

**LEYDEN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 212
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST LEYDEN ROOM 109
3400 ROSE STREET
FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Leyden Community High School District 212, state of Illinois, was held on the 24th day of October 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Leyden High School Building, Franklin Park, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

Present: Members Gregory Ignoffo, Gloria Murawska, James Lima, Lisa Anthony and Sandra Boehm, Student Members Adriel Carrera and Jonathan Guerrero

Also Present: Dr. Nick Polyak, Dr. Brian Mahoney, Andrew Sharos, Dr. Dominic Manola, Dr. Faith Cole, Karen Geddeis

Absent: Members Joseph Trevino and Cesar Garcia

Visitors: Dr. Julie Lam, Dr. Arturo Senteno, Meghan O'Neil, Emilia Rodriguez, Brian Burcham, Brad Henning, Nataliia Kulinich, Roselyn Feliciano, James Quesada, Dagmara Kurcz, Kaya Kurcz, Yuliia Kulinich, Diana Garcia, Randy Conrad, Maricela Castillo, Renata Lang, Tereza Lang, Jennifer Correa, Cassandra Meraz, Beata Ivla, Maria Morales, Martha Huerta, Jaime Morales, Michelle Vazquez, Maria Alvares, Eric Garay, Francesca Vargas, Sasha Barvera, Angelica Barvera, David Soriano, Gameliyed Gracino, Jacki Schammert, Juan Meraz, Olivia Irla, Jack Hel, Lujan Regalado, Luis Regalado, Leslie Regalado, Bryan Fuentes, Alexander Barrera, Diana Guzman, Stephanie Leese, Maria Acosta Meraz, Jenni Almodovar, Fidencio Rivera, Elida Rivera, Abel Rivera, Meghan O'Neil, Marcos Nivela, Mohd Salman

ONE AMAZING STORY

For this month's One Amazing Story, we will once again showcase part of the documentary series Leyden: Making History. This month, we will focus on Leyden's rich athletic history. The video features Randy Conrad, Georgia Leese, Stephanie Leese Emrich, and others as they talk about Coaches Leese, Farina, and Goodman and the impact they had on our school community. Randy Conrad and Stephanie Leese Emrich shared more about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Adriel Carrera updated the Board that students are concerned about the new 70%/30% grading system. He reported that students are happy with the options in the vending

machines and is hoping for more emphasis on sports and having more opportunities to have a fan bus bring students to playoff games.

Jonathan Guerrero updated the Board that students liked the practice ACT testing because they get immediate results and he has heard both positive and negative comments regarding the new 70%/30% grading system. He is hoping that there will be more promotion for sports to get more students to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Lima, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BILLS

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Boehm, that the bills presented on October 24, 2024, be approved for payment from the funds in the amounts as follows:

Education Fund	\$3,610,529.17
Operations/Maintenance Fund	813,668.93
Transportation Fund	320,966.55
Site Const/Capital Improv Fund	2,263,680.86
Tort Fund	23,276.79
Fire Prevention	<u>9,265.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,041,387.30

The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried and the bills approved for payment.

PAYROLL SUMMARY

A motion was made by Member Boehm, seconded by Member Anthony, to ratify the signing of payroll summaries by the President, Vice President, and/or Secretary for the:
September 30, 2024 Payroll – Semimonthly payroll in the amount of

\$2,813,083.56

October 15, 2024 Payroll – Semimonthly payroll in the amount of \$2,927,773.35

October 17, 2024 Payroll – Monthly Event Special in the amount of \$33,668.72

The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2024

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Murawska, to approve the Cash Statement for the month of July 2024. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Andrew Sharos, Chief School Business Official, introduced Mike Malatt from the auditing firm of Baker Tilly who provided a brief presentation of the district’s annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2024. He explained that the district had a “clean audit.” Mr. Malatt thanked our district fiscal department for their help with the process.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Emilia Rodriguez, Human Resources Director, and Jacki Schammert, Educational Support Personnel Supervisor, spoke to the Board about how Leyden is focusing on a variety of programs and supports for our employees. They also shared about implementing additional opportunities to our staff to promote mindfulness and appreciation.

30 DAY ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

As of September 30, East Leyden has 1,875 students and West Leyden has 1,669. That brings our district enrollment to 3,544. Last year our total enrollment was 3,632. We are down 88 students from last year at this time.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ELEARNING PLAN

This item was tabled until November

DISCUSS BOND REFINANCE PLAN

Andrew Sharos, CFO, presented the districts bond refinance plan to the Board which will be approved at a future Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE ITEMS

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the resolution for the disposal of surplus personal property. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

Jennifer Correa, community member, addressed the Board regarding global service opportunities.

BOARD INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Member Lima read a thank you card from Kurt Schuett, English teacher, regarding the community concert and a thank you card from Dolores Hanson, 1944 alumni, regarding the 100th anniversary events.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Superintendent Polyak reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:
- CBS News and Drone Show – Friday, October 25
- Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 26
- Regional Board Dinner at Elmcrest – Tuesday, October 29
- Trivia Night, Shoeless Joe’s, 5:00 pm – Monday, November 4
- Closed for Election Day – Tuesday, November 5
- Hometown Heroes Concert – Thursday, November 7
- Leyden Family Services Fundraiser, River Forest Country Club – Friday, November 8
- Thanksgiving Event with Naval Station Great Lakes, East Leyden Commons – Thursday, November 28

100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The Community Concert was a huge success. There will be a drone show after the game tomorrow – Friday, October 25 and the committee is in the early stages of planning the family picnic that will be on May 17 at East Leyden.

QUESTIONS ASKED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Member Boehm seconded by Member Anthony, to adjourn to closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, leave, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the closed session minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm

Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

A motion was made by Member Anthony, seconded by Member Boehm, to approve the special closed session minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

- Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm
- Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF UNPAID LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Boehm, to approve the unpaid leave of absence request for Miguel Mayorga, Maintenance, effective until February 21, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

- Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm
- Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Boehm, to approve the termination of a transportation employee effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

- Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm
- Nay: None

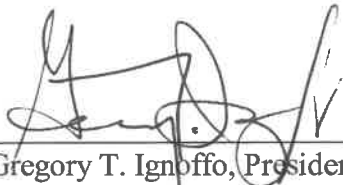
The President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Murawska, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

- Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Anthony and Boehm
- Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.



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