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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:30 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. Al Doss, Vice President, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Mr. Adam Lipski, President

Also Present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent  
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Michael Van Camp, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Mrs. Kathy Konon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations  
Mrs. Kimberly Rawski, Director for Secondary Education  
Dr. Tony Sedick, Director for Elementary Education  
Dr. Major Mickens, Director for Community Education and Student Services  
Mrs. Beth Disbrow, Director for Finance  
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology  
Ms. Cheryl Goodall, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Employees and Patrons of the District

**B. \*Approval of Agenda for the May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**C. Presentations**

**C.1. L'Anse Creuse High School Saxophone Quartet**

Mr. Howell congratulated the saxophone quartet from LCHS who was selected to perform in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's (MSBOA) Spring Honors Festival Concert. Their selection marks only the third time in the history of our District that an ensemble has been selected for this honor. Only 61 ensembles out of the 1,000+ ensembles statewide received this nomination, and the group from LCHS was one of only four ensembles in the state to be selected. They performed a musical piece for the community.

**C.2. DECA State Finalists and International Qualifiers**

Mr. Howell congratulated the DECA programs at both high schools for the successful year, including showings at the State Competition in Detroit and several students qualifying for the International Competition in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Rebecca Culver of LCHS and Mr. Josh Lamberti of LCHS-N both spoke recognizing the successful year and the numerous accomplishments of the DECA students. They both expressed the extreme pride they have in their DECA members.

The student president and co-presidents also spoke expressing their appreciation for their teachers and sponsors for the support and guidance in the DECA program and on a daily basis.

**C.3. Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame Induction**

Mr. Howell stated Donald Roda is retiring this year after 31 years of service as a teacher and coach at L'Anse Creuse High School. On May 1, Mr. Roda was inducted into the Macomb County Coaches' Hall of Fame. Mr. Howell then introduced Ms. Alysia Samborsky, principal at LCHS who congratulated and thanked Mr. Roda for his more than 4 decades of dedication.

**C.4. Valedictorians and Salutatorians**

Mr. Howell recognized and congratulated the 2025 Valedictorians and Salutatorians from LCHS and LCHS-N.

**C.5. Macomb County All Academic Honorees**

Mr. Howell recognized and congratulated the students who were selected by the MISD as All-Academic Honorees, representing LCPS for their achievements in academic excellence in Macomb County.

**C.6. Military Student Recognition**

Mr. Howell recognized a student who, as of Decision Day on May 1, has committed to serving in the Marines. There are a total of four district students who have chosen to join one of the branches of our U.S. Armed Forces.

Mr. Howell also recognized any veterans that were present and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Doss called a break from 7:01 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.

**D. Hearing of School District Patrons**

Pam Sape stated she has a granddaughter at LCHS-N and thanked the staff for her granddaughter's high assessment test scores and shared she has also received an athletic scholarship to play basketball. She also has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade grandson at MSN who struggled during the Covid shutdown and is now doing great. She expressed concern about job cuts at the building level.

Mr. P congratulated students and staff that were recognized today. He stated that his rights were violated on April 28, 2025 and is requesting an apology from the Board.

Kelly McDevitt, president of LCEA, stated she is continuing her monthly series of Teacher Triumphs. She shared a story of a teacher discovering a student in need, providing assistance to a student, their sibling and the student's single parent who also had medical challenges. She shared how the teacher went above and beyond to assist this student and their family. The teacher spouse also helped to assist the student and their family when they were able to secure a better place to live. This student is now in high school and is thriving in his environment.

Yvonne Michalski, parent, stated she is following up on environmental issues she believes are present at LCHS-N. She expressed concerns about building conditions and would like to see additional testing done.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

**E.1. District Update**

Mr. Howell stated a comprehensive interview and review process has been completed and he's looking forward to bringing the two candidates selected for the elementary principal positions at Higgins and Tenniswood. Their employment recommendations will be coming to the Board on June 9. He recognized the interview team who did a great job with this process.

Mr. Howell stated May brings many celebrations and appreciates all the students that were present tonight and at the last Board meeting. He stated a number of great things are happening at L'Anse Creuse and appreciates all we're celebrating and is looking forward to the graduations.

**E.2. Recommendation for Expulsion of Student #0403**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0403 as presented.

Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Hernden, Cyprus, Ross, Doss

No: None

Motion carried.

**F. Consent Agenda**

*Please note: Unless removed from the Consent Agenda, items identified within the Consent Agenda will be acted on at one time.*

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented.

- F.1. Budget Report & Quarterly Budget Update
- F.2. Payment Registers
- F.3. Purchases (None this month)
- F.4. Summary of Investments & Wire/ACH Transfers
- F.5. Employment Recommendations
- F.6. Student Travel Requests

Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Ross, Hernden, Doss, Cyprus

No: None

Motion carried.

