

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

LUDINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION - LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
809 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan 49431 – Phone 231-845-7303

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: The Ludington Area Schools, in partnership with the community, will achieve excellence in a positive environment where motivation and quality instruction ensure learning and equip students for success in society.

MEETING: Special Meeting

DATE: April 12, 2021

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: **Electronic/Virtual Meeting: See meeting access details below.**

ADDRESS: Ludington Area Schools Administration Office, 809 E. Tinkham Ave., Ludington, MI 49431

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, and MEMBER LOCATION

☑ Steve Carlson ☑ Josh Snyder ☑ Bret Autrey ☑ Mike Nagle ☑ Stephanie Reed ☑ Leona Ashley ☑
Scott Foster

II. AGENDA MODIFICATION

III. GOOGLE MEET PARTICIPANT CONTROLS

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

V. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Update: K-12 Remote Learning Plan

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Extended Continuity of Learning Plan: K-12 Remote Learning Plan

VII. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Jason J. Kennedy, Superintendent
RE: Electronic/Virtual Committee Meeting

Meeting Notice and Meeting Access Information:

This notice is given and published pursuant to the Local State of Emergency Declaration made by the Chairperson of the Mason County Board of Commissioners on April 6, 2021. This declaration states:

“On April 7th, 2020 the County of Mason experienced its first confirmed case of COVID-19. In the past year, 1,293 individuals have contracted the disease and 27 have lost their life. The County of Mason continues to experience an increase in positive cases and deaths despite our efforts to slow this pandemic. As a result of this on-going situation and the uncertainty of impacts to our residents and visitors, the following conditions exist:

- The Mason County Emergency Action Guidelines have been duly activated and departments, agencies, and government offices have been coordinating a county-wide response to COVID-19 in accordance with mandates issued by the State of Michigan.
- Mason County, in partnership with District Health Department #10 and all governmental units within Mason County, are maximizing efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- The need to protect all residents and members of public boards, commissions, and meetings conducting governmental business continues to exist beyond the virtual meetings exemption established in the Open Meetings Act.

Therefore, as the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners of Mason County, in accordance with Section 10 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, I hereby declare that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction, that the response and recovery aspects of the emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent practicable. This declaration expires seven days from its execution unless further extended or extinguished by the County Board of Commissioners.”

Signed: Janet S. Andersen, Chairperson

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education for Ludington Area School District will meet on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm for a virtual meeting (online and/or by phone) to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ludington Area School District from Coronavirus/COVID-19, in alignment with the Local State of Emergency Declaration. This virtual meeting is authorized pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263a.

Public comment will be handled using the participant controls of the Google Meet platform. These will be discussed at the start of the meeting. If you are listening by telephone only, you will be called upon by the host during the time for public participation in the meeting.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting and/or to obtain this notice in an alternative format, should contact Superintendent Jason Kennedy, Ludington Area School District at (231) 845-7303 prior to this meeting.

Google Meet Instructions for Participants

To join the conference by telephone:

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below:
 - Phone number: (US) +1 803-567-1026
2. Enter the meeting pin number below when prompted using your touch-tone (DTMF) keypad:
 - Pin number: 659 795 053#

Before the meeting:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speakers or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining the meeting. Comments received by the superintendent from members of the public wishing to address the Board prior to 5:00 pm on April 12, 2021 will be read into the record of the meeting.

To join the meeting via video conference or technology device:

1. At the start time of the meeting, click on the link below to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Google Meet application.

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/zqe-wzxt-kso

Discussion Item:

We will review the superintendent's letter that has been shared with parents, guardians, and the greater school community, along with the COVID-19 case counts and impacted staffing levels for the week of April 5 - April 9, 2021. We will discuss how this impacts in-person instruction through April 19, 2021. We will review a recommendation that has been fully supported by Dr Jennifer Morse, the medical director of the District Health Department #10, to move grades pre-K through 12 instruction to remote learning, effective April 13 through April 19, 2021. Tuition charges for pre-school will be waived for this period of time.

The Board of Education will then again review COVID-19 case counts and impacted staffing levels at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021. If case counts and impacted staffing levels improve, it may be recommended to the Board to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Full details are explained to the community in the superintendent's letter, dated April 11, 2021.