

**Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 16, 2015
(Approved Minutes)**

President Baur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Laker High School Room 211. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Keith Hatfield, Heath Krohn, Kathryn McGathy, Duane Baur, Jeff Snider, Todd Tate and Mary Frances Tait.

Members Absent: Student Representative Riley Green.

Approval of Regular Minutes: Tait moved with support from Tate to approve the minutes dated January 18, 2015 as presented, noting a change under "Personnel" to read, "with Tait voting 'No'." Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tate reported the bills to be paid for February, 2015 totaling: General Fund \$83,312.63, Food Service \$4,391.25, and Payroll/Liabilities \$21,112.66. Krohn moved with support from Tait to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Tate also reported positive news that currently the district is at 64/66% of the budget, with expenditures running below the projected budget. Food Service is considering a new truck to meet their needs.

Consent Agenda: Tait moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with no changes or additions with support from Tate. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation: Superintendent Smith read letters from Chad Seley and Julie Seley. Athletic school policy pertaining to their concerns regarding coaching assignments was explained to audience. Mike and Beth Valentine, and Jim Seley also expressed similar concerns related to coaching assignments.

Anchored in Excellence: The Board recognized Scott Lebsack and his students for their interest in competitive robotics. Community financial supporters of the Robotics Club were acknowledged and thanked for their support.

Elementary School Bond Refinancing/Refunding Resolution: CFO Klosowski/Fredric Heidemann of Thrun Law explained the process and benefit to the taxpayers of approximately \$644,000.00. Tait moved with support from Tate to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Friend of Youth: Following a recommendation of nominating Agnes Kosinski to represent Laker School at the Thumb Meet of Champions, Tate moved to nominate Agnes Kosinski as Laker Friend of Youth. Krohn supported the motion after acknowledging the character strength of the other nominees. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel: Athletic Director Yoder presented his recommendations for spring sport coaches. Thoughtful questions were asked by the Board. Yoder stated that the recommendation for the Laker JV Baseball coach would be made at a later time. Krohn moved to approve the recommendations as presented, with support from Tate. The motion passed unanimously.

School Funding: Chief Financial Officer Klosowski led a PowerPoint presentation related to the 2015-2016 State of Michigan budget proposal related to projecting school funding for the upcoming school year.

Best Practices: Chief Financial Officer Klosowski presented an overview of the nine Best Practices, as identified by the Michigan Legislature and the manner in which they are monitored. He noted that the Laker School District exceeded the State recommendations and qualifications in meeting the \$50 per pupil funding. Tait moved to pass the resolution as recommended with Tate supporting. Motion passed unanimously.

Substitute Pay Rate: Superintendent Smith referenced the great difficulty involved with recruiting and retaining substitute teachers. The administration proposed to raise the rate by \$5.00 a day. Chief Financial Officer Klosowski stated this change would cost the district approximately \$4,000.00 more per year. Tait moved with support from Snider to approve the rate increase. The motion passed unanimously.

MASB Board of Directors Representative: Jan Holz is running for re-election to the MASB Board of Directors from our region, Region 5, and requested Laker Board support. Discussion to support Holz ensued. Tate moved that the Board cast a vote for Jan Holz to serve on the MASB Board of Directors from Region 5, with support from Tait. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Time: Keim met with some college representatives. Dickens reminded of the Board of SAT changes, and that students will experience MSTEP testing in the spring for the first time. Smith commented on wrestling success, and that bids are being submitted for the science lab and student center.

Other business: No other business that that listed in the agenda was discussed.

Superintendent Evaluation/Contract Review/Personnel Issue: Tait moved to table this item for lack of information. McGathy supported this motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Board, Tait moved to adjourn the meeting, with support from Krohn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary