

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lakeview School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lakeview School District was held Monday, September 16, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lakeview High School Forum, 15060 South Helmer Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

A. Call to Order

Eric Greene called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. Roll Call

Eric Greene, President – *Present*

Aisha Coulson-Walters, Vice President – *Present*

Jeff Perry, Treasurer – *Absent*

Dr. Michael Glass, Trustee – *Present*

Sara Johnson, Trustee – *Present*

Melissa Metzger, Trustee - *Present*

Amina Coulson-Walters, Student Representative - *Present*

C. Members Absent

Jeff Perry was absent from the meeting.

D. Others Present

Staff and community members were present at the meeting.

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Any revisions to the agenda must be approved before proceeding.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the agenda as printed.

Dr. Michael Glass moved and Aisha Coulson-Walters supported the Lakeview Board of Education's approval of the agenda as printed.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

III. RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS

A. Board of Education Members

1. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed to honor the legacy of Kathleen Moore.

2. Board Member Comments

B. Administration

1. Introduction of Bess Hodges, 5/6 Academy Principal

Dr. Patterson formally introduced Elizabeth “Bess” Hodges as the new principal of the 5/6 Academy. Hodges commented on her past educational experience and is excited to see what they can do for kids this year. Hodges shared that she is thankful to be a part of the Lakeview team.

C. Student Representative Report

Eric Greene introduced Amina Coulson-Walters as the 2024-25 Student Representative for the Board of Education. Amina Coulson-Walters reported on Lakeview High School’s upcoming college fair, current sports, and student clubs.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public may address the Board briefly (up to three minutes) or may request to be scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting.

No comments were made by the public.

V. SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Lakeview High School Building Report

Presenter: Cody Japinga

Cody Japinga, Lakeview High School Building Principal, reported on the high school’s celebrations and building goals for the 2024-25 school year.

B. Audio/Visual Upgrades

Presenter: Laura McFadden

Laura McFadden, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, recommended the purchase of audio and visual upgrades for additional classrooms and larger venues.

C. Public Input Report

Presenter: Dr. William Patterson

Dr. Patterson shared that there was no public comment to follow up on from the August board meeting.

D. Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Presenter: Dr. William Patterson

Dr. Patterson reported that there are not any retirements, resignations, or leaves of absence to report for the month of August.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Vacancy

Eric Greene reviewed the process and timeline for filling a vacant board seat. The board collaborated and will hold a Special Board Meeting for the purpose of appointing an applicant to fill the vacant board seat on Thursday, October 3, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the LHS Forum.

B. Legislative Committee Update

Eric Greene reported that the Board of Education’s Legislative Committee will host a candidate forum devoted to the topic of public education on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the LHS Black Box.

C. Second Read of General Board Policies

1. 3005-GP—Selection of Media Center/Library Materials
2. 3006-GP—Parental Objections
3. 4005-GP—Other Matters of Employment
4. 8010-GP—Digital Communications

The board collaborated and did not have any questions or concerns about the second read of the general board policies.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Melissa Metzger moved and Aisha Coulson -Walters supported that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as printed.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

- A. Approves August 2024 Expenditures by Fund
- B. Approves August 2024 Financials
- C. Approves August 2024 Food Service Report
- D. Approves August 2024 Bills and Accounts
- E. Approve minutes of the August 2024 Regular Meeting
- F. Approves the hiring of the following professional staff:

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approves the second reading of 3005-GP—Selection of Media Center/Library Materials
Sara Johnson moved, and Melissa Metzger supported the Lakeview Board of Education’s approval of the second reading of 3005-GP—Selection of Media Center/Library Materials.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

B. Approves the second reading of 3006-GP—Parental Objections
Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Dr. Michael Glass supported the Lakeview Board of Education’s approval of the second reading of 3006-GP—Parental Objections.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

C. Approves the second reading of 4005-GP—Other Matters of Employment
Dr. Michael Glass moved, and Sara Johnson supported the Lakeview Board of Education’s approval of the second reading of 4005-GP—Other Matters of Employment.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Motion Carried

D. Approves the second reading of 8010-GP—Digital Communications
Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Melissa Metzger supported the Lakeview Board of Education’s approval of the second reading of 8010-GP—Digital Communications.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Motion Carried

E. Approves the purchase of audio and video upgrades for additional classrooms and large venue spaces not to exceed an amount of \$243,710 and paid for using ESSER III and bond funding
Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Dr. Michael Glass supported the Lakeview Board of Education’s approval of the purchase of audio and video upgrades for additional classrooms and large venue spaces not to exceed an amount of \$243,710 to be paid for using ESSER III and bond funding.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Motion Carried

IX. SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING - Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:15 PM

- Legislative Update: Jen Smith — MASB

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - October 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM

- Minges Brook Elementary Building Report

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Melissa Metzger supported the Board of Education’s approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Ayes – 5
Nays – 0
Motion Carried