

**Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 14, 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, April 14, 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, Courtney Holzberger

Absent: Jennifer Beaudette

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were two additions to the agenda. Item number 13-A was a motion to accept the resignation of an athletic coach and the other was a discussion item regarding the Superintendent Evaluation timeline. There being no other revisions to the agenda, a motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Jeff Dennis to accept the agenda. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to accept the April bills (totaling \$76,963.76), the Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no expressions from the public.

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

Mr. Brad Codere gave a Superintendent/6-12 Principal Report. The Class of 2025 Valedictorian is Danny Mikus and the Salutatorian is Alex Drew. Reading Month wrapped up right before spring break. Registration was held on March 19 for the 2025-2026 Kindergarten and GSRP program. Report cards for the third marking period were sent out April 2. The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held on April 5. The Physics Club left for their trip to Wisconsin Dells on April 11. Students with perfect attendance during the third marking period were recognized and awarded with a gift certificate to the Drive-Thru Depot. The High School

and Middle School bands traveled to Marquette for a band clinic and Middle School Honors Band. Middle School students who were selected to participate in Honors Band are Teegen Miller, Lily Edgerton, Brody Ferguson, Alysia Harju, Jackson Burroughs and Colton Beaudette. Juniors completed SAT testing, M-STEP testing and the WorkKeys assessment last week. Students in grades 8-10 are scheduled to take the PSAT this week. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the M-STEP over the next few weeks. The Softball team will hold a spaghetti dinner on April 23. The Spring Band Concert is scheduled for April 27. Open House will be held on April 30. The Prom takes place on May 3. We have two more fire drills to conduct and we will have completed all of the required safety drills for the school year.

Dr. Lisa Ruhman gave an Elementary Principal's Report. Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools Parapro, Jennifer Schmitt, is the recipient of the Copper Country Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education Award. The retirement of Laura Rowe will be celebrated on April 25. Enrollment for the 2025-2026 is 26 in Kindergarten (includes 6 retentions) and 18 in the GSRP program. Elementary students with perfect attendance in the third marking period were honored and received a gift certificate to The Depot. The third quarter Honor Roll was announced. The PTO Carnival, held on March 15, was very successful and raised just under \$3,000. Family Literacy Night was held on April 3 and had about 200 people in attendance. The MTU Engineering Ambassadors visited elementary classrooms and conducted a variety of experiments with students. Friday, April 11 was Free Family Movie Night in the auditorium. The film, Moana 2 was featured. Math will be the focus during the month of April as students prepare for state testing. The Spring Band Concert on April 27 will include the Elementary Choir consisting of 18 students in grades 3-5. Special events taking place during Open House on April 30 include the annual ice cream treat, a wildflower growing activity to introduce the Native Species Garden Project, providing Child Safe Fingerprint and DNA kits for parents and providing Title Reading and Title Math Grab and Go game centers throughout the building. On May 8 we will host Muffins with My People to celebrate both Mother's Day and Father's Day and include all caretakers of our students. A special breakfast will be provided. The PTO is sponsoring students in grades K-5 to attend "Janet's Planet" at the Rozsa Center on May 7.

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

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to schedule a 2024-2025 Scholarship Committee meeting for May 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of awarding District Scholarships. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by David Anderson to award up to \$3,000 in Margaret Jones Scholarships for the school year 2024-2025. The number and amount of the awards shall be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Lori Ambuehl to award up to \$3,500 in Irving Clouthier Scholarships for the school year 2024-2025. The number and amount of the awards shall be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Patricia Burton and supported by Jeff Dennis to consider the appointment of Jennifer Beaudette as the designated representative of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education, and Jeff Dennis as the alternate representative, for the electoral body of the ISD biennial election to be held on June 2, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Courtney Holzberger and supported by David Anderson to approve the teaching assignment for Marshall Knight in the Fifth Grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept the letter of resignation as presented by Amy Kotajarvi from her position as Food Service Worker. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept the letter of resignation as presented by Jack Kumpula from his position as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by David Anderson to change the name of the Lakes Invitational Track Meet to the Russ Laurin Invitational Track Meet. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

The bid opening for the State Aid Note took place on March 26. Upper Peninsula State Bank was awarded the bid at an interest rate of 4.7%.

Transportation Supervisor, Shane Middleton, discussed the need for additional cameras on the school buses.

Board of Education members Jeff Dennis, Jennifer Beaudette, David Anderson, Melissa Corrigan and Courtney Holzberger will participate in the 2025 Commencement Ceremony. Jeff Dennis and Melissa Corrigan will award diplomas and Jennifer Beaudette will deliver the closing remarks.

The election is coming up on May 6. The brochures are ready to be sent out bulk mail and will be brought to the post office later this week.

The Superintendent Evaluation must be completed by June 30. The Superintendent self-evaluation will be due by May 5 so that Board members have a chance to review it prior to the May 12 meeting. The Board will then conduct the consensus evaluation in June.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by David Anderson and supported by Courtney Holzberger to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.