

**JOHANNESBURG-LEWISTON AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 12, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Johannesburg-Lewiston Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Mathewson at 3:45 p.m. in the Johannesburg High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Present: Linc Campbell, Frank Claeys (arrived at 3:50 pm), Wendy Huston , Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens, Michael Vogt

Absent:

Administration: Kathleen Xenakis-Makowski, Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Overnight Trip Request - Robotics

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Vogt to approve the overnight trip to Traverse City for Robotics as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review policy updates due to legal changes regarding ESTA.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claeys and supported by Mathewson to adjourn the special meeting at 4:02 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
March 17, 2025**

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, Frank Claeys, Wendy Huston, Nancy Kussrow, Scott Mathewson, Ursula Owens

Absent: Michael Vogt

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

Minutes to be corrected to show meeting was held at the Johannesburg High School Library. President Scott Mathewson approved the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2025 and special meeting of March 12, 2025.

Ayes: All Motion carried

MANIFEST OF BILLS – ALL FUNDS

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Kussrow to approve the Manifest of Bills – All Funds in the amount of \$689,588.75.

Ayes: All Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BOARD INFORMATION REPORT

Kim Samkowiak, OM Coordinator, was in attendance with Kayley Kassuba, High School OM team member. Kayley shared her team's structure problem and asked for the Board's support in attending World Finals at Michigan State University.

Mrs. Odren also presented data on recent testing trends in the elementary and middle schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy

Policy committee met to review updated policies from Thrun regarding the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA).

Finance

Finance committee met to review the admin non-union salary schedule. They reviewed drafts, discussed and made some changes. There will be a follow up meeting with Finance on updated drafts for contract negotiations.

Principals

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Mrs. Odren and Mrs. Robertson shared updates on spring testing coming up after Spring Break. They also shared the successes of the Middle School Carnival and March is Reading Month. Mrs. Odren also shared that 25 middle school ladies attended a STEM trip to Michigan State University and 6th grade camp was packed with great experiences for all.

Mr. Proctor introduced the Class of 2025 Valedictorians and Salutatorian to the Board. Valedictorians include Kyler Nowak, Sam Sides and Eliza Idalski and the Salutatorian is Donnie Wojtkowiak. Mr. Proctor also talked about the 8th grade transition night and preparation for PSAT/SAT testing.

Superintendent

Mrs. Makowski provided a Bond Update. She has also submitted a request for forgiveness of an additional 3 snow days. Mrs. Makowski continues to meet with legislators to share the stories of small and rural schools and the needs in our area. Mrs. Makowski also thanked the Board for their support as she expands her network through involvement in AASA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Human Resources Report

Motion was made by Claey's and supported by Kussrow to approve the Human resources report as presented.

New Hire:

- Olivia Matson, Cardinal Club Staff Member, effective 2/14/2025

Resignation:

- Olivia Matson, Lewiston Aide and Cardinal Club Staff Member, effective 3/18/2025

Leave Request:

- Jenny Packard, K-8 Secretary, effective 2025-2026 School year to student teach.

Overnight Trip Request – OM World Finals

Motion was made by Campbell and supported by Claey's to approve the OM World Finals overnight trip to Michigan State University May 20-25, 2025 as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Thrun Policy Update

Motion was made by Huston and supported by Kussrow to approve the Thrun Policy recommendations including 4113 (ESTA) and 3118 (Title IX – reverting back to previous version) as presented.

Ayes: All Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Claey's and supported by Kussrow to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:31 pm.

Ayes: All Motion carried

Scott Mathewson, President

Wendy Huston, Secretary

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Submitted by Kristan Lawes for Wendy Huston, Board Secretary

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