Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Louisville Board of Education

February 10, 2025

REGULAR MEETING 02/10/2025

The Louisville Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Louisville Middle School, 1300 South Chapel Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641 with the following members present: Mr. Jon Aljancic, Mr. Rick Crislip, Mrs. Barbara DeJacimo and Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux. Mr. Frank Antonacci was not present. Also in attendance were: Ms. Michele Shaffer, Mrs. Anna Minor, Mr. Derek Nottingham, and Morgan Callan.

A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Michele Shaffer, Superintendent
Bob Sudomir

School Recognition Program, Steve Thomas at Edwards Jones Investments
Mr. Steve Thomas, Financial Advisor and Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux

Student of the Month:
Adelynn Tucke- 2nd Grade, North Nim
Case Petrovic- 2nd Grade, North Nim
Tallulah Daup- 5th Grade, Louisville Elementary
Breck Parent- 5the Grade, Louisville Elementary
Baylee Walker- 8th Grade, Louisville Middle School
Hiram Kellermier- 8th Grade, Louisville Middle School
Shyanne Johnson- 12th Grade, Louisville High School
Giovanni Foradis- 12th Grade, Louisville High School

Teacher of the Month:
Ms. Emily Crawford- 8th Grade Intervention Specialist, Louisville Middle School

Employee of the Month:
Kelly McDonald- Paraprofessional, Louisville Middle School

Volunteers of the Month:
Missy Light- PTO President, Louisville Middle School

We would also like to recognize a December award winner:
Elise Biller- 5th Grade, Louisville Elementary

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Student Liaison Committee- Morgan Callan, Student Representative
- High school held first Snowball Dance on Jan. 25, 2025
- Powder Puff game scheduled for April 4, 2025
- Speech & Debate went to Districts
- Drama Club putting on Music Man as this spring's musical
- Cheer Team qualified for state

Athletic/Extra Curricular Committee- Mr. Jon Aljancic
- Hired Jake Williams as the new girl's golf coach
- Posted for a new volleyball coach
- Recognition of Bob Sudomir
- Spring sports begin February 17, 2025
- Golf simulator ordered and to be installed in baseball/softball building

Curriculum and Program Committee- Mr. Jon Aljancic, Mrs. Barbara DeJacimo
- New ACT test enhancements being implemented next school year
- LDA adding a new health class next school year
- Waiver day on January 27 with a lot of staff professional development

Facilities Committee- Mr. Rick Crislip, Dr. Brenda Ramsey-L'Amoreaux
- Discussed maintenance projects for each building
- Discussed need for bus drivers and subs
- Discussed participation for breakfast and lunch programs

C. BUSINESS ADVISORY UPDATE
- Meeting was January 28 at Tractor Supply and Distribution Center in Navarre, Ohio
- Joel McKenzie and Austin Williams spoke about employment at Tractor Supply
  - Difference between labor and management
  - Spoke about benefits including tuition reimbursement
  - Navarre location has 600 employees
  - Tractor Supply employs 50,000 nationwide
- Ralph Lee representing Kenan Advantage spoke about their world headquarters right here in Stark County and their locations throughout the country.
- Presentation given by Darin Haines of Total Distribution which is an industry leading logistics solutions provider with warehousing locations all over the United States.
- Brittney Wells from Junior Achievement provided an update on the upcoming Junior Achievement event that will be held at the Pro Football HOF where close to 4,000 students will be participating in the fair including Louisville High School.
- The meeting adjourned and a tour of Tractor Supply Distribution took place.

D. PRINCIPAL REPORT Mr. Jason Orin, Principal, Louisville Middle School
- Earned 4 Star on report card- above the state average
- Getting more intentional using data to improve instruction and outcomes
- Working on building a positive school culture with the Sources of Strength Program
- Dawson Rogers and Callie McKimmie spoke about the Sources of Strength Program
- Recognized on US News & World Report as one of the best middle schools

25-24 ADOPT MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to adopt the following agenda for the February 10, 2025 regular meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-25 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESIGNATIONS

1. Approve the resignation/retirement of the following employees:

Alexa Vaccaro	Resignation: Intervention Specialist, LES (effective 1/21/25)
Sam Williams	Resignation: Asst. Baseball Coach (effective 2/5/25)
Jonette Catarouch	Resignation: Proctor, LES (effective 2/14/25)
Diane Hardie	Retirement: Intervention Specialist, LMS (effective end of 24/25 school year)

HIRING

2. Approve the employment of the following classified employees for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requirements:

Charlotte Riedl	Van Driver (effective 1/28/25)
Christine Veigh	Asst. Cook (3 hrs.), LMS (effective 1/30/25)

3. Approve the employment of the following classified substitutes for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requirements:

Keith Beaver	Custodian (effective 1/14/25)
Lauren Brown	Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor, Paraprofessional, Study Hall Monitor (effective 1/17/25)
Jonette Catarouch	Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor (effective 4/1/25)
Shontay Shannon	Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor (effective 1/29/25)
Katie Spaulding	Cafeteria, Bldg. Proctor, Secretary (effective 1/28/25)

