

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Mission: Ludington Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, will educate and empower students to adapt and succeed in their future.

REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Ludington High School Peterson Auditorium, 508 North Washington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order by Steve Carlson, Board President at six o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Bret Autrey, Mike Nagle, Leona Ashley and Scott Foster
Members Absent: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Special Presentation - Marc Sawyers, CPA Senior Manager, Hungerford Nichols presented the 2020-2021 audit exit conference for the Board of Education. The District received an Unmodified Opinion
- IV. Agenda Modification - Add the following: Action Item G.) K-12 course offerings and content be offered in person & virtually.
- V. Citizen Participation - Five citizens addressed the Board of Education.
- VI. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel Committee and Building & Site Committee reports. The committee's reviewed Neola Policy updates, discussed school nurse and substitute teacher rates of pay and heard updates from other committees.
 - B. Steve Carlson presented the Finance Committee report.
- VII. Business Manager's Report- The report was presented under discussion items.
- VIII. Interim Superintendent Report and Comments
 - A. Dr. Peg Mathis thanked Jesse Rickard and his office staff for getting ready for the audit. The District is very proud of their efforts. She recognized the administrative team as being very high functioning as well. She also addressed concerns of school being closed the week of November 13-17 for staffing shortages. The district is working to put things in place so if we need to shut down we have things inline for backup options.
- IX. Discussion Items
 - A. Dr. Peg Mathis shared information on the open house and ribbon cutting for Ludington Elementary School which is set for December 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a short presentation followed by open times for touring the building.
 - B. Jesse Rickard shared information on the solicitation of bids for Foster School. The formal bid window was authorized at the October regular meeting. The deadline was November 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to accept bids. One bid was received in the amount of \$20,000 with the purchaser incurring costs for demolition from Datum Point Real Estate Development. The purchaser/developer proposed building twenty-five affordable homes on the property with green spaces, keeping mature trees on site and incorporating playground enhancements. Nate Gillett from Datum Point was present to answer questions. Mitch Foster, City Manager was also present and addressed zoning and planning processes associated with the property development. The Finance Committee reviewed the bid proposal. Demolition costs were budgeted in the Bond Project. This would be a savings for the district.
 - C. Jesse Rickard shared communication from the Pickleball Representatives on the court resurfacing and funding efforts. Bids were solicited for resurfacing the eight courts which have deteriorated significantly. Jesse shared bid results with the Board. One bid was received in the amount of \$32,374.00 from Hentco LLC. This was presented to the Finance Committee for review.

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- D. Dr. Mathis shared a recommendation from the board committee meeting to increase substitute teacher rates of pay to encourage people to those positions. Other incentives were also discussed.
- E. Jesse Rickard reviewed the certificate for payment authorized by the architect and construction manager.
- F. Dr. Mathis shared that the board committee reviewed the Neola Policy Updates as their first reading. The committee will review them again in December and recommend for approval at that time.
- G. Steve Carlson shared that he and Dr. Kyle Corlett agreed upon the terms of a three and one half year contract which would take him to the fiscal year renewal on schedule. The annual salary is \$150,000 with a ten percent annuity, twenty-five days vacation, life insurance in the amount of one time salary and moving expenses not to exceed \$5,000 which is inline with other contracts in the state.
- X. Action Items
- A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve the Financial Accounts Audit 2020-2021 as written and presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- B. Motion by Ashley, supported by Nagle, to approve the the certificate for payment on the elementary school bond project and to authorize the District to pay the certificate for payment in the amount of \$1,476,005.79, as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- C. Motion by Foster, supported by Nagle, to approve the Resolution Accepting Bid For Foster Elementary School Sale as written and prepared by Thrun Law, Inc. and reviewed by the Finance Committee. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- D. Motion by Nagle, supported by Autrey, to accept the only bid received for Pickleball Court Resurfacing in the amount of \$32,374.00 from Hentco LLC., as presented and reviewed by the Finance Committee. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- E. Motion by Autrey, supported by Ashley, to increase the substitute teacher daily rate of pay to \$125.00 as presented and reviewed by the board committees. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- F. Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to approve the three and one half year contract as negotiated, written and presented for Dr. Kyle Corlett as Superintendent of Ludington Area Schools effective January 1, 2022. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- G. Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to approve all current K-12 course offerings and content be offered both in person and virtually as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- XI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.
- XII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____

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