



G.6.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 21, 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 for the COTW/Regular Board Meeting, 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

Absent: Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Amy Horgan, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Mrs. Kathy Konon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Mrs. Kim Rawski, Director for Secondary Education
Dr. Tony Sedick, Director for Elementary Education
Mr. Aaron Ondra, Director for Special Education
Ms. Anita Dzieszowski, Director for Human Resources
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology
Mr. Pat Ward, Director for Operations
Employees and Patrons of the District

B. *Approval of Agenda for the September 21, 2026 COTW/Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the September 21, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Presentations

C.1. State & National Trap Team Student Recognition

Mr. Howell introduced the LCHS-N Trap Team Coach Cory Radomski of who recognized the combined team representing LCPS and Anchor Bay Public Schools for placing at both state and national championships.

D. Human Resources

D.1. *Employment Recommendation – Supervisor for Special Education

Ms. Anita Dzieszowski provided an overview of the hiring process and Ms. Rebecca Opiela's background and experience.

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mr. Da Via, to approve the recommendation for Ms. Rebecca Opiela as a Supervisor for Special Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Opiela thanked the Board and Administration for this opportunity and is looking forward to supporting the Special Education students. Mr. Howell thanked Ms. Opiela and stated he appreciates her experience overall in Special Education.

D.2. *Employment Recommendation – Supervisor for Special Education

Ms. Dzieszowski provided an overview of the hiring process and Mr. Trevor Warczinsky's background and experience.

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the recommendation for Mr. Trevor Warczinsky as a Supervisor for Special Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warczinsky thanked the Board and Administration for this opportunity and is excited to be a part of the Special Education team. Mr. Howell thanked Mr. Warczinsky and stated he also appreciates his experience and looks forward to the positive impact both supervisors will have for students in our district.

E. Hearing of School District Patrons

Mr. Josh Brandt, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding seeing improved communication about student athletic opportunities.

Ms. Kelly McDevitt, teacher in the district, addressed the Board regarding "Teacher Triumphs", recognizing the elementary teachers in the district as they implement the new Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum.

F. Superintendent's Report

F.1. Bond Update

Mr. Howell introduced Barton Malow, Partners in Architecture (PIA) and Integrated Design Solutions (IDS) who provided an update on Bond projects in the district. Discussion followed.

Mr. Howell introduced Mrs. Kathy Konon, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, who provided a bond financial update. Discussion followed.

Mr. Howell provided an update on how much a study would cost to determine feasibility for air conditioning in the high school gymnasiums. The estimated cost for the study to be completed is approximately \$70,000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Hernden, to approve \$70,000 to complete a feasibility study for air conditioning for both of the high schools.

G. Student Reinstatement

G.1. *Recommendation for Reinstatement of Student #0420

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Da Via, to approve the recommendation for reinstatement of Student #0420.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

H. **Consent Agenda

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

- H.1. Budget Report
- H.2. Payment Registers
- H.3. Summary of Investments & Wire/ACH Transfers
- H.4. Employment Recommendations
- H.5. Student Travel Requests (*None this month*)
- H.6. Board Meeting Minutes
- H.6.a. August 17, 2026 COTW/Regular Meeting
- H.6.b. September 14, 2026 Special Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

I. Other Matters

- I.1. Resolution to Amend Board Policy, Article X, Section 5 – First Reading

Mr. Doss read the proposed amendment to Article X, Section 5 of the Board policy.

- I.2. *Superintendent Goals

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, supported by Mrs. Hernden, to approve the Superintendent Goals as presented.
Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipski stated he would like to propose that agenda items “J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-up” and “K. Board Member Comment” be moved before item I.3. on the agenda as the attorney is not yet present for the closed session.

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, seconded by Mr. Doss, to move items J. and K. above I.3.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

K. Board Member Comment

Mr. Da Via expressed appreciation for the extensive work involved in making the employment recommendations for the new Supervisors for Special Education.

Mrs. Hernden congratulated the new Supervisors for Special Education, thanked Mr. Howell for recognizing different athletic groups at the Board meetings, congratulated the LC boys soccer team, commented on the positive energy of homecoming and all of the performances, and thanked Mr. Howell for the improvement in the district.

Mr. Lipski stated he's been hearing quite a bit of positive feedback about improvements in the district and thanked Mr. Howell and the administration for the work they are doing.

- I.3. ****Closed Session** - Motion to Enter into a Closed Session Pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, being documents subject to the attorney-client privilege which are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(g).

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to enter into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Cyprus left the meeting during the closed session.

Motion by Mrs. Hernden, seconded by Mr. Doss, to come out of closed session and reconvene to the COTW/Regular meeting session at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

- L. ***Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey Cyprus, Secretary
Board of Education

JC/cjg