made by Mathewson and supported by Vogt to nominate Frank Claeys as Treasurer, to close the nominations, and to cast a unanimous vote.

Ayes: All Motion carried

TIMES AND PLACES

2025 meetings are to be alternated between Lewiston (L) and Johannesburg (J) and begin at 6:00 p.m.

January 20 (L)
February 17 (J)
March 17 (L)
April 21 (J)
May 19 (L)
June 16 (J)

July 21 (L)
August 18 (J)
September 15 (L)
October 20 (J)
November 17 (L)
December 15 (J)

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to approve the board meeting times and places for 2025 as presented.
Ayes: All Motion carried

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

FIFTH THIRD -ACCOUNT NAME

Checking-General Fund
Checking-Hot Lunch
Checking-Trust & Agency (Internal)
Checking-Sinking Fund
Checking – Debt Service (MILAF)
Checking – Bond Proceeds (MILAF)
Checking – General Fund (MILAF)
Money Market-GF
Money Market-Sinking Fund

SIGNATURES

Sup't and 1 Board Member
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Director of Finance
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Sup't or Treasurer
Sup't or Treasurer

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to approve the district financial accounts and signatures as presented.
Ayes: All Motion carried

DEPOSITORY – FIFTH THIRD

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Owens to approve the 2025 depositories of Fifth Third Bank.
Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL COUNSEL – THRUN LAW FIRM

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Vogt to approve Thrun Law Firm as the district's 2025 legal counsel.
Ayes: All Motion carried

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS – WEEKLY CHOICE

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to approve The Weekly Choice as the district's 2025 legal publication.
Ayes: All Motion carried

RECORDING SECRETARY

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Kussrow to appoint Kristan Lawes and/or the Superintendent's designee as the board's recording secretary for 2025.
Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMMITTEES

Athletic

Ursula Owens
Michael Vogt
Frank Claeys

Finance

Frank Claeys
Scott Mathewson
Linc Campbell

Handbooks

Linc Campbell
Nancy Kussrow

Legislative Relations

Frank Claeys
Wendy Huston

Policy & Personnel

Wendy Huston

Technology

Ursula Owens

Nancy Kussrow
Linc Campbell

Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

Trans/Building/Grounds

Linc Campbell
Wendy Huston
Scott Mathewson

School Improvement

Wendy Huston
Frank Claeys
Nancy Kussrow

School Security

Wendy Huston
Frank Claeys
Ursula Owens

Alternate

Michael Vogt
Scott Mathewson

MSU Extension Liaison

Ursula Owens

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Campbell to approve the board committee list as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

BOARD COMPENSATION

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Claeys that the board's mileage compensation shall change to the IRS rate.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Motion was made by Vogt and supported by Claeys that board compensation shall remain \$50 per regular and special meeting. Payment will be made for any committee meeting not held in conjunction with another meeting.

Ayes: All Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kussrow and supported by Claeys to adjourn the organizational meeting at 5:56 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
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2025**

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 Lewiston School Cafeteria.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Wendy Huston

Administration: Superintendent Katy Xenakis-Makowski, Lewiston School Principal Gina Robertson, High School Principal Cody Proctor, K-8 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 December 16, 2024.

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 \$707169.33.

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Makowski shared the Nutrition Review of Lewiston. The review went well and there are no corrective action plans.

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Mrs. Makowski recognized the Board for School Board Appreciation Month with certificates, candles and treats.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Merisa Campbell, Director of Finance, says there is not much to report on this month. The district is waiting on legislation to approve or deny changes that will effect the budget. She discussed the need for a Finance Committee meeting to review a Budget Amendment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Principals

Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Robertson discussed assessments taking place in both buildings. Data review meetings are scheduled as well. Fourth graders in both buildings are participating in swim lessons at the Sportsplex. The principals also highlighted some upcoming events scheduled across both buildings such as K-8 Aerikhanas Assembly, K-8 Upcycled Cinderella Play and Trooper Hebner will be in to discuss digital footprints and anti-vaping to 6-8 grade students.

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Mr. Proctor informed the board that he's been working on aligning the 2024-2025 schedule with the 6-8. NWEA testing results were good and was completed prior to Christmas break to allow more time to prep for first semester exams. Johannesburg-Lewiston High is hosting a Leadership Summit February 6th in the auditorium.

Superintendent

Mrs. Makowski provided an update on the Bond projects. Some items are still waiting to be completed. She received positive response from the 2 week break and commented that students returned to school relatively well. She informed the Board of several grants she is working on and a data breach to our PowerSchool software. The district also received a donation for seating in the Field House.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Peppin, High School teacher, expressed appreciation to the Board for being a steadfast board and thanked them for their longevity and the work they put in.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finance Committee meeting date set for February 11, 2025 at 9 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Superintendent Mid Year Review

A roll call vote was taken to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

The Board entered closed session at 6:36 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06 pm.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Scott Mathewson, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary