

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 15, 2024

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on April 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.
2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
The following members were in attendance:
Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mr. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk and Mrs. Waara.
Excused: Mrs. Nordstrom

Administrative personnel in attendance:
Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Cichosz & Principal Scroggs & Business Manager Bianco
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the Agenda for the April 15, 2024. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on March 18, 2024. Motion carried.
5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
Mrs. Scroggs reported an Author Visit will be on May 10th.

Mrs. Cichosz reported Sam Hiltunen was invited to play *Solo & Ensemble* at Western Michigan University and spring sports have begun.
6. STUDENT REPORTS: Junior class is planning the prom; the theme is *The Great Gatsby*. Youth in Government went to Lansing.
7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: March –April Niemi, *Accounting Clerk*
8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None
9. FINANCES:
 - A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
 - B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the 2024-25 calendar. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve **Carol Tembruell** effective immediately as a *Library Advisory Board Member* due to Ruth Giudicelli's resignation for a 3 year term, ending August 31, 2027. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve **Joanne Hochstein** as a *Library Advisory Board Member* for a 3 year term, effective September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2027. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the following Continuation of the Contracts for Non-Tenured Teaching Staff as listed below:

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a First Year Interim Probationary Contract and a Second Year Interim Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:*

Tara Kurtycz until her anniversary date of September 18, 2024
Brittany Wadaga until her anniversary date of October 19, 2024

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a First Year Probationary Contract and a Second Year Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:*

Tyler Belanger until her anniversary date of September 25, 2024

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a Second Year Interim Probationary Contract(s)*

Austin Keranen

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a Second Year Probationary Contract(s)*

Tyler Markle
Kinnon Kurtycz
Richard Sarau (Part time)

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a Second Year Interim Probationary Contract and a Third Year Interim Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:*

Rebecca Frost until her anniversary date of March 20, 2025

~ *Recommendation of a Continuation of a Second Year Probationary Contract and a Third Year Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:*

Madelynn Ogea until her anniversary date of January 25, 2025

~ Recommendation of a Third Year Probationary Contract(s)

Shelsey Mleko
Lauren Lauchen

~ Recommendation of a Continuation of a Third Year Probationary Contract and a Fourth Year Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:

David Hunter until his anniversary date of November 23, 2024
Kristine Maki until her anniversary date of November 29, 2024

~ Recommendation of a Fourth Year Probationary Contract(s)

John DeLine

~ Recommendation of a Continuation of a Fourth Year Probationary Contract and a Fifth Year Probationary Contract for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:

Jacob Ogea until his anniversary date of April 6, 2025

~ Recommendation of a Fifth Year Probationary Contract(s)

Brooke Osterman

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve Tenure for the following teaching staff:

Marsha Salo
Eric DeMink
Jacqueline Rowilson
David Ruhman
Sarah Briggs-McNeal on her anniversary date of October 5, 2024

Motion carried.

D. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve a First Year probationary contract for Michelle Krallman as *Elementary Teacher* pending Criminal Background Check and PA-189. Motion carried.

E. Concerning Resignations/New Hires

Resignation(s): None
Hire(s): Tanner Cadeau – *Evening Janitorial Worker*

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: *presented in packet*

- A. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- B. Director of Student Services / Athletic Director
- C. Elementary (K-5) Principal
- D. JSH (6-12) Principal
- E. Superintendent

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance – did not meet
- D. Library – meeting in May
- E. CCASB –Annual Awards dinner was held
- F. CCISD –meeting this Friday at L’Anse
- G. Wellness Committee – met last week; discussed Newsletter ideas, ACES & PACES; looking to recruit Student Rep
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – will meet to review scholarship applications
- I. Personnel Committee – met; reviewed superintendent candidates and questions for interview
- J. Tribal Education Committee – met last week at Zeba Hall; shared data

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Teacher Appreciation Week ~ May 6-10 – Discussion was held; members will be meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m. in the Elementary Conference room.

Honor’s Con ~ May 21 – Guest Speaker is Kelly Menge, Mrs. Waara will attend.

Graduation ~ May 30 – Board members will attend; Mr. Cavanaugh will present diplomas.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

15. President Bugni announced that any staff member or public could be dismissed or stay as the Superintendent interviews were conducted.

Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve support for developing a contract for **Chris Davidson** as *Superintendent*. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve developing a contract for **David Ruhman** as *Superintendent*, in the event Mr. Davidson declines. Motion carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Fedie to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.
Motion carried.


KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*


JOAN BUGNI, *President*