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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center and Administrative Offices, located at 24076 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan.

**A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

Mr. Adam Lipski, President, called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Adam Lipski, President  
Mr. Al Doss, Vice President  
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary  
Mr. John Da Via, Treasurer  
Mrs. Sandra Hernden, Trustee  
Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent  
Mr. Michael Van Camp, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology  
Employees and Patrons of the District

Adam Lipski made comments explaining the process to whittle down to 3 or 4 candidates, no more than 5, to go to the final vote on March 31, 2025. He also discussed the process for Board questions to the candidates.

**B. Approval of Agenda for the Special Meeting of March 19, 2025**

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers to approve the March 19, 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda with the following change: To add between D and E that the board will discuss and move forward 3-4 candidates and no more than 5, ideally 3-4 to move forward.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**C. Hearing of School District Patrons**

Mr. Dustin Walker provided public comment for Jody Lesinski, expressing strong endorsement for his qualifications. The commenter highlighted his commitment to supporting LCPS. He believes that Jody is an excellent choice for the Board position.

**D. Board Vacancy – Candidate Interviews**

The Board President outlined the interview process, which will include a brief opening statement by the candidate, followed by two minutes of questions from each Board member, and concluding with a closing statement from the candidate.

Interviews took place with the following candidates:

6:14 – 6:34 PM	[Dane Ramsden]
6:36 – 6:54 PM	[Cortni McNamara]
6:56 – 7:15 PM	[Chris Kulikowski]
7:22 – 7:44 PM	[Mark F. Deldin]
7:49 – 8:10 PM	[Jeff Cyprus]
8:15 – 8:33 PM	[Jody Lesinski]
8:45 – 9:10 PM	[Zach Eineman]
9:13 – 9:33 PM	[Dale VanDeWater]
9:35 – 9:56 PM	[Matthew Turner]

**D1.** There was discussion and comments on each Board candidate. The Board president provided parameters for discussion.

Voting to move candidates forward took place as follows:

**Dane Ramsden**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Doss, Lipski, Sellers, Hernden

No: Da Via, Ross

Motion carried.

**Cortni McNamara**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Doss, Da Via

No: Lipski, Ross, Sellers, Hernden

Motion failed.

**Chris Kulikowski**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: None

No: Lipski, Ross, Sellers, Hernden, Da Via, Doss

Motion failed.

**Mark Deldin**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Ross, Da Via, Doss, Lipski

No: Sellers, Hernden

Motion carried.

**Jeff Cyprus**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Sellers, Hernden, Doss, Lipski, Ross

No: Da Via

Motion carried.

**Jody Lesinski**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Hernden, Lipski, Sellers

No: Da Via, Doss, Ross

Motion failed.

**Zach Eineman**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: None

No: Hernden, Da Via, Doss, Lipski, Ross, Sellers

Motion failed.

**Dale VanDeWater**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Da Via, Doss, Lipski, Ross

No: Sellers, Hernden

Motion carried.

**Matthew Turner**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Ross

No: Sellers, Hernden, Da Via, Doss, Lipski

Motion failed.

After the voting, there was discussion about the votes, and about advancing 5 candidates to final vote on March 31, 2025.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden that 5 candidates advance to be included for deliberation for the March 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Sellers, Hernden, Lipski

No: Da Via, Ross, Doss

Motion failed.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via to advance Dane Ramsden, Mark Deldin, Jeff Cyprus, and Dale VanDeWater to be moved forward to be included for deliberation at the March 31, 2025 school board meeting.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Doss, Da Via, Lipski, Ross

No: Hernden, Sellers

Motion carried.

**E. Adjournment**

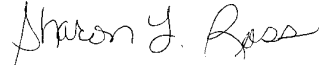
Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "R".

Sharon L. Ross, Secretary  
Board of Education  
SLR: KH