

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2024

1. The Regular Meeting of the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Mrs. Bugni, on March 18, 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  
Excused: Business Manager Bianco
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:  
Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the Agenda for the March 18, 2024, with removal of IX. New Business C. Concerning Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
Motion by Mr. Cavanaugh, supported by Mrs. Frisk to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting held on February 19, 2024. Abstain: Mrs. Paulson.  
Motion carried.
5. HORNET HIGHLIGHTS:  
Mrs. Scroggs reported 21 students signed up for Kindergarten Screening. March is Reading Month; the Book Fair was held and raised over \$4,000.  
  
Mrs. Cichosz reported Band attended Solo & Ensemble at NMU and each student received a medal.
6. STUDENT REPORTS: None.
7. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: February –David Ruhman, *Math Teacher*
8. STAFF PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Anne Schumer, Elementary Teacher, commented on Special Education in the elementary.
9. FINANCES:
  - A. Business Manager's Report was in packet.

- B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mr. Fedie to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

10. PRESENTATION:

- A. District Data was presented by Superintendent Tollefson.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Mr. Fedie, supported by Mrs. Paulson to approve the updated *MOU* between *Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Education Department and L'Anse Area Schools* for the *Promise Neighborhoods* grant as presented. Motion carried.
  
- B. Motion by Mrs. Paulson, supported by Mrs. Frisk to accept the letter of retirement from **Susan Tollefson**, *Superintendent*, effective October 1, 2024, with regret. Motion carried.
  
- C. Concerning:
  - Hire(s): None
  
  - Resignation(s): None

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 – Mrs. Tollefson commented on filling the superintendent position.

Discussion was held regarding the superintendent position.

Motion by Mrs. Waara, supported by Mr. Fedie to support developing a contract for Lisa Cichosz as superintendent. Motion carried.

13. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Education Resources – Discussed plans for next year, Special Ed teacher, Title I, Split class, Developmental Kindergarten, & ESSER funding.
- B. Extra-Curricular – did not meet
- C. Finance –did not meet
- D. Library – did not meet
- E. CCASB –Annual Awards dinner is Wednesday
- F. CCISD –*Flexibility on Michigan Merit Curriculum* was presented.
- G. Wellness Committee – did not meet
- H. L.A.S. Foundation – did not meet
- I. Personnel Committee – will meet Thursday
- J. Tribal Education Committee – did not meet

14. STUDENT COMMENTS: None

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mrs. Paulson thanked Board members for clarification of contracts.

Mrs. Bugni wished everyone a *Happy Easter*.

Mr. Cavanaugh announced an Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 & under will be held here on the playground on April 6.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Frisk, supported by Mrs. Paulson to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Motion carried.

  
KATIE WAARA, *Secretary*

  
JOAN BUGNI, *President*