

Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools Board of Education was held in the boardroom on Monday, November 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Burton at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jeff Dennis, Lori Ambuehl, Patricia Burton, David Anderson, Steve Patchin, Courtney Holzberger

Absent: Jennifer Beaudette

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by David Anderson to excuse Jennifer Beaudette from the meeting. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to accept the agenda. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept the November bills (totaling \$90,444.81), the Treasurer's Report, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2024 and the minutes of the Board of Education Policy Review Committee meeting held on November 4, 2024. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Board President Patricia Burton called for expressions from the public. Beth Krause addressed the Board regarding the Strategic Planning Retreat and other parent concerns.

Mr. Brad Codere gave a Superintendent/6-12 Principal's Report. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on November 7. Students who have had no absences for the first marking period were recognized last week. A photo of the group was added to our Facebook page and they each received a gift card from the Drive Thru Depot. The Lakes Brains Quiz Bowl team has their first match on November 22 against Superior Central. The MTSS teams have earned recognition for the work they did last year. The TV6 Can-A-Thon is being organized by the National Honor Society this year and will run through November 26. Thanksgiving break will begin at the end of the day on November 26. The Christmas Band Concert is scheduled for December 13 and the Elementary Christmas Program on December 19.

Dr. Lisa Ruhman gave the Elementary Principal's Report. Elementary enrollment numbers, attendance rate and discipline statistics were reviewed. Family Night at the School Forest was held on October 16 with 82 people participating. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on November 7 with 90% attendance. There are four spots still available in the GSRP program. Anyone interested should contact Betzee Holbrook. We are applying for a grant from Wildflowers Association of Michigan, in partnership with Michigan Tech, to remove the invasive plants in the elementary landscape tiers. These would then be repopulated with native plant gardens. Our Kindness Campaign will include Kindness Lessons, Certified Kindness School and Spirit Days that will run November 18-26. We have added a second room to our special education services in order to meet the needs of our students and staff.

Mr. Jack Kumpula gave an Athletic Director's Report.

Courtney Holzberger gave a report on the Board of Education Policy Review Committee meeting held on November 4, 2024.

A motion was made by Steve Patchin and supported by David Anderson to recognize student athletes for honors earned during the 2024 Football and Volleyball seasons. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuhel and supported by Courtney Holzberger to impose a Summer property tax levy to collect property taxes, including debt services, upon property located within the School District, and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board of Education. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to approve the District audit report for the District accounts/funds as submitted by Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by David Anderson to approve the contract as presented between the Lake Linden-Hubbell School District and Great Lakes Recovery Centers for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to authorize membership of the Lake Linden-Hubbell School District in the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a minimum period of three years, starting January 1, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to approve the new/revised NEOLA policies as presented:

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6114	6325	6550	7310	7450	6325-AG
6550-AG	2264	3120.08	5340	5500	7440.03
7540.09	8321	5605A-AG	8452-AG		

Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Other:

The Board Calendar will be updated and made available to Board members before the December meeting.

The Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, December 7. A list of participants is being compiled.

The status of the bond process was discussed. The next step is the telephone meeting with the Department of Treasury on November 21.

The condition of the school pickup truck and the need to replace it was discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.