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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 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. **Public Hearing for the Amended L-4029 Tax Rate Request

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to open the Public Hearing for the Amended L-4029 Tax Rate Request at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Kathy Konon provided an overview of the amended L-4029 tax rate request.

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to close the Public Hearing for the Amended L-4029 Tax Rate Request at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

B. 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 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Adam Lipski, President
Mr. Al Doss, Vice President
Mr. Jeff Cyprus, Secretary
Mr. John Da Via, Treasurer
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Trustee

Absent: Mr. Shane Sellers, Trustee
Mrs. Sandra Hernden, Trustee

Also present: Mr. Keith Howell, Superintendent
Mrs. Amy Horgan, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Kathy Konon, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
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

C. *Approval of Agenda for the August 17, 2026 COTW/Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the August 17, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Human Resources**D.1. *Employment Recommendation – Graham Elementary Principal**

Ms. Anita Dzieszkowski provided an overview of the hiring process and Ms. Amy Brender's background and experience.

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mr. Da Via, to approve the recommendation for Ms. Amy Brender as the Principal of Graham Elementary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brender thanked the Board and Administration for this opportunity. Mr. Howell congratulated Ms. Brender and stated he looks forward to what she's going to accomplish as Principal at Graham.

D.2. *Employment Recommendation – Coordinator for Community Education/SACC

Ms. Dzieszkowski provided an overview of the hiring process and Ms. Deborah Antrikin's background and experience.

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the recommendation for Ms. Deborah Antrikin as the Coordinator for Community Education/SACC. Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

As Ms. Antrikin was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Dzieszkowski read a statement on her behalf thanking the Board and Administration for this opportunity. Mr. Howell stated he looks forward to working with Ms. Antrikin.

E. Hearing of School District Patrons

Mr. Michael Lynch, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding state education funding.

Dr. Antonia Szymanski, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding HVAC noise coming from the high school.

Mr. Steve Schuster, resident in the district, addressed the Board regarding HVAC noise coming from the high school.

F. Business Office**F.1. *Recommendation to Accept the Resolution and Amended L-4029 Form (2026 Tax Rate Request)**

Motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Da Via, to accept the resolution and amended L-4029 Form (2026 Tax Rate Request).

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Superintendent's Report**F.2. Department Updates – Transportation**

Mr. Howell introduced Mr. Pat Ward and Ms. Holly Vitale, Supervisor for Transportation, who provided an overview of the new bus routing and tracking system, Transfinder. Discussion followed.

Mr. Howell also noted the Board Summer Workshop on September 14 will be held at 6:30 p.m.

H. Student Reinstatement

H.1. *Recommendation for Reinstatement of Student #0432

Motion by Mr. Da Via, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the recommendation for reinstatement of Student #0432.

Motion carried unanimously.

I. **Consent Agenda

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

I.1. Budget Report

I.2. Payment Registers

I.3. Summary of Investments & Wire/ACH Transfers

I.4. Employment Recommendations

I.5. Student Travel Requests (*None this month*)

I.6. Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2026 COTW/Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Motion carried.

J. Human Resources

J.1. *L’Anse Creuse Education Association, MEA-NEA – LOU Re: Sports

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mr. Doss, to approve the L’Anse Creuse Education Association, MEA-NEA – LOU Re: Sports as presented. Discussion followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Technology

K.1. *iPad Management Subscription Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Cyprus, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the iPad Management Subscription recommendation as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

L. Operations

L.1. *Macomb/Oakland Fuel Consortium Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mr. Cyprus, to approve the Macomb/Oakland Fuel Consortium recommendation as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Hearing of School District Patrons Follow-up

No patrons addressed the Board at this time.

N. Board Member Comment

Mr. Cyprus commented on the positive support shown towards the new principals.

Mr. Da Via also commented on the excitement and enthusiasm regarding the employment recommendations, noting that it reflects on a positive energy within the district.

O. *Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Doss, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JC', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeffrey Cyprus, Secretary
Board of Education

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