

**St. Ignace Area Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 23, 2023**

The Board of Education of the St. Ignace Area Schools District held a regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: M. Emery, R. Frazier, A. Garlock, C. Halberg, J. Lipnitz, J. Weiss

Absent: D. Davis

Election of Officers

Nominations were called for three times.

President

A motion was made by Ms. Frazier that Ms. Weiss be nominated as President. Motion was passed unanimously.

Vice President

A motion was made by Ms. Garlock that Mr. Emery be nominated as Vice President. Motion was passed unanimously.

Secretary

A motion was made by Vice President Emery that Ms. Frazier be nominated as Secretary. Motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer

A motion was made by Vice President Emery that Mr. Davis be nominated as Treasurer. Motion was passed unanimously.

Other

Official Paper

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Vice President Emery that the Board designate the St. Ignace News as the Districts official paper. Motion was passed unanimously.

Designation of Depository of School District Funds

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock that the Board designate the Frist National Bank as depository for the following funds: General Fund, Activities, Debt Retirements, Capital Projects, QZAB and Building and Site Fund. Motion was passed unanimously.

Investment Funds

A motion was made by Vice President Emery with support from Trustee Lipnitz that the Board invest funds at First National Bank and Central Savings Bank. Motion was passed unanimously.

Selection of Regular Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Vice President Emery that the Board set their regular meeting dates at 6:15pm at the Middle School Library on the third Monday of each Month. Motion was passed unanimously.

Authorize Superintendent to Sign for Board

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Vice President Emery that the Board authorize the Superintendent to sign for the Board of Education for Chapter Programs, Title Programs, P.L. 874, General Fund, Debt Retirement Funds, Building and Site Funds, QZAB and other grants and programs, as well as checks, contracts, and purchase orders. Motion was passed unanimously.

Designation of Person for Posting Public Notices of Meetings

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock that the Board designate the Superintendent to post Public Notices of Meetings. Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Vice President Emery that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022 with the noted revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Vice President Emery with support from Trustee Garlock that the Board approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$97,848.81. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of visitors.

No visitors addressed the board.

Board Member Input/Committee Reports.

- **Building/Site Improvement Committee** – Did not meet.
- **Finance Committee** – Did not meet.
- **Policy Committee** – Did not meet.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Correspondence

No correspondence shared.

New Business

Approval of Bus Driver Hire.

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock to approve the hire of Jon Thibault for a bus driver position. Motion passed unanimously.

Title VI Indian Policies and Procedures. A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Vice President Emery to approve the Indian Policies and Procedures as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Bond Millage Election Resolution. A motion was made by Vice President Emery with support from Trustee Garlock to approve the resolution calling for a special school election on May 2, 2023 for the bond millage proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Approval of Board Committee Assignments

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock to approve the board committee assignments as listed below. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee:	Davis, Frazier, Weiss
Policy Committee:	Emery, Lipnitz, Weiss
Building/Site Committee:	Davis, Emery, Garlock
Community Relations Committee:	Frazier, Halberg, Lipnitz
Teacher Negotiations:	Davis, Garlock, Weiss
Support Staff Negotiations:	Emery, Frazier, Halberg
Administrative Negotiations:	Frazier, Lipnitz, Weiss
K-8 School Improvement:	Davis
High School Improvement:	Lipnitz
District Wide School Improvement:	Garlock
Indian Education Parent Committee:	Frazier
Community Recreation Committee:	Halberg


Administrative Reports

- Mr. Schley – Provided a written report.
- Mrs. Martin – Provided a written report.
- Mrs. Visnaw – Provided a written report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Secretary Frazier with support from Trustee Garlock that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Jane Ann Weiss, President


Regina Frazier, Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jane Ann Weiss, President
G. Michael Emery, Vice-President
Regina Frazier, Secretary
David J. Davis, Treasurer
Amanda Garlock, Trustee
Carol L. Halberg, Trustee
Julie H. Lipnitz, Trustee

**ST. IGNACE AREA
SCHOOLS**

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ADMINISTRATION

Kari Visnaw, Superintendent
Nichole Martin, High School Principal
Benjamin G. Schley, K-8 Principal



LaSalle High School – 643 8800

Middle School – 643 7822

Elementary School – 643 8500

CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT PROPOSITION

TO: Ms. Hillary Kleeman-Vowell, Mackinac County Clerk

In compliance with Public Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the “Act”), attached is a certified copy of the ballot proposition language approved by the Board of Education of St. Ignace Area Schools to be placed before the voters at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Pursuant to the Act, a summary of the ballot proposition and an address where the full text of the proposal may be obtained must be included in the registration and election notices.

Please provide us with a proof copy of the ballot proposition language prior to printing the ballots.

Dated: 2/3/23

By Regina Frazier
Secretary, Board of Education

St. Ignace Area Schools, Mackinac County, Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the St. Ignace Middle School, within the boundaries of the District, on the 23rd day of January, 2023, at 6:15 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by Jane Weiss, President.

Present: Members Emery, Frazier, Garlock, Halberg, Lipnitz, Weiss

Absent: Members Davis

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Emery and supported by Member Garlock:

WHEREAS:

1. In the opinion of this Board it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond project consisting of remodeling and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and developing and improving the site.

2. This Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be Nine Million Two Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$9,203,958).

3. It will be necessary for the District to borrow the sum of Nine Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,150,000) and issue the bonds of the District therefor, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.

4. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

5. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

a. Utilize St. Ignace News, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

- b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.
- c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

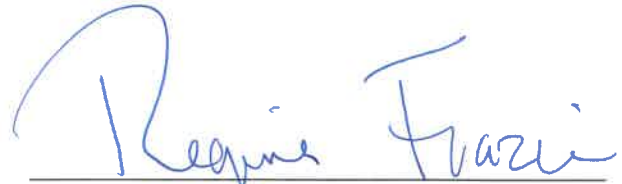
4. This Board estimates the period of usefulness of the improvements for which bonds of the District in the amount of Nine Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,150,000) are to be issued to be not less than thirty (30) years.

5. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

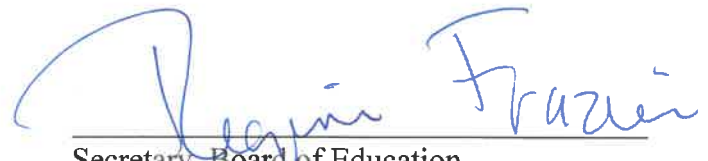
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members *Emery, Frazier, Garlock, Halberg, Lipnitz, Weiss*

Nays: Members
Absent: Member Davis
Resolution declared adopted.


Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of St. Ignace Area Schools, Mackinac County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).


Secretary, Board of Education

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EXHIBIT A

ST. IGNACE AREA SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall St. Ignace Area Schools, Mackinac County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nine Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,150,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling and refurbishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and developing and improving the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023, under current law, is 2.90 mills (\$2.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.49 mills (\$2.49 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$0. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

EXHIBIT B

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

**ST. IGNACE AREA SCHOOLS
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$9,150,000**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of St. Ignace Area Schools, W429 Portage Road, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781, telephone: (906) 643-8145.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.