REGULAR MEETING
L’ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 19, 2007

1. President Bugni called the Regular Meeting of the L’Anse Area Schools Board of Education to order on November 19, 2007 at 6:01 p.m. in the L’Anse High School Board of Education Room.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
The following members were in attendance:
Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Lehto, Mrs. Loosemore, Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Koski and Mr. Drift.

Administrative personnel:
Superintendent Mr. Pasquali, High School Principal Mr. Moore, Middle School Principal Mr. Willman and Elementary Principal Mr. Sprague. Absent: Mrs. Ketola, Special Programs Coordinator.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mrs. Thomas, supported by Mr. Drift to approve the Agenda for the November 19, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Mr. Drift, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Drift, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on November 6, 2007 with the following change: Administrative Personnel in attendance: Excused not absent. Motion carried.

5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
A. Mr. Moore, High School Principal – 62% participation at Parent/Teacher conference. 51% Freshman, 61% Juniors, 61% Seniors and 30% Sophmores on the Honor Roll.
B. Mr. Pasquali, Superintendent – Mrs. Ballor plan to have banners hung in the gym for Football Team championship, Cross County 2nd place All U.P., and Golf.
C. Mr. Willman, Middle School Principal – Student Assembly to be held on November 20, 2007 to recognize student athletes in the fall and winter sports and students that are significant examples of good community character who are Zach Hogart, Clifford Durant and Heather Tikkanen.
D. Aaron Poniatowski, Band Instructor – Junior –Senior High Band Concert to be held on December 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Elementary Concert to held on December 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
E. Beth Dix on behalf of the P.T.O., 175 elementary students participated in fund raisers.
6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
   A. Jerry Bugni – Updated on the football field. Mike Reed, General Manager of the L’Anse Warden Electric Plant volunteered their time and equipment to put drain tile in the football field. Mike Delene, D & D Contracting rotor tilled the field. Brady Schaeffer surveyed the field. Plans for a practice field for next year and future game field will be behind the elementary school along with baseball fields, tennis court, parking area and a walking path in summer and cross country in the winter around the perimeter. A meeting will be held on December 5, 2007 for the purpose of seeking fund raisers.
   B. Amy Stein, parent – Spoke regarding the basketball coach, Artie Engel.
   C. Christy Hendrickson, parent – Spoke on Boy’s Basketball and to reconsider the Varsity Boys Basketball coach position.
   D. Ms. Tarvainen, parent – On behalf of PAC, donated to PTO and Booster Club. Thanked the board for the reposition of Teacher Aides in Resource rooms.
   E. Janel Summers, Destination ImagiNation Coordinator – Discussed the present Destination ImagiNation program consisting of two teams, third and fourth grade team and a fifth, sixth and eighth grade team. One coach position is posted.
   F. Ms. Callie DeLeon, Elementary Teacher – Concerns of cleanliness in the elementary school.
   G. Mr. Eliseo DeLeon, Destination ImagiNation Coach – Destination ImagiNation is a good program and appreciates the two teams.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS:**
   A. Thank you – The Family of Sis Sands
   B. Thank you – The Family of Jim McMullin.

8. **STUDENT REPORTS:**
   A. Emily Lanczy and Elizabeth Smith, Seniors - Discussed a Senior Class Trip. 43 out of 69 students are interested in a Senior Class trip.
   B. Amanda Roth, Student Council Representative – The following events are being planned: Door decorating for the first hour teachers, Holiday assembly to be held on December 21, 2007 during sixth and seventh hour. Spirit week in February.

9. **FINANCES:**
   A. Ms. Mathieu highlighted on her report. Financial information data base is done. SRSD uploaded on November 14, 2007 by the Copper Country Intermediate School District.
   B. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mr. Drift to approve the payment of bills as funds become available. Motion carried.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**
    A. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mr. Drift to approve Risa Williamson for a one year probationary contract as the Elementary / Middle School Counselor for the 2007-2008 school year pending criminal record check and PA-189. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Mrs. Loosemore, supported by Mr. Drift to approve changes to the Athletic Handbook concerning athletic practices. Nays: Mrs. Loosemore, Mr. Drift, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Koski, Mrs. Lehto and Mrs. Bugni. Motion died due to lack of support.

Motion by Mrs. Koski, supported by Mr. Drift to approve special circumstances that may require a need for either a Sunday practice or for Sunday Practices to be held upon the recommendation of the Coach and with the approval of the Athletic Director and Superintendent. Students having Sunday obligation will be excused with no repercussions or retaliations. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve changes to the Athletic Handbook concerning athletic uniform guidelines. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Koski, supported by Mr. Drift to approve the athletic/activity handbook with recommended changes. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Mr. Drift, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve the transfer of $50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capitol Project Fund. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Mrs. Thomas, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve convening in closed session to consider medical records concerning an employee for the reason that the medical records are confidential and exempted from disclosure under State and Federal law at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Thomas, supported by Mrs. Lehto to return to open session at 8:03 p.m. and accept the minutes of the closed session. Motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Written reports were submitted to the Board of Education.

B. Mr. John Juntunen, Maintenance / Transportation Supervisor – Bid on the bus was awarded to Sam Wuornos.

D. Mr. Willman, Middle School Principal – Three editions of the school paper has been published.

E. Mr. Moore, High School Principal – Youth In Government sold 267 wreaths.

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. Educational Resources – Discussed Football field, athletic handbooks and employees medical records.
B. Extracurricular - Discussed Sunday practices, athletic uniforms and eligibility.
D. Finance – Discussed note taking at committee meetings, football, student count, and the lunch program available in Skyward program for collecting funds. The audit is prepared and will be available at the December, 2007 board meeting.
F. Library Advisory Board – New member joined the Library Board - Sarah Jackson. Discussed closing the Library when school is closed. Signs should soon be up.
F. CCASB – Next meeting will be January 3, 2007.
14. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
   A. Christy Hendrickson, parent – Spoke on Sunday Boys and Girls basketball practice.
   B. Shawn Hendrickson, girls basketball coach – Disappointed can not practice on Sundays.
   C. Amy Stein, parent – Inquired when the coach’s contracts will be renewed.

15. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**
   A. Mrs. Thomas – Encouraged Ms. Stein’s son to continue playing basketball.
   B. Mrs. Dix. – Enjoyed a conference held in Lansing, MI.
   C. Mrs. Thomas – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**
   Motion by Mrs. Thomas supported by Mrs. Lehto to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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PATRICIA LOOSEMORE, Secretary      JOAN BUGNI, President