

Ludington Area Schools  
Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes May 16, 2022

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

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REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~The meeting was held in the Administration Office Boardroom, 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington. The meeting was called to order by Steve Carlson, Board President at six o'clock p.m.  
Members Present: Steve Carlson, Bret Autrey, Stephanie Reed, Josh Snyder, Leona Ashley and Scott Foster  
Members Absent: Mike Nagle
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Special Presentation
  - A. The Robotics Team gave a presentation to the Board.
  - B. Dan Mesyar and Steve Forsberg announced that Ludington High School received the US News & World Report ranking as a top school again. The banner will be arriving very soon. Melanie Tomaski and Julia Haveman were present to share Business Professionals of America success. Julia shared her experience competing at Nationals and placed first at the competition as a freshman. She shared her enthusiasm for the program and wants to raise awareness of the program so other students have the opportunity to be involved in what BPA has to offer.
- IV. Agenda Modification - None to report
- V. Citizen Participation - One citizen addressed the Board.
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Ratification of bill payment dated May 16, 2022 was approved by consent.
  - B. Approval of minutes for the special, closed and regular meetings were approved by consent.
  - C. Hiring approvals for Ali Bach, Ashela Trevino, Jenna Keson were approved by consent.
  - D. Resignation acceptances for Kate Watkins, Trish Forfinski, Owen Wojcicki, Susan Filter were approved by consent.Motion by Snyder, supported by Reed, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented.  
Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
- VII. Board Committee Reports
  - A. Josh Snyder reported on topics from the Finance Committee meeting May 10, 2022.
  - B. Stephanie Reed reported on topics from the Personnel Committee meeting May 11, 2022.
  - C. Stephanie Reed reported on topics from the Building and Site Committee meeting May 13, 2022.
- VIII. Superintendent Report and Comments
  - A. Martha Hamilton was presented the Soaring Oriole Award for the month of May.
- IX. Discussion Items
  - A. The elementary bond project certificate for payment #25 was presented.
  - B. Susan Shoup presented a travel request for the French class in 2023 for Paris, France.
  - C. Contract negotiations on the LESPA Master Bargaining Agreement were discussed.
  - D. Sprinkler bids for Oriole Field were shared.
  - E. Middle school and high school roofing bids were shared.
  - F. The Shoreline Cycling Club is requesting use of the school forest for their annual bike race.
  - G. The School of Choice window for the upcoming year was discussed with a deadline of August 26, 2022.

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- H. The L-4029 Tax Rate Request Form millage rates was presented.
- I. New teacher hiring recommendations were shared with the Board.
- J. The quote from Mason County Road Commission to add a turn lane to Bryant Road was presented.
- X. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve the Elementary Bond Project Certificate and Payment #25 in the amount of \$619,388.88 as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - B. Motion by Ashley, supported by Reed, to approve the travel request for Paris, France for the 2022-2023 school year as presented by Susan Shoup. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - C. Motion by Reed, supported by Foster, to approve and ratify the LESPA Master Bargaining Agreement 2022-2025 as negotiated and presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - D. Motion by Autrey, supported by Ashley, to approve the sprinkler bid to Olson Irrigation in the amount of \$15,150 for Field 1 and \$7,150 for Field 2 at Oriole Field as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - E. Motion by Snyder, supported by Autrey, to approve the middle and high school addition roofing bid award to J. Stevens Construction, a Muskegon based company in the amount of \$659,200 as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - F. Motion by Autrey, supported by Foster, to approve the Strategic Plan 2022-2027 as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - G. Motion by Reed, supported by Foster, to approve the change of date for the June regular board meeting to June 20, 2022 at 809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan at 6:00 p.m. as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - H. Motion by Autrey, supported by Snyder, to approve School of Choice for the 2022/2023 school year with the deadline to apply by August 26, 2022 as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - I. Motion by Foster, supported by Autrey, to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate Request Form as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - J. Motion by Snyder, supported by Autrey, to approve a probationary teacher contract for Michele Weavers teaching high school science pending successful completion of all inservice requirements and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - K. Motion by Ashley, supported by Reed, to approve a probationary teacher contract for Becca Brink teaching second grade pending successful completion of all inservice requirements and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - L. Motion by Autrey, supported by Ashley, to approve a probationary teacher contract for Lily Bradley teaching first grade pending successful completion of all inservice requirements and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - M. Motion by Snyder, supported by Autrey, to approve a probationary teacher contract for Courtney Lambert teaching kindergarten pending successful completion of all inservice requirements and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.
  - N. Motion by Reed, supported by Ashley to approve a probationary teacher contract for Katie Nimcheski teaching high school English pending successful completion of all inservice requirements

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and background checks per Board Policy and Michigan law as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.

O. Motion by Snyder, supported by Ashley, to approve the quote from the Mason County Road Commission for the turn lane work on Bryant Road as presented. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.

P. Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to go into closed session for the purpose of the personnel evaluation of the Superintendent at the written request of the superintendent per MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)a. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0. The Board convened in closed session at 7:00 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

Q. Motion by Snyder, supported by Autrey, to approve the Evaluation of the Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year with a Highly Effective Rating. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.

XI. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.

XII. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Reed, Snyder, Ashley, Foster. Nays: None. Motion: Passes 6-0.

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Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

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