

Ludington Area Schools
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 19, 2024

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held in the Administration Office 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Autrey at six o'clock p.m.
Members Present: Dr. Bret Autrey, Steve Carlson, Mike Nagel, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Scott Foster, Sarah Lowman
Members Absent: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Modification ~ An agenda modification to add the topic of Baseball Field Updates.
- IV. Special Presentation
 - A. Student Government Update ~ No report was received as Jack Jubar was absent.
 - B. Ludington High School Principals' Report ~ Steve Forsberg, Principal and Frank Marietta, Vice Principal of Ludington High School presented an update on events and news at the high school. The focus was on all the positive things happening for students in academic, athletic and other co-curricular programs.
 - C. Citizen Participation ~ One citizen addressed the Board.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary Dated February 19, 2024 was approved by consent.
 - B. Approval of Minutes Dated: January 15, 2024 were approved by consent.
 - C. Hiring approvals were approved by consent for the following positions:
 - Raymond Dill, Bus Driver
 - D. Resignation acceptance was approved by consent for:
 - Sabrina Marshall, Aide
 - Courtney Wood, Aide
 - Katie Nimcheski, Teacher
 - E. Retirement acceptance was approved by consent for:
 - Julie Keson, Teacher
 - Frederick Lamm, Teacher
 - Michael Leikerti, Counselor
 - Mary Marble, Accounts Payable
 - Jon Schoon, Dean of Students
- VI. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel/Policy Committee report.
 - B. Stephanie Reed presented the Finance Committee report.
 - C. No report from the Building/Site Committee as the meeting was canceled due to illness.
Motion by Ashley, supported by Reed, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Foster and Ashley. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- VII. Superintendent's Report and Comments
 - A. Superintendent Dr. Kyle Corlett presented the monthly Soaring Oriole Award to Carleen Shinn.
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. The Bond Project Application and Certification for Payment #46 in the amount of

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\$1,447,655.09 was presented.

- B. A request to purchase Social Studies textbooks from McGraw Hill for \$87,096 was presented.
- C. A second reading of the Neola PERA Policy Special Update was shared and recommended for approval.
- D. An upgrade to Peterson Auditorium for \$299,798.16 to include improvements to lighting, drapery and rigging was presented.
- E. A proposal to purchase furniture for OJ DeJonge and Ludington High School for \$62,358.86 was presented.
- F. A request to set the deadline for the School of Choice window for the 2024-2025 school year as of August 1, 2024 was presented.
- G. A recommendation to upgrade the baseball field for \$153,395 was presented.

IX. Action Items

- A. Motion by Reed, supported by Lowman, to approve the certificate for payment on the school bond project and to authorize the District to pay the certificate for payment in the amount of \$1,477,655.09 as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment #46. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley and Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- B. Motion by Nagle, supported by Ashley, to approve the purchase of the McGraw Hill Social Studies textbooks for \$87,096. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley and Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- C. Motion by Carlson, supported by Nagle, to approve the Neola PERA Policy special updates as presented. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- D. Motion by Reed, supported by Foster, to approve the upgrades to the auditorium for \$299,798.16. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- E. Motion by Lowman, supported by Carlson, to purchase furniture for OJ DeJonge Middle School and Ludington High School for \$62,358.86. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- F. Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed, to approve the School of Choice form deadline for the 2024-2025 school year as August 1, 2024. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- G. Motion by Reed, supported by Carlson, to award the bid to Turf Services for \$153,395 for upgrades to the baseball field. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- H. Motion by Nagle, supported by Foster, to convene in closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of periodic personnel evaluation, as requested by the Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: Autrey: Yes; Carlson: Yes; Nagle: Yes; Reed: Yes; Lowman: Yes; Ashley: Yes; Foster: Yes. Motion: Carries 7-0.
The board reconvened in open session at 7:46 p.m.
- I. Motion by Carlson, supported by Nagle, to amend the employment contract from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 under section 5 compensation to increase the compensation by 3%

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- to begin on the next pay period. The annuity contribution will be increased from 10% to 12%. The current contract will be extended to an end date of 30 June 2027. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.
- IX. Other Items of Business & Announcements ~ There were none heard.
- X. Adjournment ~ Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman, Ashley, and Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 7-0.

Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved on _____

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