

**Ida Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
April 17, 2023  
High School Media Center**

***Mission***

*The mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring student, staff and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long learners.*

**MINUTES**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

- I. At 7:00 p.m. Heather Schafer, President called the meeting to order.

Roll call

Present: Todd Albring, Jamie Hunter, Sara King, Sarah Lambert, Heather Schafer, Edward Stotz and Ryan Winkelman

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Principals Chuck Fuller, Lucy Becker and Stacy Maynard; Assistant Principals Allison Bondie and Aaron Ward; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Technology Director Ryan Kisonas; Athletic Director Tim Leonard; Transportation Director/Facility Coordinator John Elkins and Secretary Janie Dressel

Other attendees: There were members from the public in attendance.

It was determined a quorum was present. Mrs. Schafer welcomed the public.

- II. Best Practices – Natalie Spires, Elementary Teacher

A. What I Need (WIN) overview

- III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Todd Albring supported by Ryan Winkelman accepting the minutes of the March 13, 2023 and March 15, 2023, Board of Education meetings as presented for adoption.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

- IV. Recommended Board Acceptance Items/Consent Agenda

Comment: Background materials for Consent Agenda topics were sent to the Board of Education prior to this meeting. Any Board member can remove any topic from the Consent Agenda and place the item in the Discussion Topics area.

Approved: The Check Register is presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$1,654,492.70.

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Approved: The resignation of Kyle Cameron, Paraprofessional.

Approved: The resignation, at the end of the school year, due to retirement, of Karla King, Elementary Teacher.

Approved: The resignation, at the end of the school year, due to retirement, of Jeanne Lambrix, Elementary Teacher.

Approved: The resignation, at the end of the school year, due to retirement, of Deana Roach, Elementary Teacher.

Approved: The internal transfer of Sharon Waldron to Middle School ELA Teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year, per the recommendation of Lucy Becker.

Approved: The request of Lucy Becker to offer an Explorica by World Strides trip to Costa Rica during the Summer of 2024.

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert supported by Sara King to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

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*Discussion Topics*

- V. **Comments from the Public - None**  
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- VI. **Board/Superintendent Response**
- VII. **Communications to/from Board Members**
- VIII. **Strategic Plan**
  - A. **Enlightened Learning LLC** – Dr. Bradley Hamilton provided a presentation.
- IX. **Property/Land For Sale**
  - A. **Recommended Resolution:** Authorize the Superintendent to continue conversations with the owners and make an offer if budget permits.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to authorize the Superintendent to continue conversations with the owners and make an offer if budget permits.

Discussion: This property is north of the Elementary Building. The current selling price is substantially less than the offer to the previous Superintendent.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

X. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - State testing started last week with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students taking the PSAT 8, 9, 10, SAT, and ACT WorkKeys. We are now wrapping up testing for students who need accommodations and making plans for the make up tests which will be given during the state designated time frames next week. M-Step and Mi-Access is beginning for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders and we have until mid-May to complete the computer-based tests. Depending on the grade level students will take tests in various subject areas ranging from ELA, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies. NWEA reading and math and STAR testing will begin at the end of April for our Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. End of the year benchmark testing is required by state law. Planning for professional development for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. We are trying to provide multiple choices for staff to choose from and also providing some time for grade or department guided professional learning. The Middle and High School will have a Digital Empowerment presentation on Thursday and then there will also be a parent presentation beginning at 6pm on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This was paid for with some of our peer to peer grant funds. The Middle School is participating in the County Wide Spelling Bee at the ISD on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Grade levels are completing their grade level spelling bee in the coming weeks and then we will have a school wide spelling bee at the beginning of May to get our top spellers who will compete at the county competition. Summer school planning is underway for the Elementary and Middle School. We are looking at multiple creative options for staff and students that will meet the state guidelines for the summer school funding grant. Our next Curriculum Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15a.m.

XI. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

B. The Ida Public School District Board of Education to Proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Recommended Resolution: The Board of Education of Ida Public Schools to Proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Monroe County. The official text of this resolution is contained in Attachment A of this evening's agenda.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Sarah Lambert.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

C. Recommended Resolution:

**WHEREAS** while exploring facility improvement options to address current and long-term operational and energy conservation needs, the Ida Public Schools administrators, have determined:

