REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 23, 2026

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Cavanaugh on February 23, 2026, at 5:01 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, Mr. Cavanaugh, Mrs. Frisk, Mrs. Nordstrom & Ms. Waara
   Excused: Mrs. Bugni

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
   Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Ms. Nordstrom to approve the Agenda for the February 23, 2026. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
   Motion by Mrs. Frisk supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the minutes for the Reorganization Board of Education meeting held on January 19, 2026. Abstain: Mr. Fedie. Motion carried.

   Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on January 19, 2026. Abstain: Mr. Fedie. Motion carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE:
   A. Thank You – *February 13, 2026 Teacher In-service presented by Gini Gesler, College Access Programs Manger & MTU Unboxed Challenge Team*

6. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:
   Mrs. Cichosz highlighted a very busy week: Girls Bowling took 2nd place in Regional's and will be going to State's this weekend, Youth in Government and HOSA will be attending Regional's this weekend also.

   Mrs. Scroggs highlighted that March is reading month; Literacy Night & Kindergarten Round-up is March 9 and the Book Fair is March 9-13.

7. STUDENT REPORTS: Kydan Dean, Student Council Rep. reported Sucker Grams were sold for Valentines Day, District basketball games for boys is this week, girls next week; Teddy Bear Clinic was held, Youth in Government is going downstate and Girls Bowling qualified to States this weekend.

8. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - JANUARY ~ Ashley Bianco – *Special Ed Aide, Noon Hour Supervisor & Concession Mgr*

9. STAFF PARTICIPATION: None

10. FINANCES:
    A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.
    B. Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mrs. Frisk, to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.
    C. Motion by Mrs. Frisk supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the revised 2025-26 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS:
    A. Discussion was held regarding the *2026 Distinguished Alumnus Award.*
    B. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom supported by Mrs. Paulson to support the *2026 CCASB Education Leadership Award Nominee: Career & Technical Education Programs*. Motion carried.
    C. CCASB Awards:
        i. Motion by Ms. Waara supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve **Betty Cangemi** for *Outstanding Education Employee Award*. Motion carried.
        ii. Motion by Mrs. Nordstrom supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve **Jennifer Knisely** for the *School Service Award*. Motion carried.
        iii. Motion by Ms. Waara supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to approve **Keegan Davidson** for the *Student Impact Award*. Motion carried.
    D. Motion by Mrs. Frisk supported by Mrs. Paulson to accept 2026-27 Course Offerings as presented. Motion carried.
    E. Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Ms. Waara to approve the *Return to Learn & Continuity of Service Plan* as presented. Motion carried.
    F. Motion by Ms. Waara supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve **Brad Baltensperger, Houghton-Portage Township Schools, Houghton County** for the 2026 MASB Board of Directors for a three-year term to represent our region. Motion carried.
    G. Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Ms. Waara to approve the *Indian Policies and Procedures* with revisions as presented. Motion carried.
    H. Motion by Mrs. Paulson supported by Ms. Waara to approve *Neola policy 8510-WELLNESS* with revisions as presented. Motion carried.

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

New Hire(s):	TBABrandon Marinich – *Varsity Softball Coach* April Thor – *MS Volleyball Coach* JoEllen (Jody) Thorensen – *Food Service Worker* Terri Cangemi – *Food Service Worker Sub* TBA – *Varsity Cheer Coach* TBA – *Varsity Track Coach* TBA – *Middle School Track Coach*
Resignation(s):	McKenna Monticello – *MS Volleyball Coach* Cindy LaTendresse – *Food Service Worker* Jacob Ogea – *Varsity Track 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
    E. Superintendent – commented on House Bills

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    A. Education Resources
    B. Extra-Curricular
    C. Finance – met; 2025-26 Revised Budget and Mileage & Cond Proposal Planning
    D. Library Advisory Board – meeting March 10
    E. CCASB – Awards Dinner will be April 15
    F. CCISD – CCASB ceremony discussed
    G. Wellness Committee – met; Neola po8150 changes, Triannual Assessment, healthy snacks, staff Wellness Challenge and Spoons Across America
    H. L.A.S. Foundation
    I. Personnel Committee
    J. Tribal Education Committee

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
    Mrs. Nordstrom commented on signed MOU for Promise Neighborhoods
    Mrs. Frisk commented on teacher attendance
    Ms. Waara commented on new board member candidates

17. ADJOURNMENT:
    Motion by Mr. Fedie supported by Mrs. Nordstrom to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.
    Motion carried.

KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

DAN CAVANAUGH, *Vice President*