

**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, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 19th day of September 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Little Theater of the Leyden High School Building, Franklin Park, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

Present: Members Gregory Ignoffo, James Lima, Gloria Murawska, Joseph Trevino, Lisa Anthony, Sandra Boehm and Cesar Garcia, Student Members Adriel Carrera and Jon Guerrero

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dolores Taylor Hanson, Cherie Taylor, Caryn Hart, Tori Heinrich, Adam Buklis, Megan Michorczyk, Scott Leu, Melissa Zapata, Karina Hernandez, Dan Hogan, Nicole Peters, Bill Heisler, Kurt Schuett, Liliana Hernandez-Wolas, Ramon Gonzalez, Mike Malinowski, Susan Rogie, Renee Skwarczek, Branda Skwarczek, Mike Skwarczek, Tyler Skwarczek, Maria Fraguso, Anakaren Silva, Kathy Cocoglinto, Ben Cocoglinto, Miriam Rodriguez, Anthony Rodriguez, Krystla Kozin, Maria Merales, Eric Bertsche, James De Rose, Jehan Figueroa, Hailey Keeton, Colin Bertsche, Selma Duratovic, Elise Bertsche, Christina Bertsche, Eric Bertsche, Emma Bertsche, Monica Hw, Andrea Lopez, Valeria Lopez, Liliana Hw, Roy McCampbell, Gina Giordanto, Maria Grakera, Maria Rodriquez, Reyna Moreno, Domingo Quintana, Noe Quintana, Givanna Cozzone, Carmen Richardson, Ashley Richardson, Samantha Richardson, Aiveda McKinney, Kathern McKinney, Sylvia Juraszek, Abigail Cortez, Katie Cortex, Vince Cortez, Jenni Almodavar, Lissette Gonzalez, Jannette Garcia, Victoria Castro, Carlos Castro, Valeria Castro

ONE AMAZING STORY

This month's One Amazing Story showcases Dolores Taylor Hanson. Dolores is one of the oldest living alumni, and she also worked at Leyden for 25 years. She is the class of

1944! She walked through East Leyden to reminisce about her old classrooms, theater experiences and she also interacted with current students. Dolores shared her experiences when she was a student here and answered questions from the Board.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Special Olympic Team – Caryn Hart, Tori Heinrich and Adam Buklis, Special Education teachers, introduced the Special Olympics Summer State Athletes who competed in a variety of events at the State competition held in Bloomington-Normal in June. Each student was introduced and talked about what they won and answered questions from the Board.

East Leyden Service Trip –Megan Michorczyk, Social Studies teacher, Scott Leu, Physical Education teacher, and their students who participated in the East Leyden global service trip to the Azores Islands came to the Board meeting and talked about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

West Leyden Service Trip – Melissa Zapata, Literacy teacher, and students who participated in the West Leyden service trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico came to the Board meeting and talked about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

Global Leadership Summit – Karina Hernandez, Science teacher, and Diana Bonilla, Science teacher (currently on leave), took six students to Berlin, Germany to take part in the Global Leadership Summit where they connected with students from across the world to discuss the impact of water on society. They talked about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

80th Anniversary of D-Day – Dan Hogan, Social Studies teacher, and Nicole Peters, Special Education teacher, introduced some of the students that traveled to Normandy where they were able to learn from some of the final living soldiers in that historic event. They talked about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

SOFTBALL ALL – STATE ATHLETES

Kurt Schuett, English teacher and softball coach, introduced Carmen Richardson who made 2nd Team All-State and Elise Bertsche and Abigail Cortez who both made 3rd Team All-State. They talked about their experiences and answered questions from the Board.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Superintendent Polyak introduced Bill Heisler, physical education teacher, and Kurt Schuett, English teacher. Mr. Heisler received his 200th victory as our boys' basketball team coach before stepping down from coaching and next he recognized Dr. Schuett for his 300th victory and for being named the Illinois Coaches Association Softball Sectional Coach of the Year.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jon Guerrero reported that the students are happy to be back and they are asking for more options in the vending machines that are in the cafeteria, as well as, lower prices. He said

the phone homes have received positive and negative comments. The students have also talked about wanting the homecoming game and dance moved to a different time. Adriel Carrera reported that the students are happy to be back and that the phone homes have received positive and negative comments also. He also reported that the bus that shuttles students between East and West at the end of the day is overcrowded and asked if another bus could be added to that route.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 8, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING-AUGUST 19, 2024

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

CURRENT BILLS

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Murawska, that the bills presented on September 19, 2024, be approved for payment from the funds in the amounts as follows:

Education	\$4,185,420.47
Operations/Maintenance	308,451.70
Transportation	401,892.53
Site Const/Capital Improv	1,017,908.02
Fire Prevention	<u>29,750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,943,422.72

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

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Trevino, Anthony, Boehm and Garcia
 Nay:

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

PAYROLL SUMMARY

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Anthony, to ratify the signing of payroll summaries by the President, Vice President, and/or Secretary for the:

- August 12, 2024 Payroll – Golden Ticket Payroll in the amount of \$5,590.63
- August 15, 2024 Payroll – Monthly Event Special Payroll in the amount of \$66,188.13
- August 15, 2024 Payroll – Semimonthly payroll in the amount of \$2,610,058.63
- August 16, 2024 Payroll – RTR-Stipends/Ferrench Payroll in the amount of \$3,600.10
- August 19, 2024 Payroll – Miceli Salary Adjustment in the amount of \$3468.84
- August 30, 2024 Payroll – Semimonthly payroll in the amount of \$2,626,188.40
- September 13, 2024 Payroll – Semimonthly payroll in the amount of \$2,874,167.67

