

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2014  
(Approved Minutes)

Secretary Tait called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Laker High School Room 211. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Heath Krohn, Todd Tate, Dean Smith, Duane Baur, Kathryn McGathy, Neal Eichler, Mary Frances Tait and Student Representative Holly Tait.

Members Absent: None.

School Board Reorganization: Secretary Tait explained nominations do not require a second. Smith nominated Baur for the office of President. No other nominations came forth. Eichler closed nominations. Baur was elected unanimously as President. Tait passed the gavel to Baur. Eichler nominated Tate for the office of Vice-President. No other nominations came forth. Smith closed nominations. Eichler was elected unanimously as Vice-President. Tait nominated Eichler for the office of Treasurer. No other nominations came forth. Eichler closed nominations. Eichler was elected unanimously as Treasurer. Eichler nominated Tait for the office of Secretary. No other nominations came forth. Tate closed nominations. Tait was elected as Secretary. Baur explained Committee Assignments and he invited Board Members to contact him regarding a change in assignments.

Approval of Regular Minutes 12-16-2013: Tate moved with support from Tait to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2013. The motion passed with McGathy abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Eichler reported General Fund bills to be paid for January of 2014 totaled \$60,305.42; Food Service bills totaled \$6,642.49; and Payroll/Liabilities totaled \$24,655.82. Krohn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented with support from Tate. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Tait moved with support from Eichler to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of Dave Shiflet – Apple Blossom Wind Farm. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation: No cards were presented, although ample time was allotted for the public to participate.

Anchored in Excellence: Principal Keim introduced high school science teacher Scott Lebsack. He was recognized for his +20 weekly hours of volunteer time to coach the robotics team. Lebsack explained the competition and technology project which is the working focus of the robotics team. The Board thanked the team of volunteers as well as Lebsack for their dedication to the students.

Eidex: Superintendent Smith introduced Doug LaFleur. LaFleur explained the benefits and features of Eidex software as a powerful planning tool that provides speedy evaluation of school effectiveness.

Personnel: Under Principal Dickens's recommendation, Tate moved with support from Eichler to approve the continued probation of Kevin Calahan. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Evaluation: President Baur notified the Board Members that he will be sending via email the Superintendent's Evaluation form and expects to have information compiled and a full report for the February meeting.

2013-2014 Budget Amendments: Chief Financial Officer Klosowski reviewed budget amendment recommendations. There was ample time for questions from the Board. Tait moved with support from Tate to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion passed 6-1, with Smith voting "no".

Friend of Youth: Superintendent Smith reminded the Board that it was time to consider a nomination for a Thumb Meet of Champions honoree. The Athletic Committee will meet to consider nominations from the Board and the Laker Booster Club.

Dave Shiflet- Apple Blossom Wind Farm: Shiflet proposed an easement agreement between Apple Blossom Wind Farm and the Laker School District. The information was supported with written material and a copy of the proposed agreement. No action was taken.

Administrator Time: Student Representative Holly Tait reported on the Food Drive, the Science Olympiad and that the FFA is ready to begin leadership contests. Athletic Director Yoder stated that winter sports are mid-season and Lakers secured an important win on the road at USA. Etzel offered to entertain any questions from the Board. Dickens reported the addition of 15 students this month. Keim reported that he is involved in planning with Mid-Michigan College to host college-level courses at Lakers.

Eichler moved with support from Krohn to enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing a student disciplinary matter as requested by a parent. Roll call yielded: Baur, yes; Krohn, yes; Smith, yes; Tate, yes; McGathy, yes; Eichler, yes; and Tait, yes. The Board moved into closed session at 7:10 p.m.

The Board moved into Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

Tait stated the Policy Committee will review the Athletic Handbook. Discussion ensued. Tait called point of order related to the lack of Consent Agenda item.

With no further business before the Board, Tait moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Eichler. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary