

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.

Finance Committee Meeting

Date: December 06, 2017

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Kelly Thomsen Steve Carlson Bret Autrey
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) MDE Grant Award - Early Literacy Assessment Grant
 - b) Snow Plow Competitive Bids
 - c) Update on Mason County Promise Zone Authority
 - d) Recommendation for Full-Time School Resource Officer Position
 - e) Advertising in Hawley Gymnasium
 - f) CBD Transformation Think Tank Facilitation Contract
- 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: Finance Committee Meeting ~ Agenda Notes

MDE Grant Award - Additional Instructional Time and Interventions

The District has received written notification from the Michigan Department of Education that Ludington Area Schools received an Early Literacy Assessment Grant. This grant will be used to offset the cost of elementary literacy assessments that have been purchased by the district to comply with changes in the 3rd grade reading law. A copy of the grant award notification will be provided to the committee and to the Board.

Snow Plow Competitive Bid Process

The bids for snow plowing and lawn maintenance have been opened by the District. Information from all bids received will be reviewed with the Finance Committee prior to a recommendation for bid adoption by the full board of education at the regular board meeting in December. The District received two (2) bids for snow plowing and three (3) bids for mowing. The bid summary sheet has been attached to this message. Our current company, Schmock's is the low bidder by a significant amount in all areas of the bid. Our committee will review these bids and formulate a recommendation to the committee.

Mason County Promise Zone Authority

I have developed a resolution that was forwarded to Fabian Knizacky to include as an action item for adoption at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting in December. The resolution seeks the authorization to issue a letter of intent to the Michigan Department of Treasury, on behalf of the Mason County Board of Commissioners, to develop a Promise Zone Authority. If adopted by the Board, we will develop a plan that will be submitted for approval to the County Board and the Department of Treasury for approval. If the plan is approved, the Promise Zone will be known as the Mason County Promise. This is the first step in developing this plan.

Recommendation for Full-Time School Resource Officer

Chief Barnett has requested that the school consider adoption of a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) at a cost of \$38,000 in addition to the current \$25,000 that is already paid to cover the cost of the SRO. After careful review and consideration of the proposal, I will be recommending the approval of a full-time SRO. The district has received approximately \$50,000 more in at-risk money and will use some of these funds to offset the increased cost.

Advertising in Hawley Gymnasium

It has been requested to discuss advertising in the gym prior to moving forward with an agreement proposed by Magee Insurance pertaining to new wall padding in Hawley Gymnasium.

CBD Transformation Think Tank Facilitation

It is my recommendation that we continue to work with CBD through the facilitation of the Transformation Think Tank. They have assisted the District with the technology bond and the planning that went into the technology infrastructure at LASD.