OTHER

4. Approve the following employment recommendations for the 2024-25 school year:

Transfers

Judy Minich	From Asst. Cook (3 hrs.) to Asst. Cook (4.5 hrs.) at LMS (effective 1/21/25)
Aaron Noble	From van Driver to Bus Driver (effective 1/28/25)
Lynne Bozman	From Art Teacher at NN/LES to Art teacher at LES (effective 8/14/25)
Ashley Macri	From Intervention Specialist to Gr. 3 Teacher at LES (effective 8/14/25)
James "Mark" Slack	From Art Teacher at LES to Art/Adulting 101 Teacher at LMS (effective 8/14/25)

Kindergarten Registration Fair- March 8, 2025 (3 hours unless otherwise noted)

Jeana Allison
Jessica Bellinski
Jennifer Bennett
Clint Butler (4 hrs)
Melissa Chatelain
Jenna Dress
Deb Gill
Diane Gray
Lynne Lashley
Larry Larke (4hrs)
Brenda Leeders (4hrs)
Billie Sue Norris
Krystin O'Leary
Melissa Robinson
Casey Smith
Megan Strasser
Tammy Stringer
Rhonda McQuilken (ESC hrs)
Christina Patient (ESC hrs)
Kristin Sharp (Spec Ed to handle billing)
Bus Driver (TBD)

Athletic Supplemental Contracts- LHS

Gary Anile	Boys Lacrosse- Head
Lauren Bennett	Softball- 9th/ Asst. JV
Caleb Burrows	E-Sports- Asst.
Bill Noveske	Baseball- Asst.
Marshall Vick	Wrestling- JV

Athletic Volunteers- LHS

Sam Williams	Baseball

Athletic Volunteers- LMS

Skip Laughlin	Wrestling

Athletic Game Workers
Jared Komo
Travis Meeks

Supplemental Contracts 2024-25

Raegan Atkinson	Gifted Team Coach

Third Grade Reading OST Test Tutors (not to exceed 8 hours)
Toni Baker
Jackie Giles
Jodie Cress
Megan Lindsey
Lisa Porrazzo

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-26 PRESENTATION OF RECORDS
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Organizational Meeting and the January 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting as read, the presentation of financial records as presented, and the invoices for payment.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mrs. DeJacimo, Mr. Crislip, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-27 BUGETARY
Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux to approve the following:

FY25 Revenue Budget Revision(s)	(Exhibit T-1)
FY25 Appropriation Revision(s)	(Exhibit T-2)

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-28 RESOLUTION- COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BUS PURCHASING PROGRAM
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the resolution to participate in the Cooperative School Bus Purchase Program offered through the Stark County Council of Governments as presented on Exhibit T-3.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-29 OTHER
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the following:

Donations

Adam & Lindzie Longacre	$300.00	Backpack Program (LES)
Greg & Linda Parrish	$50.00	Backpack Program
Anonymous	$40.00	Backpack Program

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA
Review the following board policies on an annual basis according to federal and state requirements:

Policy 2111- Program- Parent and Family Engagement
Policy 2261.01- Program- Parent and Family Member Participation in Title I Programs
Policy 2261.02- Program- Title I- Parents' Right to Know
Policy 2623- Program- Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services
Policy 5111.03- Students- Children and Youth in Foster Care
Policy 5111.10- Students- Homeless Students
Policy 5460- Students- Graduation Requirements

F.
Allow for the first reading of the following revised board policy:

Policy 2460- Program- Special Education

25-30
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mr. Crislip to approve the 2025-26 kindergarten school calendar as presented on Exhibit S-3.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-31
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux to approve the Leopard Blended Digital Academy Program of Study for the 2025-26 school year as presented on Exhibit S-4.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-32
Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux to approve the 2025-26 Middle School Course Selection Guide as presented on Exhibit S-5.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-33
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to approve the overnight extended field trip New York City, NY on March 25-29, 2026 for the Louisville High School Choir to perform at Carnegie Hall at no expense to the Board of Education.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-34
Motion by Mr. Crislip and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the overnight extended field trip to Upper St. Clair High School in Pittsburgh, PA on February 7-8, 2025 for the Louisville High School Speech & Debate team to compete in the Three Rivers Invitational.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-35
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux to approve the overnight extended field trip to Austintown Fitch High School in Austintown, OH on February 27- March 1, 2025 for the Louisville High School Speech & Debate team to compete in the OSDA State Tournament.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-36
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the unpaid leave request for employee A.A. at the exhaustion of their paid leave, effective February 18, 2025 through May 22, 2025.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-37
Motion by Mrs. DeJacimo and seconded by Mr. Crislip to approve the appointment of Bill Jeffries to the Louisville Public Library Board of Trustees for a term of seven years commencing on January 1, 2025 and terminating on December 31, 2031.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

25-38 RESOLUTION- SPECIAL EDUCATION MODEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to approve the resolution to adopt the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024, and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies as presented on Exhibit S-11.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS
The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Louisville Elementary School located at 415 North Nickelplate Street, Louisville, Ohio 44641.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Parent- student safety and notifications
Josette Folk- recognition of athletic teams
Brian Beatty- safety of our children at Louisville City Schools

25-39 ADJOURN
Motion by Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux and seconded by Mrs. DeJacimo to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Aljancic, Mr. Crislip, Mrs. DeJacimo, and Dr. Ramsey-L'Amoreaux.

Attest

President