Regular Meeting

1. 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 Carlson at six o’clock p.m.

Members Present: Steve Carlson, Dr. Bret Autrey, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Leona Ashley, Sarah Lowman

Members Absent: Scott Foster

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Modification ~ None to report.
3. Citizen Participation ~ Seven citizens addressed the Board.
4. Consent Agenda
   1. Ratification of Bill Payment Per Summary Dated August 21, 2023 was approved by consent.
   2. Approval of Minutes July 17, 2023 Regular & Closed Meetings were approved by consent.
   3. Hiring approvals were approved by consent:
      * Cindy Cooper, After School Program Lead Teacher
      * Melissa Carrier, After School Program Lead Teacher
      * Ermalinda Ortiz, After School Program Aide
   4. Non-Union Annual Contracts were approved by consent:
      * Andy Hamilton, Social Studies
      * Heather Miletich, Third Grade
      * John Morningstar, Middle School Special Education
      * Melissa Russell, ELL Coordinator
   5. Resignations approved by consent for Gina Beck, Erin Gutowski, Amy McWilliams, Charlotte Nickolson and Pat Shinn.

Motion by Lowman, supported by Reed, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

1. Board Committee Reports
   1. Sarah Lowman presented the Personnel/Policy Committee Report.
   2. Stephanie Reed presented the Building and Site Committee Report.
   3. Stephanie Reed presented the Finance Committee Report.
2. Superintendent’s Report and Comments
   1. Superintendent Dr. Kyle Corlett gave a presentation on the State of the District and shared an award from Learning by Design for the architectural design of the Ludington Elementary School.
3. Discussion Items - The following topics were submitted for discussion:
   1. Emily Garland presented the Unbound Program from the library to the Board.
   2. The Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment **#**40 was discussed.
   3. School meal pricing for 2023-2024 was presented.
   4. A recommendation to hire Steve Forsberg as high school principal was presented.
   5. A recommendation to hire Frank Marietta as high school assistant principal was presented.
   6. A recommendation to purchase two Ford Transit Vans from Hoekstra for $76,200 each to be used for athletic trips for a total of $152,400 was presented.
   7. An update to the L-4029 was presented.
   8. The LEA Contract 2023-2025 was presented. There are minor language changes and a 3% increase for both years.
4. Action Items
   1. Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to approve the certificate for payment on the school bond project and to authorize the District to pay $3,431,167.25, as certified by the architect and construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment #40 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   2. Motion by Reed, supported by Autrey to approve the school meal pricing for 2023-2024 as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   3. Motion by Autrey, supported by Ashley, to approve an administrative contract for Steve Forsberg serving as Ludington High School Principal as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   4. Motion by Lowman, supported by Ashley, to approve an administrative contract for Frank Marietta serving as Ludington High School Assistant Principal pending all background checks and inservice requirements per Board Policy and Michigan Law as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   5. Motion by Ashley, supported by Autrey, to approve the purchase of two transit vans ($76,000 each) in the amount of $152,400 from Hoekstra as presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   6. Motion by Reed, supported by Nagle, to approve the updated L-4029 as written and presented. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   7. Motion by Autrey, supported by Ashley, to approve the 2023-2025 LEA Master Bargaining Agreement as written and negotiated. The Board approved administrative, non-union and central office staff contract renewals at the June meeting to include increases approved for the LEA. The administrative, non-union staff and Superintendent will receive the same percent increase. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.
   8. Motion by Autrey, supported by Reed, to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for Exempt Material Attorney-Client Privilege. A Two-Thirds Roll Call Vote is required to convene in closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

There will be no other items of business following the closed session.

The Board moved to closed session 7:00 p.m

The Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

1. Other Items of Business and Announcements ~ None to report.
2. Adjournment ~ Motion by Autrey, supported by Nagle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Vote: Ayes: Carlson, Autrey, Nagle, Reed, Ashley, Lowman. Nayes: None. Motion: Carries 6-0.

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Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

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