



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of August 5, 2015

- 1. Call to Order.** President Loy called to order the meeting of the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) Board of Education at 6:06 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at the LESA Education Center, 1425 W. Grand River, Howell, Michigan.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Present were:

Board Members: President Loy,
Treasurer Kaiser (arrived at 6:12)
Secretary Fryer,
Trustee Cortez

LESA Staff: Dawn Bentley, Dan Danosky, Mike Hubert, Sean LaRosa, Judy Paulsen

Guest(s): Will Gordon

Absent was:

Board Member: Vice President Hill

B. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Fryer and seconded by Cortez to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Call to the Public/Correspondence

The President asked if anyone wished to speak on any items or had received correspondence.

There was no public comment or correspondence.

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda.

A. Superintendent's Recommendations

001-015-016

The Board approve the nomination for re-appointment of Jeanette Johnson, Fowlerville Community Schools representative on the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Ms. Johnson's current term expired June 30, 2015.

B. Approval: Minutes

The following minutes were presented for approval:

- Organizational Meeting of June 24, 2015
- Special Meeting of July 28, 2015

C. Approval: Financial Information

The following financials were presented for approval:

- Check Register (as of May 31, 2015)
- Purchase Card Transactions (as of May 31, 2015)
- Financial Status Report (as of May 31, 2015)

It was moved by Fryer and seconded by Cortez to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken. Fryer voted YES, Cortez voted YES, Loy voted YES, Kaiser was ABSENT, and Hill was ABSENT.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Action/Discussion Items.

A. Resolution to Purchase and Finance School Buses

The Howell Public Schools requested that the Agency purchase and deploy five new school buses as part of our transportation services agreement with them for the 2015-2016 school year. The Michigan School Business Officials competitive bid process for school buses was used as a basis for the purchase. Holland Bus Company was selected based on the price and consistency with the current fleet used to serve Howell.

The Agency will initially pay for the school buses but as part of the Regional Transportation Agreement the Agency will bill Howell Schools for the full cost of the bus purchase, which will be due upon receipt.

It was moved by Cortez and seconded by Fryer that the Board of Education approve the purchase of five school buses from Holland Bus Company in the amount of \$403,715.

A roll call vote was taken. Cortez voted YES, Fryer voted YES, Loy voted YES, Kaiser was ABSENT, and Hill was ABSENT.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution to Call a Special Election

As has been discussed over the past several months, there is significant support for the idea of placing a Headlee Restoration vote on the November ballot.

- An Epic-MRA survey authorized by the LESA Board demonstrated as much as 58% support for the question among those surveyed.
- All five superintendents requested that the LESA Board consider calling for the election.
- Each of the five local school boards have adopted and submitted a resolution declaring "Support for (the) Special Education Millage Proposal."

The proposed ballot language has been drafted by the Agency's legal counsel, Thrun Law Firm, and is attached to the resolution.

Assuming the Resolution is approved, a campaign committee will be established immediately to launch an effort to inform the county electorate about the details of the ballot initiative.

It was moved by Cortez and seconded by Fryer that the LESA Board of Education adopt the accompanying resolution call for a special election of the school electors to be called and held on November 3, 2015.

A roll call vote was taken. Cortez voted YES, Fryer voted YES, Kaiser voted YES, Loy voted YES and Hill was ABSENT.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Re-Construction Recommendation

The Administration is seeking approval to proceed with the demolition and re-construction of the two outdated wood-frame buildings located on the LESA Main Campus.

The scope of the re-construction project is to add six classrooms and a multi-purpose room to the existing Pathway building along with small conference rooms, storage, and a kitchen to be used for instructional purposes. Additionally, a large classroom will be added to the Education Center that will also function as a conference room when not being used by the WAY and Adult Education programs. New furniture, video surveillance, and audio-visual equipment will also be included in the project plan. There were initial thoughts of adding bathroom facilities for the maintenance department and also a storage structure for maintenance equipment but that is not recommended for approval at this time.

The recommended schedule calls for bids to be released in December of 2015 with a deadline for submission of proposals near the end of January 2016. A recommendation to the Board of Education to award bids is planned for February 10th of 2016 and construction is planned to begin on or about April 1, 2016. Occupancy is scheduled for December of 2016.

The budget for the project is \$5.6 million, with \$3 million to be financed through the sale of bonds that mature over a 10-year period. The remaining balance will be paid using accumulated equity in the special education, general education, and the capital projects funds. The re-payment of the bonds will occur from the special education fund in annual amounts of approximately \$350,000. Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc. will be the financial advisor for the sale of the bonds and the Thrun Law Firm will serve as bond counsel for the Agency.

It was moved by Cortez and seconded by Fryer that the Board of Education approve the demolition of the two outdated wood-frame buildings located on the LESA Main Campus and replace them with additions to Pathway and the Education Center, with a project budget of \$5.6 million and occupancy to occur in December of 2016.

A roll call vote was taken. Kaiser voted YES, Fryer voted YES, Cortez voted YES, Loy voted YES, and Hill was ABSENT.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Reports

Staff Reports

Updated the Board on progress toward LESA strategic plan goals.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Danosky shared that the following staff have recently received or renewed certifications: Alice Johnson – Transportation Director; Betty Clohosey – Transportation Director; Donna Clements – School Payroll Specialist; Laura Spadoni – Business Office Manager; and Ingrid Seruga – Pupil Accounting Auditor.

Superintendent Danosky shared information on The School Law & Finance Annual Seminar to be held January 9, 2016.

Superintendent Danosky shared information about the MASB Fall Conference. The Board appointed LuAnn Loy as their voting delegate.

E. Board Discussion

There was no discussion at this time.

5. Adjournment

President Loy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Fryer
Secretary

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