

REGULAR MEETING

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 19, 2010

1. President Ayres called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools to order on April 19, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. in the Covington Multi-Purpose Building – Covington, MI.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

The following members were in attendance:

Mr. Ayres, Mrs. Lehto, Mrs. Reilley, Mrs. Koski, Mrs. Loosemore, Mrs. Dix and Mrs. Bugni.

Administrative Personnel in Attendance:

Superintendent Mr. Pasquali, High School Principal Mrs. Meyer, Middle School Principal Mr. Willman and Elementary Principal Mr. Sprague.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported Mrs. Bugni to approve the Agenda for the April 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting with the following changes: X. Old Business: Omit letter A. and B. under Old Business. Letter A and letter B will become letter A. and B. under New Business and the letter A. of New Business will become letter C. and so forth. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 15, 2010 with the following change: 6. Public Participation A. Cynthia Hubbard, Payroll Clerk – Addressed the mold issue in Central Office and requested immediate Board Approval not to enter the current Central Office Building due to health concerns. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on April 15, 2010. Motion carried.

5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:

- A. Dominic Aleo, Student – Leadership to downstate was successful and enjoyable.
- B. Carrie Meyer, High School Principal – Gear Up Program future options will have career services. Cathy Shamion did an excellent job on summer programs with scholarships.
- C. Aaron VanDusen, Band Instructor – Spring Concert and Art Show to be held on , April 27, 2010.
- D. Tom Sprague, Elementary Principal – Thanked the P.T.O. for the Second and Third Grade chairs.
- E. Mrs. Dix – Elementary yearbook on sale for \$12.00.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
  - A. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Bugni to enter into closed session at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried.  
Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Lehto to return to open session and accept the minutes of the closed session at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried.
  - B. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Bugni to enter into closed session at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.  
  
Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Lehto to return to open session and accept the minutes of the closed session at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried.
7. CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS: None
8. STUDENT REPORTS: None.
9. FINANCES:
  - A. Ms. Mathieu highlighted on her report.
  - B. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, Supported by Mrs. Bugni to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.
  - C. Discussion of the Budget was held.
  - D. The Board was informed of the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$125,000 at 1.85% interest to enable the district to receive increased interest for the 1998 Debt Retirement Fund.
10. OLD BUSINESS: None
11. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Mr. Willman was present to speak to the Board of Education concerning the proposed non-renewal of his contract pursuant to Section 380.1229 of Revised School Code.
  - B. Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve that for financial reasons the Board of Education not renew the contract of Robert J. Willman which expires June 30, 2010 and that the Superintendent or his designee be directed to provide Robert J. Willman with written notice of this action so that it is received by Mr. Willman no later than April 30, 2010. Motion carried.
  - C. Motion by Mrs. Loosemore, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve Fred Teddy as the recipient of the 2010 L'Anse Area Schools Distinguished Alumni Award. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve continuation of a First Year Probationary Motion contract for Anna Bradfish until her anniversary date of January 27, 2010 and a Second Year Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Mrs. Koski, supported by Mrs. Loosemore to approve a Second Year Probationary contract for Elizabeth Lloyd for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Dix, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve a Second Year Probationary contract for Alissa DuPuis for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Bugni to approve a Second Year Probationary Contract for Kurt Anderson for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Loosemore, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve a Second Year Probationary Contract for Rob Bohlsen for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Loosemore to approve a second year probationary contract for Amanda Rinkinen for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Mrs. Loosemore ,supported by Mrs. Bugni to approve a third year probationary contract for Linnea Olson for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by .Mrs. Dix, supported by Mrs. Koski to approve the continuation of a third year probationary contract for Jennifer Wilson for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Mrs. Loosemore, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve the continuation of a fourth year probationary contract for Rebecca Keyes for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Loosemore, supported by Mrs. Koski to approve the continuation of a fourth year probationary contract for Kristin Marczak for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve the continuation of a fourth year probationary contract for Brian Perry for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Dix to approve the continuation of a fourth year probationary contract for John VanDusen for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Loosemore, supported by Mrs. Koski to approve the continuation of a fourth year probationary contract for Jennifer Rubin for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

- H. Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Bugni to approve tenure for Lisa Cichosz for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Dix, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve tenure for Kristina Mechlin for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Lehto to approve tenure for Jennifer Davidson for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried.

- I. The following Athletic Coaches were hired for the 2009-2010 school year:  
Todd Tollefson - High School Assistant Track Coach, Kurt Anderson – High School Assistant Track Coach and Marc Nutini- Interim Golf Coach.
- J. Motion by Mrs. Bugni, supported by Mrs. Lehto authorizing the Superintendent to release a RFP for an energy performance contract. Motion carried.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Were presented.

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: Were presented.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- A. James Waara, parent – Disagrees with the decision regarding Mr. Willman, Middle School.
- B. Mr. Simonsen, teacher – Questioned how much is being saved eliminating the Middle School Principal's position and would the duties of the Middle School Principal go to the Superintendent.
- C. Penny Jaeger, parent - Requested the Middle School Principal position be reinstated if there are funds.
- D. Lisa Tarvainen, parent - Middle School Principal should be reinstated when funds become available and not for the Sports Complex.
- E. Candy Kanninen, parent – Supports Mr. Willman, Middle School Principal.  
Rachael Lassi, sub teacher – Will work with students who need assistance.
- F. Dominique Aleo, student – Commented that he will miss Mr. Willman, Middle School Principal.

15. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

A. All Board Members – Decision regarding Mr. Willman, Middle School Principal was strictly financial.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Lehto, supported by Mrs. Bugni to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried.

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SUZETTE REILLEY, Secretary

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JASON AYRES, President