

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 18, 2022

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on July 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Nordstrom, Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mr. Dantes, Mr. Cavanaugh, and Mrs. Waara.

Administrative personnel in attendance:

Superintendent Mrs. Tollefson & Principal Mr. Banyas

Excused: Principal Mrs. Scroggs

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the Agenda for the July 18, 2022, Regular Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mr. Dantes to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing Board of Education meeting held on June 20, 2022. Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on June 20, 2022. Motion carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION

- A. Donation – *Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College* (Baseball Field Dugout)
- B. Thank you – *The Sally Narhi Family*
- C. 2% Donation – *Keweenaw Bay Indian Community*

6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:

Mr. Banyas reported new flooring has been install in 5 rooms; 5-7 students attending Summer School; and introduced David Ruhman (new Math/Science teacher). Mr. Banyas will be attending U.P. Admin Conference in August.

7. STUDENT REPORTS: None

8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: June ~ Christopher Kelly, *Custodial/Maintenance*

9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None

10. FINANCES:

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the contract for Andrea Olsen, *Business Manager*, effective July 1, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. DISTRICT BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:

- A. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to hold regular meetings of the Board of Education on the Third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the L'Anse High School. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Dantes, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve to adopt the depository resolution for Superior National Bank & Trust, Huntington National Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as depositories of district funds. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve Susan Tollefson, Superintendent; Amanda Nordstrom, Board Treasurer; and Andrea Olsen, Business Manager, as signatories for the following accounts: Superior National Bank & Trust, Huntington National Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as stated with the exception under Superior National Bank & Trust – *L'Anse High School-Internal Accounting Fund, Vending Machine and Elementary Activity Account* – Melissa Scroggs, Susan Tollefson and Michael Banyas. Abstain: Mrs. Nordstrom. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve to appoint Andrea Olsen, Business Manager, as Assistant Treasurer and Electronic Transaction Officer to receive record and deposit school funds at the discretion of the Board of Education. The Electronic Transaction Officer will be responsible for the ACH agreements that include payment approval, accounting, reporting and compliance with ACH policy. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve to designate the Superintendent as the Board representative for posting public notice of meetings. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mr. Dantes, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the adoption of MASB (Michigan Association of School Board), NAFIS (National Association of Federally Impacted Schools) and CCASB (Copper Country Association of School Boards) Boards Affiliation. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Graybill and Mead P.L.L.C. as the Law firms to use for legal consultation. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the firm of Anderson, Tackman, & Co. P.L.C. as the auditing firm of record. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Mr. Dantes, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to represent the school district with regard to Public Act 874 Impact Aid Matters. Motion carried

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the *Support Staff Employee Handbook* for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Dantes, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the *Extracurricular & Athletic Handbook* for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve a First Year contract for **Faith Toutant**, *Elementary Teacher*, for the 2022-23 school year pending criminal background check, PA-189 and Michigan certification. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve a First Year contract for **David Ruhman**, *Math Teacher*, for the 2022-23 school year pending criminal background check and PA-189. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve a First Year contract for **Jacqueline Rowilson**, *Art Teacher*, for the 2022-23 school year pending criminal background check and PA-189. Motion carried.

- F. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to accept the resignation of Kendra Turpeinen, Jr-Sr High School English Teacher, effective August 26, 2022. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mr. Dantes, supported by Mr. Fedie to accept a bus bid from Holland Bus Company for \$67,476. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the CCISD Lease Agreement as presented. Motion carried.
- I. Hires: Brooklyn Fish – *Freshman/JV Volleyball Coach*
John Jacobson – *Detention Supervisor*

Resignation(s): None

- J. *2022-23 District Improvement Plan*, was in packet for review

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- B. Elementary (K-5) Principal
- C. JSH (6-12) Principal
- D. Superintendent

14. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources
- B. Extra-curricular – met; discussed handbook, gym floor & Booster Club concessions
- C. Community School Advisory Board
- D. Finance
- E. Library Advisory Board
- F. CCASB
- G. CCISD
- H. Wellness Committee
- I. L.A.S. Foundation – Fish Boil Fundraiser was canceled; seeking 3 new board of directors to replace those with expiring terms.

15. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

17. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*


JOAN BUGNI, *President*