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

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

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2024

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Trevino, to approve the Cash Statement for the months of April, May and June 2024. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

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

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the new course recommendation for the 2025-2026 school year. Lindsey Longstreth, Industrial Technology, presented the new Industrial Technology course, Woods II, to the Board. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

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

Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION REPORTS

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the compensation reports required by Public Act 97-256 and 97-0609. These reports must be posted on the district's website by October 1, 2024. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

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

Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID AWARD FOR DRUMLINE INSTRUMENTS

A motion was made by Member Murawska, seconded by Member Trevino, to approve the following bids to the lowest reasonable bidder for Drumline Instruments:

Snare Drums in the amount of \$9,100.00

Bass Drums in the amount of \$5,739.00

Tenor Drums in the amount of \$6,524.00

Practice Cymbals in the amount of \$3,552.60

Performance Cymbals in the amount of \$4,279.40

Cymbal Straps in the amount of \$261.50

Cymbal Pads in the amount of \$402.75

Snare Drum Stands in the amount of \$2,222.00

Bass Drum Stands in the amount of \$1,616.00

Tenor Drum Stands in the amount of \$1,010

Snare Drum Harnesses in the amount of \$2,407.24

Bass Drum Harnesses in the amount of \$1,750.72

Tenor Drum Harnesses in the amount of \$1,165.0

Drum Covers in the amount of \$1,235.22

Snare and Tenor Drum Mallet Holders in the amount of \$664.96
Bass Drum Mallet Holder with Rim Savers in the amount of \$645.92
Snare Drum Sound Projectors in the amount of \$287.50
Tom Guards in the amount of \$89.45
Tom Foams in the amount of \$99.76
Drum Cases in the amount of \$2,491.94
Drum Hardware in the amount of \$239.97

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

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

The President declared the motion carried.

POLICY UPDATES – 1ST READING

President Ignoffo directed that the following policies be reviewed for action at the next regular Board Meeting:

- 1) 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 2) 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure
- 3) 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 4) 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 5) 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

James De Rose, guest teacher, addressed the Board about his concerns asking why there aren't American Flags in some of the new classrooms. Liliana Hernandez-Wolas, West student, addressed the Board about student concerns regarding the cell phone policy and homecoming changes.

BOARD INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Member Lima read a thank you card from Maura Gorzkowski for the Leyden Pride Onesie.

Member Anthony informed the Board that the West Cook Division Meeting for IASB will take place on October 10, 2023 at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park.

Member Ignoffo informed the Board that East Leyden will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for military personnel from Naval Station Great Lakes on Thanksgiving Day.

SIXTH DAY ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

This year's sixth day enrollment numbers indicate that East Leyden's enrollment decreased from 1898 in 2023-2024 to 1865 in 2024-2025 and West Leyden's enrollment decreased from 1723 in 2023-2024 to 1669 in 2024-2025. The district's enrollment decreased from 3621 in 2023-2024 to 3534 in 2024-2025. The Official 30-Day Counts will be shared next month.

INVESTMENT RETURN PERFORMANCE REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Superintendent Polyak informed the Board that the fourth quarter report on the district’s investments was included in their Board packet. The Board thanked Andrew Sharos and the staff in fiscal services.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

On August 27, 2024 we received a request from Sheri Reid at SmartProcure. She asked for general purchasing records from 5/31/24 to the current request date of 8/27/24. We responded on August 27th and supplied that information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Polyak reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:

- Homecoming Events – Pep Rally – Monday, October 30th; Community Concert – Friday, October 4th; Football Game and Homecoming Dance – Saturday, October 5th; Fall Fest Parade – Sunday, October 6th
- Triton President’s Reception – October 18th
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Tuesday, October 22nd
- Thanksgiving Event with Naval Station Great Lakes – East Leyden Commons

100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The Community Concert is Friday, October 4th with the doors opening at 5:30 at the Dome in Rosemont.

QUESTIONS ASKED BY BOARD MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Member Lima seconded by Member Anthony, to adjourn to closed session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, leave, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district, litigation and to purchase or lease real property. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

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

Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 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, Trevino, Anthony, Boehm and Garcia

Nay: None

The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Trevino, to approve the leave(s) of absence for Alicia Kadlitz, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, through December 20, 2024 and Lynette Rosen, Art teacher, through November 26, 2024. 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, Trevino, Anthony, Boehm and Garcia
Nay: None

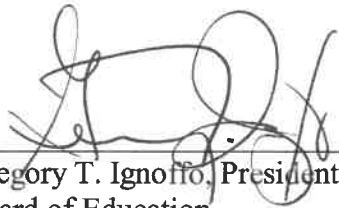
The President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

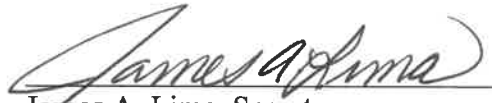
A motion was made by Member Lima, seconded by Member Murawska, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll and thereupon the following vote was cast:

Aye: Members Ignoffo, Murawska, Lima, Trevino, Anthony, Boehm and Garcia
Nay:

The President declared the motion carried.



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