



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 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 Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 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

Also present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Kimberly Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
Dr. Tony Sedick, Director for Elementary Education
Ms. Nancy Supanich, Director for Special Education
Dr. Major Mickens, Director for Student Services and Community Education
Mr. Pat Ward, Director for Operations
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology
Employees and Patrons of the District

Mr. Lipski provided an overview of the Board officers voted on at the earlier meeting and thanked Mrs. Ross for her years of service as the Board Secretary. He also thanked Jen and Ray Tuttle for bringing the Traveling Tom's Coffee Truck and treating the Board members in honor of Board Appreciation month.

B. Hearing of School District Patrons

Jennifer Tuttle, LCPS retiree, alumni & resident, and owner of Traveling Tom's Coffee Truck and Kona Ice franchise, addressed the Board thanking them for their service and stated her business donated \$3,660 to the district in 2025, with plans to collaborate with the L'Anse Creuse Foundation on a "Send a Sip" coffee gram fundraiser for staff members.

C. Superintendent's Report

C.1. District Update

Mr. Howell introduced Ms. Kerry Quick, counselor at Middle School North, who presented the school's latest mental health initiative, a monthly podcast called "Be Better, Feel Better," to discuss pertinent student topics. She also highlighted the school's focus on targeted interventions and community building to support students overwhelmed by social media and phone use, and invited Board members

to participate as guest speakers on upcoming podcast episodes. She then shared a video produced by the MSN National Junior Honor Society in honor of World Kindness Day.

Mr. Howell introduced Dr. Major Mickens who recognized and thanked our Safety Resource Officers in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day that was Friday, January 9. He thanked the School Resource Officers (SROs) who support the district: Deputy Keir Butler (LCHS), Deputy Pat Militello (LCHS-N), and Mark Javery (Pellerin). Dr. Mickens highlighted the SROs' critical role in the district. He also recognized Board member Mrs. Hernden who is also a police officer, and invited any other law enforcement or retired law enforcement present to stand for recognition. Mr. Howell also noted that their work extends beyond law enforcement to relationship building and community connection.

Mr. Lipski also expressed his appreciation for the service of the SROs.

D. Recommendations for Expulsion

- D.1. ****Closed Session** – Motion to enter closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Sellers, to enter into Closed Session at 6:49 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Ross, supported by Mr. Da Via, to reconvene to the COTW Session at 8:23 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

- D.2. ****Recommendation for Expulsion of Student #0432**

This item has been tabled to the next Board meeting.

- D.3. ****Recommendation for Expulsion of Student #0384**

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mrs. Ross, to approve the Resolution for Expulsion of Student #0384 as presented.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

E. Curriculum and Instruction Office

- E.1. PowerSchool Online Enrollment

Ms. Lisa Montpas provided an overview of the proposal to move to an online enrollment system through PowerSchool. Discussion followed.

- E.2. Schools of Choice

Ms. Montpas provided an overview of Schools of Choice. Discussion followed. Mr. Lipski stated he would like to see the Board change its procedure to not have to vote on this every year. Further discussion concluded that an adjustment to Board Policy & Procedure would be necessary. It was also discussed that the data would still be shared with the Board on an annual basis.

E.3. Student Travel Requests

Discussion followed.

F. Business Office

F.1. Consent Agenda Items

- Budget Report & Quarterly Budget
- Payment Registers
- Purchases (*None this month*)
- Summary of Investments & Wire/ACH Transfers

No questions or discussion.

F.2. *Repairs, Services and Maintenance for School Kitchen Equipment

Motion by Mr. Da Via, supported by Mr. Doss, to approve the Repairs, Services and Maintenance for School Kitchen Equipment recommendation as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

G. Bond

G.1. *Bid Packages 25-06 and 26-02 Award Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Bid Packages 25-06 and 26-02 Award Recommendations as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

G.2. *Mechanical Commissioning Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the Mechanical Commissioning Recommendation as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

H. Human Resources Office

H.1. Employment Recommendations

Discussion followed.

I. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

- J. ****Closed Session** - Pursuant to Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Ross, to enter into Closed Session at 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Doss, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to reconvene to the COTW Session at 10:31 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

- K. **Board Member Comment**

None at this time.

- L. ***Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Doss, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Cyprus, Secretary
Board of Education

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