

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 21, 2023

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on August 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.
2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
The following members were in attendance:
Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara

Administrative personnel in attendance:
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Scroggs & Principal Cichosz
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the Agenda for the August 21, 2023, Regular Board of Education meeting. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the minutes for the Special Board of Education meeting held on July 27, 2023, with change under **5. NEW BUSINESS A. - Mrs. Cavanaugh to Mr. Cavanaugh.** Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
A. Thank You – *Forsyth Snowmobile & ATV Club*
6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
Mrs. Scroggs reported that the secretaries are doing a fantastic job with beginning of the year preparations.
Mrs. Cichosz reported it has been fun to have students back in the building for activities. New teacher, Austin Keranen, was introduced. Summer school was discussed and Mrs. Cichosz reported it went well.
7. STUDENT REPORTS: None
8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: July – Sheila Royal, *Coach*
9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None
10. FINANCES:
Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the Teacher *Handbook* for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the *Student Code of Conduct Handbook* for Grades K-5 for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the *Student Code of Conduct Handbook* for Grades 6-12 for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to accept the resignation of Stacey Simonsen, *Elementary Teacher*, effective August 23, 2023. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve a First Year Probationary Contract for Austin Keranen, *Science Teacher*, for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

F. Concerning:

Hire(s): Jenene Roy, *Elementary Special Ed Aide*
Katie Martinac, *Concession Manager*
Holly Lubzik, *Concession Manager*
Keri Williams, *At Risk Aide*
Lauren (Scherr) Lachen – *Travel Club Advisor*
James Gustafson, *JH Asst. Football Coach*

Resignation(s): John Jacobson, *Varsity Track Coach*
Molly Bugni, *Softball Coach*

- G. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the new and revised Board Bylaws and Policies suggested by NEOLA and as stated:

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- i. Policy 7540.02 – Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services (revised)
- ii. Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised)
- iii. Policy 7540.04 – Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised)
- iv. Policy 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (revised)
- v. Policy 8305 – Information Security (revised)
- vi. Policy 8315 – Information Management (revised)
- vii. Policy 9700.01 – Advertising and Commercial Activities (revised)

Motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: *presented in packet*

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- B. Elementary (K-5) Principal – *Mrs. Scroggs noted that elementary enrollment numbers are changing and she anticipates this will continue until the first week of school.*

- C. JSH (6-12) Principal – *no additions*
- D. Superintendent – *Mrs. Tollefson added that the Baraga Board and Superintendent responded to the consolidation meeting request. A date for the meeting is still being worked out. Updates and discussion about Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade staffing plan. Discussion about easement for recreational trail.*

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance - did not meet
- D. Library – did not meet
- E. CCASB – will meet in the fall
- F. CCISD – State free school meals program discussed. LAS will continue to participate in the CEP for school meals. Free PPE and cleaning supplies available for school districts. School social workers discussed.
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – met in July – recruitment of new members and president discussed.
- I. Personnel Committee – did not meet

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Sierra Ayres shared flyer for the *KBIC LGBTQ* and *Two Spirit Talking Circle* that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Discussion about where to post and share flyer in the school took place. Board members and admin were invited to attend the talking circle. Mr. Fedie added that he attended that last meeting and was impressed with the information and support offered by the group.

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Back to School Breakfast – All Staff on Tuesday, August 29th was discussed. Board members available will report to the school by 7:15 a.m. to set up and do preparation.

Mrs. Bugni added that our Board is fortunate to receive frequent administrative updates and that our Board's responsibility is to set policies.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*


JOAN BUGNI, *President*