

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe  
Public School Academy Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday March 8, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by President Castro at 5:30 p.m.

**B. OPENING**

Dr. Chris Gordon gave the drum opening. Board member Carr opened the meeting with a blessing.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. MISSION**

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, in cooperation with parents and community provides an educational program that develops each student's individual abilities. We are committed to providing educational excellence through rigorous and relevant programs within a safe, nurturing, and culturally rich environment with specific emphasis on the Anishinaabe traditions and language.

**E. ROLL CALL**

Castro – present; Habusta – present; Carr – present; McKechnie – absent; Eidenier – present.

Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to excuse McKechnie from the meeting.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to approve the agenda with the following changes: Remove action item L5 Approval of Special Education Secretary; Add item L12 Approval of 10 days of Covid Leave for Non-Administrative Staff; Add item L13 Approval of 10 days Covid leave for Administrative Staff; Add item L14 Approval of Ojibwe Rosetta Stone Program.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**G. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Aspiring Educators of Michigan – Annette Christiansen  
Annette Christiansen of the Aspiring Educators of Michigan and Paula Herbart of the Michigan Education Association were in attendance and presented JKL School a donation of \$500 to our school library to encourage literacy for

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students. They also gifted a book titled We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom to the JKL library.

#### **H. COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MAPSA Michigan Charter Award Nomination for Shelly Butzin. President Castro read the nomination information for Shelly and congratulated her on this acknowledgement.

#### **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

1. Superintendent's Update
2. Superintendent General Administration - Department Updates
3. Administrator's Update
4. Enrollment Update
5. Minutes from February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting
6. Minutes from February 23, 2022 Board Workshop
7. Minutes from March 2, 2022 Board Workshop
8. Committee Reports & Updates
  - a. Policy Committee
  - b. Facilities Committee
  - c. Finance Committee
  - d. Personnel Committee
  - a. Curriculum/Student Services Committee

#### **J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Legislative Update
2. NMU Charter School Office Report – Betty Lapointe congratulated Shelly Butzin for the nomination and thanked Annette for the donation to the school. Betty discussed the upcoming Board Workshop scheduled for the end of March.
3. Personnel Update

#### **K. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

1. Financial Monthly Report
  - a. Becky Aldrich discussed the monthly update and informed the Board that she will be bringing a budget amendment to the April Board meeting that will reflect the decrease in enrollment.
2. Financial Update for Fiduciary Committee

#### **L. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the February 2022 Expenditures in the amount of \$922,495.04

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

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Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the IntelliCloud Conversion in the amount of \$9,735 from MDE Fiscal. This consists of annual fee of \$3,780 and one-time set-up cost of \$5,945.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Habusta to override the purchasing policy and approve the invoice from Zarembo Equipment in the amount of \$6,358.01 from MDE funds.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to approve New Hire Julie King for SPED Paraprofessional contingent upon acceptable background check.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Habusta and supported by Eidenier to approve New Hire Anangabii Natasha Stewart for Culture & Language contingent upon acceptable background check and Memorandum of Understanding from the State of Michigan and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Eidenier.

Nays: Carr.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the changes to JKL Employee Sick time to support staff needs:

JKL will upfront the remaining sick days to all staff that would be accrued for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. For the 2022-2023 school year, first year employees will have all of their sick time upfronted at time of hire. This will be for the 2022-2023 school year only to support new staff needing to use sick time.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve Odyssey of the Mind Overnight Trip to Middleville, Michigan March 12, 2022 with an estimated cost of \$2,961 from Gifted & Talented budget.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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Motion by Carr and supported by Habusta Accept the Aspiring Educators of Michigan Grant Award in the amount of \$500 donated to our JKL School Library for the 2021-2022 fiscal school year.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Habusta to approve the JKL Board Policy Manual as maintained by the National Charter Schools Institute. This is an annual requirement from Northern Michigan University.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to retire the JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. The plan will be reviewed, revised and reinstated if needed. Meanwhile JKL Board of Directors will continue to follow Tribal Health Executive Orders.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Habusta and supported by Carr to accept the 10 additional days of Covid/Sick Leave for Non-Administrative Staff from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Fiduciary Committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the 10 additional days of Covid/Sick Leave for Administrative Staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Habusta and supported by Eidenier to accept the Rosetta Stone Ojibwe Language Program for Staff and Students funded from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Fiduciary Committee.

Ayes: Castro, Habusta, Carr, Eidenier.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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## **M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS**

### **N. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Superintendent Theresa Kallstrom thanked the Sault Tribe for the additional Covid days for staff members.
2. Staff member Susan Solomon joined the meeting via Zoom, thanking the Tribe for the additional days and the JKL Board of Education for approving the Gifted & Talented overnight trip.
3. Staff member Chloe Kannon joined the meeting via Zoom, commenting about the need for a middle school principal.

### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by President Castro.

  
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