REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2026

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Bugni on March 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the High School #169.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:
   The following members were in attendance:
   Mrs. Bugni, Mrs. Paulson, Mr. Fedie, Mr. Cavanaugh & Ms. Waara
   Excused: Mrs. Frisk & Mrs. Nordstrom

   Administrative personnel in attendance:
   Superintendent Davidson, Business Manager Valsa, Admin. Assistant Hochstein & Principal Cichosz
   Excused: Principal Scroggs

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
   Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve the Agenda for the March 18, 2026. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 23, 2026. Abstain: Mrs. Bugni. Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION:
   A. C.T.E. Program presented by *Steve Aho, Copper Country I.S.D.*

6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
   Mrs. Cichosz highlighted that Mrs. Alicia Evans has volunteered to start a Writing Club and 15 students have been participating. Students are eager to start a School Newspaper also.

7. STUDENT REPORTS: None

8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY ~ Rachel Cox – *Elementary Teacher*

9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None

10. FINANCES:
    A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
    B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Mr. Cavanaugh, to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:
    A. Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to approve **Anne Koski** for the *2026 Distinguished Alumnus Award.* Motion carried.

B. Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the bid from *Bay Electric* for the cabling at $19,886.40 and *SEHI* for the switch with the alternate transceiver at $3,018.48. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the Addendum to Extend Agreement between *ESS Midwest Inc.* and *L'Anse Area Schools* from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as presented. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Ms. Waara to approve the 2026-2027 calendar as presented. Motion carried.
E. Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the Section 27l(2) *Letter of Agreement* between L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education and L'Anse Education Association as presented. Motion carried.
F. Discussion was held regarding Board Member Terms.

G. New Hire(s) / Resignation(s)

New Hire(s):	Reeyce Fish – *Varsity Cheer Coach*
	Sheila Royal – *Varsity Track Coach*
	TBA – *Middle School Track Coach*
	TBA – *Middle School Head Football Coach*
Resignation(s):	Mark Leaf – *Middle School Head Football Coach*

12. 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 – *added volunteers are needed for the Reality Fair on April 2*
    E. Superintendent – *added that March 13th P.D. was canceled due to snow day*

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    A. Education Resources
    B. Extra-Curricular
    C. Finance
    D. Library Advisory Board – Spring Break Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (T, W &Th); Donation of $125,000 from *Markus J. Ladd Trust*; Scrabble Night is Friday 4:00 p.m.; next meeting is May 12 at 4:00 p.m.
    E. CCASB – Awards Banquet will be April 15
    F. CCISD – meeting tomorrow
    G. Wellness Committee
    H. L.A.S. Foundation – Awards given on 4/20; Scholarship committee meets 4/27
    I. Personnel Committee - meeting after spring break
    J. Tribal Education Committee – end of April

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Cavanaugh commented on the CTE Program, he has had a student 'shadowing' him at his place of work.

Mrs. Bugni commented on behalf of an excused board member; elementary students to be recognized for their athletic accomplishments.

Mrs. Bugni wished everyone a Happy Easter & to enjoy Spring Break!

17. ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mr. Cavanaugh to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

JOAN BUGNI, *President*