

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe
Public School Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Tuesday January 10, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Secretary Carr at 5:30 p.m.

B. OPENING

Opening by Dr. Gordon.

C. CULTURAL REFLECTION

Cultural reflection by Secretary Carr.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. 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.

F. ROLL CALL

Castro – absent; Carr – present; Eidenier – present; Pavlat – present.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to excuse Castro from the meeting

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Carr and supported by Pavlat to amend the agenda to remove item H Appointment of Officers.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

H. PRESENTATIONS

Alliance of Therapy Dogs – Dr. Carolyn Dale

Dr. Carolyn Dale presented a draft of the JKL Bahweting PSA Therapy Dog Plan and talked about the Alliance of Therapy Dogs organization who was attending via Zoom. She discussed the various benefits of the presence of therapy dogs for students. Dr. Dale discussed the certification process that both the dog and the handler are required to complete, and explained that the handler would have to be in control of the animal at all times. Discussed the legal aspect of having an animal in the building and a tentative schedule to start out with if the plan gets approved.

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Dr. Dale discussed student readers and how beneficial it is for students to read to a therapy dog. She discussed Jamie Eavou currently working with her dog to become certified. Discussed possible professional development for both students and staff so everyone is educated on how to interact with the therapy dogs. Discussed plans for students with severe allergies and the accommodations and precautions that would need to be in place before the program would start up. Discussed the permission process for families and liability insurance that would need to be in place.

Dr. Dale discussed Donna Kozma's role with her dogs and her extensive knowledge and experience in dog handling. Discussed the most common risks accidentally scratches, licking or light bruising if dog isn't kept in control and reviewed the release and waiver.

Discussed other area schools who are currently providing this service for their students. Donna discussed wanting to open up the conversation about certification with her dog and her plans to take part in dog therapy in the community. Jamie Eavou mentioned that she has had feedback from students that she does better in her work when she has her dog with her.

Nick from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs attended via zoom and spoke briefly of the benefits of this program to students and school districts.

John Thorne – JKL School Facility Manager agreed that it could be a good program if done properly and all aspects of liability are considered. He noted that pit bull dogs would be the exception and would not be allowed on school property.

I. COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

J. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the consent agenda. Board member Carr discussed concerns he had with the minutes regarding the public comment about a Board member calling teachers 'snowflakes' and the public comment regarding himself and the after-school programs. These are a record of public comments that were made during a public meeting and recorded as such.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

1. Superintendent's Update
2. Superintendent General Administration - Department Updates
3. Administrator's Update
4. Enrollment Update
5. Minutes from December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting
 - a. Fred discussed minutes and there was a comment that a board member talked about the snowflake comment.
6. Minutes from January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Legislative Update
2. NMU Charter School Office Report
 - a. Bill Pistulka was in attendance and asked about NMU's annual Conflict of Interest form being completed by the Board. These will be collected at the upcoming Special Board meeting January 24, 2023. Bill mentioned that Fred

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Carr and Elizabeth Eidenier will be up for re-appointment this July, and that Northern will be in communication before this time. Bill discussed the Board training April 23 – 24th in Mount Pleasant and will begin registration in March. Board members asked about the Board vacancy and Bill said this seat could be filled possibly in March depending on applications and background checks.

3. Personnel Update

L. FINANCIAL UPDATE

1. Financial Monthly Report

Financial Update for Fiduciary

Aldrich reviewed the report for month ending December 2023 and discussed the need for the budget amendment that was reviewed at the January 3rd Regular meeting.

M. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve expenses for December 2022 in the amount of \$1,075,713.50.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Pavlat to approve the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Amendment which reflects a revenue decrease of \$86,106 and an expenditure decrease of \$86,106. Revenues total \$13,469,996 and expenditures total \$13,469,996

The General Fund balance is estimated to total \$3,541,169.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the 2022-2023 School Service Fund Budget Amendment which reflects a revenue decrease of \$25,000 and an expenditure decrease of \$25,000. Revenues total \$432,370 and expenditures total \$432,370

The School Service Fund balance is estimated to total \$26,589.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the overnight trip for the Gifted & Talented students to attend the Future City Engineering competition in Novi, Michigan on January 22 – 23rd 2023 for 14 students plus 2 chaperones and driver.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to approve the Institutional Review Board Contract for Purdue University.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

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Motion by Eidenier and supported by Pavlat to approve the funding for the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. in the amount of \$34,751.34.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Eidenier and supported by Pavlat to approve the revised Organizational Chart.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

N.A. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION

Motion by Carr and supported by Eidenier to go into closed session at 6:16 p.m.

Roll call vote as follows: Carr – Aye; Eidenier – Aye; Pavlat – Aye.

Ayes: Carr, Eidenier, Pavlat

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 6:49 p.m. per roll call vote.

O.B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. for Superintendent Evaluation.

P.C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Q.D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Fred Carr

School Board President

Maurice J. Pavlat

School Board Secretary

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