



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Education of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools district convened a Committee of the Whole on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harry L. Wheeler Community Center an Administrative Offices, located at 24076 F.V. Pankow Boulevard, Clinton Township, Michigan.

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

Mr. Lipski, President called the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Adam Lipski, President  
Mrs. Hilary Dubay, Vice President  
Mrs. Amy Servial, Treasurer  
Mrs. Sharon Ross, Secretary  
Mr. John Da Via, Trustee  
Mr. Al Doss, Trustee  
Mr. Shane Sellers Trustee (Arrived at 9:05 p.m.)

Also present: Mr. Erik Edoff, Superintendent  
Ms. Lisa Montpas, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Rochelle O'Malley, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations  
Mr. Donald Gratton, Director for Operations  
Mr. Brandon Streng, Director for Technology  
Mrs. Nicolette Trask, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent  
Employees and Patrons of the District

**B. Hearing of School District Patrons**

Ms. Brittany Martz, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding district bullying policy and a threat incident at her student's school.

**C. Presentations**

**C.1.** Mrs. O'Malley presented information on an analysis of the Food Service Program and a comparison of contracting with a food company versus having a district self-operated program. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lipski called a break from 6:49 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.

Discussion on the Food Service Program continued.

**D. Department Updates**

The Curriculum, Business, Support Services, and Technology Departments provided an informational update for the Board on the progress of work and projects occurring within their department. Discussion followed.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

- E.1.** Mr. Edoff provided a district update. He stated that he recently attended the Early College of Macomb graduation ceremony and shared that there will be plenty of seating for upcoming high school graduation ceremonies.
- E.2.** Mr. Edoff also provided an update on priorities in Lansing. He stated that there is effort being made to stop paying the healthcare portion of the retirement fees to the State, as the budget recently indicated that the health care portion of the fee is paid in full. He shared that prior to 2012, the retirement system was underfunded and as a result, additional fees were placed on districts and employees to build the fund back up. The district currently pays 21% into the retirement system and 7% of that represents the health care fees introduced in 2012.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction Office**

- F.1.** Ms. Montpas provided Student Travel Requests that will be presented to the Board for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**G. Business & Operations Office**

- G.1.** Mrs. O'Malley provided information on the Consent Agenda Items that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- G.2.** Mrs. O'Malley provided information on the Custodial Supply Award that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.
- G.3.** Mrs. O'Malley provided information on accepting Form L-4029 that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- G.4.** Mrs. O'Malley provided information on the Resolution to Request a Truth-In-Budget on June 26, 2024 that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**H. Human Resources Office**

- H.1.** Mr. Edoff presented the Employment Recommendations that will be presented for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**I. Support Services**

- I.1.** Mr. Gratton presented information on a change order recommendation for the L'Anse Creuse High School track project. Discussion followed.

**J. Technology Department**

- J.1.** Mr. Streng provided information regarding a technology recommendation for Apple Care and Devices Cases for the Apple iPads that were approved in April. This recommendation would be for a four-year lease agreement that will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

**K. Other Matters**

- K.1.** Mr. Edoff and Mr. Doss provided information on the MISD Budget Resolution for the 2024-2025 School Year that will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

**K.2.** Administration and the Board held discussion on the next steps in the bond process for the district. Mr. Edoff stated that he will be analyzing the voter data once it is available and summarized possible timelines for another bond proposal. Discussion followed.

**L. Hearing of District Patrons Follow-up**

Ms. Starquisse Garner, parent in the district, addressed the Board regarding the district's protocol in relation to threats and school safety.

Motion by Mr. Doss supported by Mrs. Servial, to approve voting during the meeting.

Yes: Doss, Servial, Ross, Dubay, Da Via, Lipski

No: None

Motion carried.

**M. Board Member Comment**

Mrs. Dubay addressed Administration on the policies and procedures in place in relation to Bullying, FERPA (student information), and the Student Code of Conduct, in response to public comment regarding transparency and what is acceptable for the district to share when incidents occur. She also confirmed that once legal counsel has been brought into a discussion by an outside party, the district's legal counsel will be the only point of contact for further discussion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Da Via addressed the possibility of adding detail to the Student Code of Conduct regarding specific threats. Discussion followed.

**N. Closed Session – Employee Matter and Negotiations**

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Da Via, to move into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 8(a) for the purpose of a Negotiations Update and an Employee Matter.(8:20 p.m.)

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Servial, Da Via, Doss, Dubay, Lipski, Ross

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Sellers arrived at 9:05 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sellers, supported by Mr. Da Via, to reconvene to Committee of the Whole at 9:09 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Sellers, Da Via, Servial, Doss, Dubay, Lipski, Ross

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Servial, supported by Mr. Sellers, to approve the L'Anse Creuse High School track change order in the amount \$110,438.76 for core samples and additional milling and paving of the track. Discussion followed.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Yes: Servial, Sellers, Lipski, Doss, Da Via

No: Dubai, Ross

Motion carried.

**O. Adjournment**

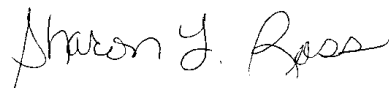
Motion by Mrs. Dubai, supported by Mr. Doss, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Discussion followed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Ross, Secretary  
Board of Education