Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting May 12, 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, May 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Burton at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jeff Dennis, Jennifer Beaudette, Lori Ambuehl, Patricia Burton, Melissa Corrigan, Courtney Holzberger

Absent: David Anderson

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept the agenda. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by Jennifer Beaudette to accept the May bills (totaling \$66,818.61), the Treasurer's Report, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 2, 2025, the minutes of the Closed Executive Session held on May 2, 2025 and the minutes of the Board of Education Scholarship Committee meeting held on May 7, 2025. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Board President Patricia Burton called for expressions from the public. Three people addressed the Board. Amy Keranen, Michelle Tanner and Beth Krause each addressed the Board regarding parent concerns.

Mr. Jim Rautiola gave an update on the Copper Country Intermediate School District.

The Superintendent/6-12 Principal Report was reviewed. The Spring Band Concert was held on April 27 and included the Sixth Grade Band as well as the Elementary Choir. The Prom took place on May 3. Open House was held on April 30. M-Step testing has been ongoing and should be wrapped up by May 16. Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for June 3 in the auditorium. The schedule of events for seniors that leads up to the graduation ceremony was shared with the Board. The second semester exam schedule has been announced.

Dr. Lisa Ruhman gave an Elementary Principal's Report. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week was observed last week. Our enrollment is at 163 students which includes the addition of a new Kindergartener. Attendance statistics were reviewed. The entire elementary school had the opportunity to attend "Janet's Planet" at the MTU Rozsa Center thanks to the generosity of the PTO who hosted the event. Muffins with My People on May 8 was very well received with a total of 340 students and parents in attendance. Family Movie Night took place on May 9 with the showing of "Dog Man" and "Shrek." The next movie night will be on June 6. Kindergarten screenings will be conducted on June 9 with help from the Copper Country ISD and the Western U.P. District Health Department.

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

Patricia Burton gave a report on the Board of Education Scholarship Committee meeting that was held on May 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Jennifer Beaudette and supported by Courtney Holzberger to establish Tuesday, September 2, 2025 as the first instructional day of the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuhel and supported by Courtney Holzberger to approve the 2024-2025 scholarship awards as presented by the Board of Education Scholarship Committee. Roll call vote. Ayes: Jennifer Beaudette, Lori Ambuehl, Patricia Burton, Courtney Holzberger. Nays: None. Abstain: Jeff Dennis, Melissa Corrigan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to approve the designation of Jennifer Beaudette as the representative of the Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education for the electoral body, which body will elect two (2) candidates to the vacancies on the ISD Board on Monday, June 2, 2025, and Jeff Dennis as an alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend. The representative or alternate representative is further directed to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of this Board for Gale W. Eilola and Dale J. Kero. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jennifer Beaudette and supported by Courtney Holzberger to review, discuss and act upon the Copper Country Intermediate School Board of Education proposed budget for 2025-2026 in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code and submit pertinent objections and proposed changes to the budget no later than June 1, 2025 to the Intermediate Board or its Superintendent. 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 Karen Destrampe from her position as Food Service Worker. 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 Arthur Lyons from his position as Middle School Football Coach and Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to accept the letter of resignation as presented by Morgan Jones from her position as Middle School Volleyball Coach. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jennifer Beaudette and supported by Jeff Dennis to approve the employment of Cody Kumpula in the position of Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Lori Ambuehl and supported by Courtney Holzberger to approve the Pregnancy Leave of Absence as requested by Morgan Jones. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by Jennifer Beaudette to accept the bid for the purchase of an AWD Minivan as presented by Riverside of Escanaba at a cost of \$43,999.00. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.

The results of the May 6, 2025 election were shared with the Board. Both proposals on the ballot were passed by voters.

An End of the Year program will be held on the last day of school. Details will be available in the invitations that will be sent to Board members.

The State has forgiven the two additional snow days that occurred over the limit this year.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jeff Dennis and supported by Courtney Holzberger to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion unanimously carried.