

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.

Electronic/Virtual Meeting: Personnel/Policy Committee

Date: April 15, 2020

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
 Stephanie Reed Mike Nagle Leona Ashley
- 2) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- 3) AGENDA MODIFICATION
- 4) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) Three (3) part Thrun Law Firm legal update on Executive Order (EO) 2020-35
 - b) Emergency Powers Resolution: Two (2) options from NEOLA
 - i. Resolution to grant emergency powers to the superintendent
 - ii. Resolution to grant emergency powers to comply with EO 2020-35
 - c) NEOLA Policy Update: Volume 34, Number 2
 - d) Thrun Law Firm - Review of School Law Notes
 - a) Updates from other committees
- 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

Meeting Notice and Meeting Access Information:

This notice is given and published pursuant to the Executive Order issued by Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of the State of Michigan.

The Personnel/Policy Committee of the Board of Education for Ludington Area School District will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 am for its monthly committee meeting as 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, pursuant to law and Executive Order issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Public comment will be handled using the “Raise Hand” feature (as instructed below) within the participant controls of the Zoom platform. If you are listening by telephone only, you will be called upon by the host.

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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 a meeting.
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3. You may also join a meeting without the link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided below.
4. If you are having trouble hearing the meeting, you can join via telephone while remaining on the video conference:
 1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below.
 2. Enter the Meeting ID number (provided below) when prompted using your touch-tone (DTMF) keypad.
 3. If you have already joined the meeting via computer, you will have the option to enter your 2- digit participant ID to be associated with your computer.

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Meeting Information:

Topic: Board of Education Personnel / Policy Committee Meeting

Time: Apr 15, 2020 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/a48ChMjPj>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MASB - Conducting a Virtual School Board Meeting

We will discuss guidance provided by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) pertaining to conducting a virtual Board meeting in preparation for the Board meeting on April 20, 2020.

Three (3) part Thrun Law Firm update on Executive Order (EO) 2020-35

We will discuss the three (3) part legal update that has been provided to the District and retainer clients by Thrun Law Firm regarding Executive Order 2020-35.

Emergency Powers Resolution

Executive Order 2020-35 temporarily suspends and/or waives certain legal requirements for this school year. As a result, certain board policies are affected, including policies relating to instruction and curriculum, such as Policies 2220, 2231, 2521, and 2623; policies related to attendance, promotion, graduation, and grading requirements, such as Policies 5200, 5410, 5421, and 5460; policies addressing professional and administrative staff evaluations, such as Policies 1420 and 3220; and policies relating to school calendar, continuity of operations, and free and reduced price meals, such as Policy 8210, 8300, and 8531. This is just a sampling of policies that may be affected by Executive Order 2020-35.

Boards are not required to amend each and every policy affected by the Executive Order. Rather, boards may exercise the power granted under bylaw 0131.1 and adopt a resolution granting emergency powers to the Superintendent, including the power to modify, alter, suspend, or otherwise address the need to vary from certain school policies for the remainder of this school year.

We will discuss the adoption of a resolution that will grant emergency powers to the Superintendent so that each and every Board policy affected by the Executive Order does not have to be amended. The Superintendent will ensure that the District complies with each Executive Order through this pandemic.

NEOLA Policy Update: Volume 34, Number 2

We will discuss the spring NEOLA policy update, Volume 34, Number 2 update with the committee. We will have the first reading of these policies with the full Board at the meeting on April 20, 2020, and the second reading with the Board in May. The Board will then vote on the adoption of these policies at the May or June Board meeting.

Thrun Law Firm - Review of School Law Notes

We will discuss the most recent school law notes with the committee. This will provide the committee with the most recent developments in school law with regard to policy development.

Updates from Other Committees

We will review updates from each of the other committees in preparation for the Board meeting on Monday.