

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 19, 2024

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on August 19, 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. Fedie, Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom and Mrs. Waara

Excused: Mr. Cavanaugh

Administrative personnel in attendance:

Superintendent Tollefson, Principal Cichosz & Principal Scroggs

Excused: Business Manager Bianco

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the Agenda for the August 19, 2024. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearing Board of Education meeting held on June 17, 2024. Abstain: Mr. Fedie & Mrs. Paulson. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on June 17, 2024. Abstain: Mr. Fedie & Mrs. Paulson. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on July 15, 2024. Abstain: Mrs. Frisk. Motion carried.

5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:

Mrs. Cichosz reported summer is over, football and volleyball practices have begun.

Mrs. Scroggs reported GE is over, teachers have started to set up classrooms.

6. STUDENT REPORTS: None

7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: AUGUST – Ben Maycunich, *I.E. Teacher*

8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None

9. FINANCES:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve Christopher Davidson, *Superintendent*; Amanda Nordstrom, *Board Treasurer*; and Theresa Bianco, *Business Manager*, as signatories for the following accounts: Superior National Bank & Trust, Huntington National Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus as stated with the exception under Superior National Bank & Trust – *L'Anse High School-Internal Accounting Fund, Vending Machine and Elementary Activity Account* – Melissa Scroggs, Christopher Davidson and Lisa Cichosz effective September 1, 2024. Abstain: Mrs. Nordstrom. Motion carried.
- B. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
- C. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the *Teacher Handbook* for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve *Student Code of Conduct Handbook* for Grades K-5 for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the *Student Code of Conduct Handbook* for Grades 6-12 for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve a First Year Probationary Contract for Jason Briggs as *Art Teacher*. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Frisk to accept the resignation from Brittany Wadaga, *Biology Teacher & School Nurse*, effective August 21, 2024. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve a First Year Probationary Contract for Jan LaFave as *Math Teacher*. Abstain: Mrs. Bugni. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the *Career & Technical Education Contract* for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Waara to approve the *2024-25 Contract for Industrial Education Teacher* as presented. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve the *2024-25 Contract for Aide in CTE Welding Class* as presented. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve a Bread Bid from Pan-O-Gold Baking, Co. as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve a Milk Bid from Jilbert's Dairy as presented.

- K. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve **Policy 8321** *Criminal Justice Information Security* as presented. Motion carried.
- L. District Improvement Plan was presented in packet.
- M. New Hire(s) / Resignation(s)

Hire(s):

John Jacobson, *MS Football Coach*  
Sheila Royal, *JV Girls Basketball Coach*  
Justice Kinnunen, *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach*  
Joshua Eagle, *Varsity Girls Basketball Coach*

Resignation(s): Robin Chosa, *Food Service Worker*  
Sheila Royal, *Varsity Girls Basketball Coach*  
Justice Kinnunen, *JV Girls Basketball Coach*  
Kristin Hemmila, *Food Service Worker*  
Kayli Salmela, *Special Ed Aide & Library Clerk*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: *presented in packet*

- N. Maintenance-Custodial-Transportation Supervisor
- O. Elementary (K-5) Principal
- P. JSH (6-12) Principal
- Q. Superintendent – Thanked the Board members for support over the years.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – did not meet
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance – did not meet
- D. Library – meeting next month
- E. CCASB – meeting next month
- F. CCISD – met; Water Plan for School in progress
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – did not meet
- I. Personnel Committee – did not meet
- J. Tribal Education Committee – did not meet

12. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

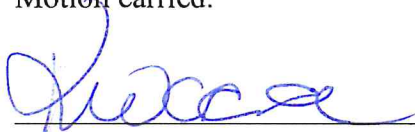
14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

*Superintendent Evaluation Training* was discussed.

*Back-to-School Breakfast* was discussed.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Waara to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m.  
Motion carried.

  
KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

  
JOAN BUGNI, *President*