

Ludington Area Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 19, 2024

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- I. Call to Order & Roll Call ~ The meeting was held at Ludington Elementary School (STEAM classroom), 5771 W. Bryant Road, Ludington, Michigan, 49431. The meeting was called to order by Board President Autrey at six o'clock p.m.  
Members Present: Dr. Bret Autrey, Steve Carlson, Mike Nagle, Stephanie Reed, Sarah Lowman  
Members Absent: Leona Ashley, Scott Foster
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Agenda Modification ~ An agenda modification was made to include a discussion/action item related to a modified quote from Miller's Construction for the cost of materials for replacement siding for the bus barn. The previous quote was for a lesser quality steel product.
- IV. Citizen Participation ~ Two community members addressed the Board.
- V. Consent Agenda
  - A. Ratification of Bill Payment per Summary Dated August 19, 2024 approved by consent.
  - B. Approval of Minutes Dated: July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting, approved by consent.
  - C. Hiring Approvals, Resignation Acceptances, & Retirement Acceptances were approved by consent.  
Motion by Carlson, supported by Nagle, to approve the consent agenda as written and presented.  
Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.
- VI. Board Committee Reports
  - A. Mike Nagle presented the Personnel/Policy Committee Report for August 14, 2024.
  - B. Stephanie Reed presented the Finance/Negotiation Committee Report for August 14, 2024.
  - C. Stephanie Reed presented the Building/Site Committee Report for August 14, 2024.
- VII. Superintendent's Reports & Comments
  - A. Superintendent Dr. Kyle Corlett presented his State of District report that included a proposed goal of continuing to grow the fund balance despite a 0% increase in funding from the proposed state budget. A report of our transportation services shows a slight decrease in the number of trips but an increase in miles logged likely due to an increase in miles per trip. The nutrition department reported an increase in meals served which is likely from a combination of free meals for all students as well as creative menu choices and meal options such as Grab 'n Go meals. An update on the construction project was shared. Curriculum Director, Mike Hart, presented data from student assessments from spring of 2024 that reflects a continuing trend of increasing student achievement in grade levels assessed.
  - B. Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole presented a brief history of School Resource Officers providing service to Ludington Area School District as well as all schools in Mason County. Area SROs are funded through the 2025-2026 school year. Sheriff Cole estimates the current cost of a single SRO is about \$145,000 which includes salary, insurance and equipment. Sheriff Cole hopes that a solution to funding beyond 2026 will be found.
- VIII. Discussion Items
  - A. Bond Project Application and Certificate for Payment #52
  - B. Purchase of Copy Machines
  - C. Replacement of Bus Barn Siding

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- D. First Reading of Title IX NEOLA Policies
- E. First Reading of Policy 5610
- IX. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Reed, supported by Lowman, to approve the certificate for payment on the school bond project and to authorize the District to pay the certificate for construction manager, and as outlined in the Certificate for Payment #52.  
Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5 - 0.
  - B. Motion by Nagle, supported by Reed to purchase copy machines from Applied Innovation for \$63,858.77  
Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5 - 0.
  - C. Motion by Carlson, supported by Nagle, to approve the replacement of the siding on the bus barn with a higher quality steel product not to exceed \$62,800.  
Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5 - 0.
- XV. Other Items of Business & Announcements ~ Due to continued construction at the Central Business Office the Board of Education meetings for the months of September and October will be held at Ludington Elementary School .
- XVI. Adjournment ~ Motion by Carlson, supported by Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.  
Vote: Ayes: Autrey, Carlson, Nagle, Reed, Lowman. Nays: None. Motion: Carries 5-0.

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Michael W. Nagle, Secretary, Board of Education

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