



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened an Organizational Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center and Administrative Offices, located at 27046 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036.

**A. Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem**

Mr. Adam Lipski appointed Mrs. Sharon Ross as the Secretary Pro Tem.

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

Mr. Lipski, the highest-ranking past officer of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent:         Mr. Jeff Cyprus, Trustee (arrived at 5:37 p.m.)

Also Present:   Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent

**C. Approval of Agenda for the Organizational Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Da Via, to approve the January 12, 2026 Organizational Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yes:     All  
No:     None  
Motion carried.

**D. Hearing of School District Patrons**

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

**E. Election of Officers**

**E.1. President**

Mr. Lipski opened the floor for nominations for the Office of President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Lipski was nominated for the Office of President by Mr. Sellers and supported by Mrs. Hernden.

There was one nomination for the Office of President. Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, to close nominations for the Office of President.

Yes:     All  
No:     None  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to elect Mr. Adam Lipski for the Office of President for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Not Present: Cyprus

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Adam Lipski assumed the Office of President of the Board of Education for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**E.2. Vice President**

Mr. Lipski opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Doss was nominated for the Office of Vice President by Mr. Da Via and supported by Mr. Lipski.

There was one nomination for the Office of Vice President. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Lipski, to close nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Ross, to elect Mr. Al Doss for the Office of Vice President for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Not Present: Cyprus

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Al Doss assumed the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2026-27 calendar year.

Mr. Lipski stated that Mr. Cyprus is on his way, so the voting will move on to the Treasurer position.

**E.4. Treasurer**

Mr. Lipski opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Mr. John Da Via was nominated for the Office of Treasurer by Mr. Sellers and supported by Mrs. Hernden.

There was one nomination for the Office of Treasurer. Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss to close nominations for the Office of Treasurer.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Cyprus arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to elect Mr. John Da Via for the Office of Treasurer for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. John Da Via assumed the Office of Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**E.3. Secretary**

Mr. Lipski opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Jeff Cyprus was nominated for the Office of Secretary by Mr. Sellers and supported by Mr. Doss.

There was one nomination for the Office of Secretary. Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Doss, to close nominations for the Office of Secretary.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Da Via, to elect Mr. Jeff Cyprus for the Office of Board Secretary for the 2026-27 calendar year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Cyprus assumed the Office of Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2026-27 calendar year.

The Board acknowledged Mrs. Ross' many years of service as Board Secretary.

**F. Date, Time and Place Set for Holding Regular Meetings/Organizational Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Cyprus to approve the meeting dates as presented.

The L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Board of Education meetings will be held on a Monday of each month. The meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. and will take place in the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center and Administrative Offices located at 24076 Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, MI 48036. The meetings will be combined Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 26, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2026	Committee & Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2027	Organizational Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Monday, January 25, 2027	Committee & Regular Board Meeting

Discussion followed. The workshop dates are tentative.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

## G. Business Matters

### G.1 Acknowledgement of Depositories and Investment/Banking Institutions

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve and authorize administration to execute the continued relationship with these depositories and investment banking institutions, as stated.

#### Depositories/ Investment Banking

- A. Flagstar Bank
- B. Huntington Bank
- C. Independent Bank
- D. Fifth Third Bank
- E. Meeder Investments
- F. JPMorgan Chase
  
- G. Merrill Lynch
- H. PFM Asset Management, LLC (MILAF)

#### Primary Service

- Deposit/Investment
- Deposit/Investment
- Investment Banking
- Internal, General and Cafeteria Depository
- Investment Banking
- Accounts Payable, Internal Fund, General Fund, Payroll, Purchase Card, Direct Deposit, Debt, Investment Banking
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Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

### G.2. Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to acknowledge the following legal firms for legal services for the 2026 calendar year:

Law Firm	Services
Miller Canfield	Business matters, Bond matters, Real Estate, Election matters, Board requests (including Opinions, Open Meeting Acts, Board disputes, Robert Rules of Order), Special Education, Employment matters, Student matters and General Business matters
Thrun Law Firm P.C.	Board requests (including Opinions, Open Meeting Acts, Board disputes, Robert Rules of Order), Special Education, Employment matters, Student matters and General Business matters
Clark – Hill	Policy, Employment matters, Contracts, Business and Bond matters, Student issues and Special Education
Miller Johnson	Employment and Student Matters
Collins & Blaha PC	Employment and Student Matters

For the purposes of Workers Compensation, General Insurance and Adair Law Suit:

Keller Thoma – Workers Compensation

Plunkett Cooney and Keller Thoma – M.A.I.S.L.

Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley, P.C. – Adair Law Suit

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- G.3.** Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Cyprus, to approve authorized signatures of two board members for release of checks for February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- G.4** Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the four Officers of the Board of Education, and the three Trustees to be the authorized signatures for checks and legal documents for L'Anse Creuse Public Schools from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027:

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

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

- G.5.** Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to hereby delegate to the administrative staff the authority to handle the actual posting of all notices of Board Meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

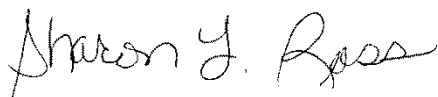
Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

**H. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Ross, Secretary  
Board of Education

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