1. The middle school and high school buildings have end-of-life boilers and classroom unit ventilators that must be replaced; and,
2. None of the classrooms and very little of the rest of the buildings currently have cooling (air conditioning); and,
3. The middle school and high school buildings have various building envelope issues that allow for air leakage; and,
4. A geothermal system can replace the current end-of-life boilers and unit ventilators while providing a more efficient operating system; and,
5. A geothermal solution will add cooling to all areas of the middle school and high school buildings for approximately the same current utility expenditure; and,
6. Up to 40% of the purchase and installation cost of a geothermal system can be recovered by the Ida Public Schools through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act; and,
7. MCL 124.502 (2)(4) provides for Michigan public schools to utilize joint purchasing programs; and,
8. 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA), a joint purchasing program, has completed a competitive bidding process that selected Veregy as a qualified vendor for energy and building projects. The Ida Public Schools Board of Education is entitled to use 1GPA contracts without a fee and without further competitive bidding.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Ida Public Schools Board of Education resolves as follows:

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1. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to add Ida Public Schools as members of the 1Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA).

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Todd Albring.

Discussion: Remove #2 and #3 under Now Therefore. Continue researching if this is the best option for Ida.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

XII. Policy Committee Report – Second Reading of NEOLA Policies

- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the second reading of the following proposed policies: 1615, 2623, 3215, 4215, 5512, 6325, 7434, 7540.02, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8300, 8305, 8315, 8390, 8400, 9170

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Edward Stotz to accept the second reading of the above proposed policies.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

XIII. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

- a. Elementary STEM Teacher
- b. Bus Drivers
- c. Crossing Guard
- d. 6-8 ELA Teacher – 2023-2024
- e. Elementary Teachers – 2023-2024

XIV. Maintenance/Transportation Topics

A. Summer Projects

- B. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Spieker Company for the remodel of Middle School bathrooms.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution Accepted by Sarah Lamber supported by Edward Stotz to accept the quote from Spieker Company for the remodel of the Middle School bathrooms for a total of \$277,377 per the request of Bob Cherry and John Elkins. To be funded from the Capital Projects fund.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

- C. Recommended Resolution: Purchase a 2020, 77 passenger bus from Midwest Transit, per recommendation from John Elkins memo dated April 11, 2023.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution accepted by Ryan Winkelman supported by Edward Stotz to purchase a 2020, 77 passenger bus from Midwest Transit for a total of \$81,963.

Discussion: Will we be selling busses? Yes, possibly three.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

XV. Technology

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Data Image Systems Inc to purchase 17 BenQ Interactive Flat Panel Monitors (SMART Boards) for the district, per recommendation from Ryan Kisonas memo dated April 17, 2023.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution accepted by Todd Albring supported by Sara King to accept the quote from Data Image Systems Inc to purchase SMART Boards for a total of \$37,315, to be paid out of the 2022-2023 Technology funds.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

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Informational Topics

XVI. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report – None

XVII. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on May 8, 2023:

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Annual Probationary/Tenure Recommendations
3. Summer Maintenance Project Bids
4. Monroe County ISD Budget Approval

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on June 12, 2023:

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. 2023-2024 Enrollment Projections
3. 2023-2024 Staffing Report
4. Monroe County Tax Equalization Report

C. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on June 26, 2023:

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Truth in Taxation Hearing
3. Fiscal Year 2024 Uniform Preliminary Budget Adoption

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4. First Reading of Fiscal Year 2024 Student Handbooks
5. End of Year Building Reports

XVIII. Forthcoming Activities  
A. Activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mon, Apr 17	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon, May 8	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day	No School
Sun, June 4	Graduation	Rain or shine
Wed, June 7	Exams Begin	
Thur, June 8	Exams	½ day
Fri, June 9	Exams	½ day; Students last day
Mon, June 12	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon, June 26	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon, July 17	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.

B. 'Go-Around'

XIX. Comments from the Public

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XX. Board/Superintendent Response

XXI. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman, at 8:42 p.m., supported by Sarah Lambert to adjourn the April 17, 2023 board meeting.  
The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara King  
Board Secretary

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Attachment A

**Proclaim the month of April as  
Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Child Advocacy Network (CAN) of Monroe County is a non-profit organization of concerned citizens, professionals, and agencies for programs to prevent child abuse and neglect;

**WHEREAS**, both statewide and nationally, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders such as depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, severe obesity and juvenile delinquency; and

**WHEREAS**, CAN Council encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Monroe County a better place for children and families by ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and re-sources they need to care for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting family functioning/resiliency, social support systems, nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting/child development all are known protective factors which prevent child mistreatment and help to strengthen families; and

**WHEREAS**, CAN of Monroe County plants Pinwheels around the county to remember that pinwheels are an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 17th day of April, 2023, the Ida Public Schools Board of Education, hereby Proclaim the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Monroe County.