**G. Curriculum and Instruction**

**G.1. Benchmark Assessment – NWEA**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the Benchmark Assessment – NWEA as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

**G.2.** Recommendation to begin CTE Consortium with Faith Christian School  
(New for the 2025-2026 school year)

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Recommendation to begin CTE Consortium with Faith Christian School as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**G.3.** Health Book Recommendation 9-12

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Health Book Recommendation 9-12 as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**G.4.** School Age Child Care (SACC) Tuition Rate Proposal

The changes include an increase in the annual registration fee from \$25.00 per family to \$50.00 per child, with a maximum of \$75.00 per family, a flat rate fee system, a late fee, and a research fee.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the School Age Child Care (SACC) Tuition Rate Proposal as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**G.5.** Tuition Based Preschool & Early Childhood Before- and After-Care Rate Increase Proposal

The changes include a non-refundable deposit of \$60.00, a \$25.00 late fee, and elimination of the 2 day program, offering only a 3, 4, or 5 day schedule.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Tuition Based Preschool & Early Childhood Before- and After-Care Rate Increase Proposal as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**H. Business Office**

**H.1.** Recommendation for Priority Waste Contract Extension

The proposal is to renew the agreement with Priority Waste for which will extend the contract term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and reflects an increase of \$1,865 over the current fiscal year, which represents a 2.6% increase.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Recommendation for Priority Waste Contract Extension as presented.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**H.2. Recommendation to Accept Form L-4029**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Recommendation to Accept Form L-4029 (2025 Tax Rate Request) as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**H.3. Resolution to Request a Truth-In-Budget Hearing**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Resolution to Request a Truth-In-Budget Hearing as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**I. Operations**

**I.1. Vehicle Purchase (Grounds)**

Mrs. Konon read a statement of explanation on behalf of Mr. Gratton who was unable to attend the meeting. The cost of the vehicle with the plow is \$58,942.00 using the MiDeal contract pricing. When including the insurance pay-off for the previous vehicle, this becomes approximately a \$46,600.00 expenditure out of the Operations budget.

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Vehicle Purchase (Grounds) as presented.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**J. Other Matters**

**J.1. Resolution for MISD Budget**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Resolution for MISD Budget as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**J.2. Resolution for Designation of Electoral Representative & Alternate for the MISD Biennial Election**

Mr. Howell stated that the Board is not required by law to have an alternate. Mr. Lipski was selected as the representative at the meeting on May 12, 2025. Mrs. Hernden requested to be removed as the alternate. No other action needed.

Discussion followed.

**J.3. Resolution for Designation of Electoral Representative & Candidate Selection for the MISD Biennial Election**

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Resolution for Designation of Electoral Representative & Candidate Selection of Mr. Hubler and Mr. Farley for the MISD Biennial Election to be voted on by MISD Biennial Election representative Adam Lipski on June 2, 2025.

Discussion followed.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**K. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-up**

None at this time.

**L. Board Member Comment**

Mr. Cyprus stated it was great to see student presentations and congratulated everyone on a successful school year.

Mr. Da Via stated he enjoyed attending the awards assemblies for the high schools. He stated it's wonderful to see the number of students that are achieving great things. He stated it would be interesting to have a five-year follow-up on the students to see how they're doing.

Mr. Doss agreed with Mr. Da Via and stated a 10-year follow-up would be interesting too. He stated he really enjoyed presentations and stated how impressive the involvement by everyone is. His son also participated in DECA and stated it has also been an remarkable year being a part of this program. He also stated he is impressed with the students committing to the Armed Forces.

Mrs. Ross stated she enjoys this time of year and is pleased that students and staff are getting the recognition they deserve. She stated she appreciates the students who have elected to serve the country in the military service. She stated that the efforts, hard work and achievements of all students, not just ones at the top of their class, are also worth recognition.

Mr. Sellers thanked the teachers from DECA and commended them on the amazing job they've done with this program. He thanked Mr. Howell and Mr. Lipski for their leadership on the budget issues and is hopeful all can achieve a middle ground on the budget-related decisions. He thanked the district and Mrs. Amy Gole for their efforts on the Pankow Scholarship Night and said it was a wonderful night. He stated his family does a scholarship on his grandfather's name and it was wonderful to be able to have his grandmother present the scholarship. He thanked the district's efforts in making that happen for his family.

Mrs. Hernden stated the presentations were the most amazing she's ever seen. She wished good luck to the LCHS-N varsity lacrosse team and congratulated the girls tennis team and the girls flag football team. She attended the Celebration of Learning event at Atwood and stated it was a wonderful time to see the students work and reflect on their achievements. She stated it took her back to when her son, now a senior, was in elementary school. She read a message to the class of 2025 wishing them well.

**M. \*\*Closed Session – Motion to enter closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute, including three written opinions of legal counsel subject to attorney-client privilege.**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to enter into Closed Session at 7:58 pm.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Sellers, Hernden, Cyprus, Da Via, Doss, Ross  
No: None  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to reconvene to Regular Session at 9:41 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Hernden, Doss, Cyprus, Ross

No: None

Motion carried.

**N. Adjournment**

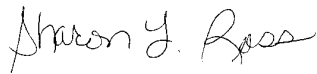
Motion by supported by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Cyprus, to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. Ross".

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