

LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION / REGULAR
MEETING
February 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.
District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Czachorski, President
Jennifer LaBombarbe, Vice President
Allie Sparks, Secretary
Thomas Rollins, Treasurer
Matthew Bentley, Trustee
Stacy Kind, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Adam Blaylock, Human Resources Director
Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT

Edgar Brown, Jim Harless, Steven Mieutkiewicz, Robert Williams, Mary Aldridge, and Robert Merritt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Czachorski called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present with the acceptance of Williams.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board and audience members.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 Response to Prior Public Comment

- Caitlin Reynolds, parent, concerned with curriculum and data collection based on race, staff showing personal activism and is this impacting students curriculum. Mr. Jansen had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Reynolds.
- Kimberly Brown, parent, concerned about inappropriate comments by staff to students and some 7th grade students not feeling safe. Mr. Jansen communicating via telephone with Mrs. Brown.
- Kely Hambright, parent, was supporting Mrs. Browns comments and plans, if any, or ideas of how to intentionally diversifying the teaching staff at LMS. Mr. Jansen spoke to Mrs. Hambright on the telephone.

5.2 Public Comment

Board of Education Public Comment Statement

This is the time set aside by the Board to hear from you, the members of our community. We invite you to address the Board with comments, questions or concerns regarding board actions, policies, or other issues not resolved through appropriate administrative channels. The Board may not immediately respond to concerns presented at this meeting; however, we will respond to inquiries on or before the next board meeting.

Please sign in completing your contact information. Limit individual comments to 5 minutes or less. Comments with respect to the performance of specific district employees are not appropriate during public comment.

Rules for Public Comment:

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit the total public comment to 30 minutes in any meeting.
2. The Board of Education will limit each speaker to one opportunity to speak during any public comment period.
3. The Board of Education President, or the President's delegee (such as the Superintendent or another District administrator) will respond to your comment.
4. The Presiding officer may: A) prohibit public comments which are frivolous, repetitive, or harassing; B) interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant; C) request any individual to leave the meeting when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting; D) request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting, and; E) call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

No Public Comment

6.0 BOARD WORKSHOP

6.1 Jeff Soles-Thrun Law

Mr. Soles addressed the Board of Education via Google Meet with options for the up coming renewal of the operational and recreational millages.

6.2 Jeff Rahmberg-Organization Review

Lincoln Consolidated Schools has been challenged in recent years, as have many school districts in the state, to build and sustain an appropriate fund balance, respond to declining enrollment and address student achievement issues. Rahmberg, Stover & Associates was retained to evaluate the District's organization, staffing and expenditures and identify opportunities to more effectively and efficiently manage the District.

6.3 Vicki Coury-LCS Organization Updates

The information provided to the Board of Education at the Board Workshop is a starting point for discussion with regard to the current budgeting process. Recommendations are not being made at this time. Based on the feedback acquired through the Board Workshop, Administration will be able to construct a recommendation within the final budget.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by LaBombarbe and seconded by Sparks that we adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0