

**Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools Board of Education was held in the boardroom on Monday, December 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Burton at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Beaudette, Lori Ambuehl, Patricia Burton, David Anderson,
Steve Patchin, Courtney Holzberger

Absent: Jeff Dennis

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Jennifer Beaudette and supported by Lori Ambuehl to excuse Jeff Dennis 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 Jennifer Beaudette and supported by Lori Ambuehl to accept the December bills (totaling \$102,051.79), the Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 7, 2024. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no expressions from the public.

Mr. Brad Codere gave a Superintendent/6-12 Principal's Report. The TV6 Can-a-Thon was a success again this year with over 750 items collected for local food pantries. A winter "Snow Ball" dance was held on Saturday for students in grades 9-12. The Christmas Band Concert is scheduled for December 13 and the Elementary Music Program for December 19. The Sixth Grade will participate in a Mind Trekkers event at Michigan Tech where they will experience STEM demonstrations and activities. A Middle School Movie Night will be held on December 18 as a fundraiser for the Band. The Lakes Brains Quiz Bowl team won their first match against Superior Central. Their next match with Painesdale-Jeffers will take place on January 15. The MTSS team is planning a Christmas Fun Day on the last day of school before the holiday break. The Fun Day activities will be followed by the annual Christmas assembly. Christmas break runs from December 23 through January 3. Progress Reports will be sent home this week.

Members of the Hubbell VFW Post 4624 will be here on December 18 to recognize our students who participated in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy.

Dr. Lisa Ruhman gave the Elementary Principal's Report. The attendance rates for the first three months of the school year were reviewed. The Can-a-Thon collected more than 600 items in the elementary building. Our bus drivers conducted bus evacuation drills with all students on November 26. The Elementary PBIS Team is holding a contest to come up with a new slogan for RISE. The Elementary Christmas Program will take place on December 19. The cafeteria has brought back the salad bar, now known as the Harvest Bar and it has been very popular. We have also been informed that the food service program will receive the Moolah for Schools Grant through the Michigan Dairy Farmers Association. This grant will provide blenders and supplies for smoothies. The Wildflower Association of Michigan Grant application has been submitted. Several elementary teachers will begin LETRS training in January. There are five people in the elementary school who have already completed this two year program and one more who will complete the second year. LETRS training is part of the 35j grant funding. The calendar of upcoming events and spirit days for December was shared.

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

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept, with regret, the letter of retirement resignation as presented by Laura Rowe from her position as Fifth Grade Teacher. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Other:

There are no committee meetings to be scheduled at this time.

The LLEA has decided to make the switch from MESSA to The Pool for the health insurance plan. The new policy will be effective January 1, 2025. We are currently working through the enrollment process. We are also keeping an eye on any developments out of Lansing regarding proposed changes to PA152.

The school has been awarded a \$9,300 Filters First grant. This grant provides funds for water filters, water bottle fillers and other supplies to ensure safe drinking water.

The Board recognized and thanked Steve Patchin for his service as a board member this year. Board President Patricia Burton also thanked the entire Board for their participation in the Strategic Planning Retreat that was held on December 7.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.