

Ludington Board of Education
Public Meeting Notice

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

Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting

Date: August 18, 2017

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: Ludington Area School District Administration Office
809 East Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Michigan

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) Staff Recommendations
 - i. Anita Winterhalter - Foster Elementary School - Special Education
 - ii. Megan McVannel- Franklin Elementary School - Kindergarten
 - b) Letter of Resignation / Retirement - Sue Vengen
 - c) LESPA Aide and Bus Driver Bump Day Update
 - d) Thrun Law Policy Guidance and Updates - Retainer Client Letter
- 5) OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 6) ADJOURNMENT

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Memorandum - Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Superintendent

RE: Personnel/Policy Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

Staff Recommendations:

Anita Winterhalter - We will need a recommendation to approve the hiring of Anita Winterhalter to fill the 3rd grade special education vacancy at Foster Elementary School. This opening was due to Chelsea Feutz taking a leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year. She comes to Ludington with 18 years of experience at Hesperia Community Schools. She has a Bachelor's degree in elementary education with a major in special education and a cognitive impairment endorsement from Central Michigan University. She also holds a Master's degree from Grand Valley State University in Early Childhood Education. She is trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), has experience using Illuminate for writing special education IEPs, is trained in Fountas and Pinnell, is trained in PBIS, and her skill set matches many of the other initiatives that are in place at Ludington. She was honored by Hesperia Community Schools as the Teacher of the Year in 2014, and she comes highly recommended to Ludington Area Schools.

Megan McVannel - We will need a recommendation to approve the hiring Megan McVannel to fill the Franklin Elementary School kindergarten position. She has seven years of teaching experience and most recently served as a Title I reading and math teacher at Mason County Eastern Schools. She also has experience teaching first grade, and has had training in AVMR (Math Recovery), PBIS, and NWEA. She received high recommendation from her current principal, who highlighted her as being a hard worker, someone who works well in team situations, and is very professional. Additionally, she has a strength in building relationships with students and parents. She has a Masters of Arts in Education from Michigan State University with a Special Education Concentration, and she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University.

Letter of Resignation / Retirement:

Sue Vengen submitted a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2018, announcing her retirement from Ludington Area Schools. We have accepted her resignation and wish her well in retirement upon completion of the 2017 - 2018 school year. This will help significantly with planning as we plan ahead. Congratulations to Sue on an outstanding career!

LESPA Aide and Bus Driver Bump Day Update:

I will share an update from the bump day for aides and paraprofessionals, which took place on Wednesday, August 16th at our meeting, along with an update from the Bus Driver bump day, which took place this past week also.

Thrun Law Policy Guidance and Updates - Retainer Client Letter

A copy of policy guidance from Thrun Law, as outlined in their retainer client letters dated August 2 and 3, 2017 will be discussed. Policy related issues outlined in Thrun Law's monthly School Law Notes will also be discussed.