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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 15, 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. Adam Lipski, President, called the Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Adam Lipski, President
 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

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
 Dr. Major Mickens, Director for Community Education and Student Services
 Mrs. Kim Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
 Dr. Tony Sedick, Director for Elementary Education
 Mrs. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
 Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology
 Mr. Pat Ward, Director for Operations
 Employees and Patrons of the District

B. *Approval of Agenda for the December 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the December 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole/Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion carried.

C. Presentations

C.1. Introduction of MSE Choir

Mr. Howell introduced the MSE choir ensemble and they sang a Christmas carol to begin the meeting.

C.2. Marching Band Recognition

Mr. Howell recognized Mr. Ryan Malburg and the LCHS Marching Band who earned 2nd place in their flight at the State finals competition.

C.3. Student Community Service Recognition

Mr. Howell recognized student JoJo Zager who organized a donation drive to benefit the Community Food Bank of Macomb County. JoJo's inspirational efforts and ambition led to an article being written about him in "Time for Kids." Mr. Howell introduced Mr. Kevin Blum, principal at MSS, who also recognized JoJo, highlighting that his actions exemplify the school's RISE core values (Respect, Integrity, Success and Empathy). He stated MSS is proud of JoJo and are inspired by the example he sets.

Mr. Cyprus stated he was moved by what JoJo accomplished and that is why he wanted him recognized by the Board. He stated that if he is thinking about doing it again, to please let the Board know so they can make a donation.

C.4. Student Athlete Recognition – State Qualifiers

Mr. Howell recognized two students, Miley M. of LCHS & Addison T. of LCHS-N, who qualified for the State Finals in Swim and a third student, Xavier S. of LCHS-N, who qualified for the State Finals in Cross Country.

Mr. Lipski called a break at 6:46 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

D. Hearing of School District Patrons

Mike Rayner, resident, addressed the Board regarding a suggestion for adding voter education to the High School curriculum.

Ken Grix, teacher and LCEA vice president, addressed the Board regarding the teacher contract and stated is looking forward to a fair and equitable contract.

Felicia Comeaux, parent, addressed the Board regarding athletics and coaching turnover at LCN.

Michael Lynch, teacher and resident, addressed the Board regarding concerns that educators and the district feel attacked, particularly regarding budget issues and other social media criticism. He stated the Board and community should move forward with constructive dialogue, mutual respect, and not personal attacks.

Pam Sape, resident, addressed the Board regarding the State Board of Education's Health curriculum.

Kelly McDevitt, teacher and LCEA president, addressed the Board regarding the accomplishments of several teachers in the districts and \$16,000 in grants that were awarded by the L'Anse Creuse Foundation.

Andrew Leitans, student, addressed the Board in support of Coach Widdows.

Seth Bernock, student, addressed the Board in support of Coach Widdows.

Mason Raymond, student, addressed the Board in support of Coach Widdows.

April Malak, parent, addressed the Board regarding the behavior of a student at South River Elementary.

Mr. Lipski stated the 30-minute limit has been reached but the Board would do its best to progress through the agenda as efficiently as possible to give those remaining a chance to speak during the second portion of patron comments.

E. Superintendent's Report

E.1. Department Updates

For the curriculum update, Mr. Howell introduced Mrs. Kim Rawski who addressed the Board regarding new Social Studies electives to be piloted in the upcoming school year. She introduced Ms. Teri Benavides, AP teacher at LCHS, who provided additional details regarding the new electives, including world religion, history culture and human experience and possible fourth year of social studies. Discussion followed.

E.2. Bond Update

Mr. Howell introduced Mr. Michael Malone of Partners in Architecture, who provided an update regarding ongoing bond projects. Mr. Sam Esser of Barton Malow introduced project manager Mr. Jay Warner who provided an update regarding ballfield and tennis court upgrades.

Mr. Streng provided a technology update regarding the network switch upgrade project. He also said the PA upgrade including emergency alerting project is up for bid and other projects are in the planning stages including districtwide security camera upgrades along with districtwide fiber replacement and the remaining switch upgrades needed.

Discussion followed.

E.3. 31aa Update

Mr. Howell stated there are no additional updates since the last time the Board met. There hasn't been a ruling on lawsuits filed in the State and is hoping to find out something in the next couple of weeks prior to the December 30 deadline to rescind the vote. Discussion followed.

F. Student Expulsions/Reinstatements**F.1. *Recommendation for Expulsion of Student #0429**

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0429 as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

F.2. *Recommendation for Expulsion of Student #0431

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0431 as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

G. ** Consent Agenda

1. Budget Report & Quarterly Budget
2. Payment Registers
3. Purchases (None this month)
4. Summary of Investments & Wire/ACH Transfers
5. Employment Recommendations
6. Student Travel Requests
7. Board Meeting Minutes - November 10, 2025 COTW/Regular Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

H. Bond**H.1. *2026 Roof Replacement Project**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the 2026 Roof Replacement Project as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

H.2. *2026 Mechanical and Flooring Projects

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the 2026 Mechanical and Flooring Projects as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

I. **Operations**

I.1. *Landscaping Services Proposal

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Landscaping Services Proposal as presented. Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

J. **Technology**

J.1. *AppleCare for Middle School iPad Purchase Recommendation – Revised

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the AppleCare for Middle School iPad Purchase Recommendation as presented with the total cost of \$1,251,598.00 remaining the same, the 4-year AppleCare portion in the amount of \$192,760.00 to be paid from general fund and spread across the next three fiscal years. The remaining \$1,058,838.00 portion of the purchase will still be paid using bond funds.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

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

Nick Szymanski, parent, addressed the Board regarding the football program at LCHS-N.

Sarah Sonnenfeld, parent, addressed the Board regarding the football program at LCHS-N.

Marc Sonnenfeld, parent, addressed the Board regarding the football program at LCHS-N.

Michael Lynch, teacher, addressed the Board regarding the health curriculum.

Andrew Leitans, student, addressed the Board regarding the football program at LCHS-N.

Seth Bernock, student, addressed the Board regarding the football program at LCHS-N.

Mason Raymond, student, addressed the Board regarding the football program LCHS-N.

Marilyn Clark, parent, addressed the Board regarding the LCHS-N football coach.

Mr. Lipski acknowledged all who spoke.

L. ****Closed Session**

- Pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement

- Pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) to discuss an employee matter (Worker's Compensation Settlement) exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, supported by Mrs. Ross, to enter into Closed Session at 8:47 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: 8(1)(c) - Hernden, Ross, Da Via, Lipski, Doss, Sellers, Cyprus

8(1)(h) – Employee Matter - Hernden, Ross, Cyprus, Doss, Da Via, Lipski, Sellers

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to reconvene to COTW/Regular Session at 10:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

M. Business Office

M.1. *Recommendation for Worker's Compensation Settlement

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Recommendation for the Worker's Compensation Settlement as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

N. Board Member Comment

Mrs. Hernden extended holiday greetings to all. She congratulated the Marching Lancers for their 2nd place finish, JoJo for his community service and Miley, Addison and Xavier for their athletic achievements. She thanked Ms. Cairo and Mr. Blum for the opportunity to share her work experience with the CSI classes.

Mr. Lipski wished a Happy Birthday to Mr. Van Camp on behalf of the Board.

O. *Adjournment

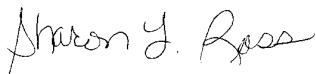
Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary
Board of Education

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