

**Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools Board of Education was held in Room 102 of the High School building on Monday, February 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Burton at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jeff Dennis, Lori Ambuehl, Patricia Burton, David Anderson, Melissa Corrigan

Absent: Jennifer Beaudette, Courtney Holzberger

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Jeff Dennis to excuse Jennifer Beaudette and Courtney Holzberger 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 David Anderson to accept the February bills (totaling \$114,276.85), the Treasurer's Report, the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting held on January 13, 2025, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025 and the minutes of the Closed Executive Session held on January 13, 2025. A correction was made to the minutes of the Regular Meeting to include a statement that Dr. Tim Hall presented the final Strategic Plan via Zoom. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no expressions from the public.

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

Mr. Brad Codere gave a Superintendent/6-12 Principal Report. Students were recognized for perfect attendance for the second marking period and the first semester overall. Six students were honored for being present every hour of every day for the entire first semester. The High School Bowl season ended when they unfortunately fell to Jeffers on January 15. The match will be broadcast on February 22. There will be a half-day inservice on Thursday, February 13 and an area-wide inservice day on Friday, February 14. The inservice on Friday will take place at Houghton High school and will include a keynote speaker, Monica Burns, who will be

presenting on artificial intelligence before groups split off into other sessions. February 17 is also our mid-winter break which gives students a four-day weekend. We have several students who placed in the District Spelling Bee and will advance to the Regional event. Those students are Mila Ranta-Peterson (runner-up) and Aria Burroughs (alternate) in the Fifth Grade, Ayden Wickstrom (alternate) in the Sixth Grade, Zion Jackson (champion) and Brody Ferguson (alternate) in the Seventh Grade, and Jackson Burroughs (champion) in the Eighth Grade. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place at Lake Linden-Hubbell on February 19. Spirit Week activities are in full swing and have been spread out over two weeks this year. The students are participating in hall decorating, dress up days, Spirit Week royalty and the boys basketball game to be held on February 11. The second lockdown drill of the school year was held during lunch on January 15. This satisfies the requirement to have one during unstructured time. A winter fun day is being planned for March 11. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 27.

The Elementary RISE students for January were recognized by the Board.

Mrs. Lisa Ruhman gave an Elementary Principal's Report. Cathy Witz was recognized by Copper Shores Community Health Foundation as the January Superior Educator. Students were honored for having 100% attendance in the first half of the school year. The elementary school recently welcomed a few new students bringing the enrollment up to 163. Two of the new students are in the GSRP Preschool which is now at 16 enrolled. The average daily attendance figures for the first semester were reviewed. Overall, we had 95.16% attendance which meets our goal. Elementary teachers spent the January 23 inservice analyzing ELA and Mathematics data and discussed ways to improve instruction to meet the needs of students. In an effort to help students who need additional support, we will pilot student groups in Music and Sound based interventions and Mindfulness Based Practices for Emotional Regulation. The Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools Foundation awarded a grant to the elementary school to purchase the license necessary to use film related content for instruction and community engagement for events like Family Movie Night. Our first annual National Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast day was a big success with over 200 people attending. We are looking forward to working with the food service program to celebrate more special days throughout the year. We have been awarded the Wildflowers of Michigan grant for the elementary garden project this spring. We have also been approved for GSRP transportation funding that will allow for the purchase of a new van.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to approve the Physics Club trip to Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin from April 11-14, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by David Anderson to approve the Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education nomination of Shelby Turnquist for the Copper Country

Association of School Boards Community Leadership Award. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by David Anderson to call for a special election to be held on May 6, 2025 and approve the ballot language relative to the millage propositions to be voted upon. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A Finance Committee meeting needs to be scheduled. Committee members will be contacted to set a date and time.

Suggestions for a 2025 Commencement speaker were discussed.

The current status of snow days was discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by David Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.