



LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION / STUDY SESSION
May 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.
District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer LaBombarbe, President
Matthew Bentley, Vice President
Lauren Smith, Secretary
Jason Moore, Treasurer
Jennifer Czachorski, Trustee
Alisa Soos, Trustee
JaVon Jason, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Robert Jansen, Superintendent
Paula Robinette, Human Resources Director
Adam Snapp, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Edgar Brown and Jim Harless

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President LaBombarbe called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board and audience members.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Employee of the Month

It is my honor to recommend Makayla Roeder as employee of the month. At Bishop, Makayla works with students that have a high number of needs. She supports them across the building in all settings and although there have been many challenging moments and days this year, Makayla continues to greet each day with a smile. She works with multiple classroom teachers, staff, paraprofessionals, and families yet juggles it all with grace. She offers her generous heart and spirit to our staff and students. Before winter break, she turned her doorway into a cozy space complete with a fireplace with flickering flames; students and staff smiled as they passed by and it inspired many staff to decorate their classroom doorways. She also dressed up as an elf and stood on a cafeteria bench during lunch singing carols. At the beginning of February she created a "Kindness Jar" outside of her classroom where staff and students could drop a slip of paper in with an example of kindness in the building.

Even though Makayla works with our youngest students in the building, our older students seek her out as an adult they trust and respect. Makayla gives these students her time and attention, her attentive listening skills and gracious heart.

I have been particularly lucky as I have worked with Makayla since she was in a high school as a cadet teacher in my classroom. The same brilliance was evident in her 2018 evaluation remarks, here's an excerpt: Makayla has been an amazing addition to our classroom. She is wise, patient, kind, and an amazing listener to our students. She hones in on those kids that need a little extra encouragement and gives it to them freely. She understands that students need to feel welcomed and loved in order to be academically successful. She jumps in to help out in whatever capacity is needed and often anticipates needs before she is even given the task. She is always professional and ready to help. She will be a spectacular teacher! We love you Makayla!

Makayla Roeder has grown into being a spectacular teacher and an exemplary professional, colleague, and human. Lincoln Consolidated Schools and in particular, Bishop Elementary, is so lucky to have her.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- **No previous Public Comment**

Please fill out the attendance form including your email and phone number. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Comments with respect to the performance of specific district employees are not appropriate during public comment. A list of complete guidelines are listed on the agenda.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Welcome to Jason Strzalkowski, Bishop's new Principal.
- Huge appreciation to Abby Smith for her years of dedication to Bishop and LCS
- LCS was awarded a grant or a feasibility study
- Time capsule ceremony for the 100-year celebration is Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00am on the lawn at Brick

8.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8.1 Executive Committee

- Middle School traffic flow update-committee met again last week and landed on an updated traffic flow pattern. Need to ensure the safety of the kids
- Technology Contract with the WISD-conversations are still ongoing with stakeholders.
- Another reminder about getting documentation for fieldtrips to Ty Smith timely for Board approval.

8.2 Finance Committee

8.2.1 L-4029 2025 Tax Levy Request

- Yearly tax levy requires Board approval yearly. 2 mills receive over 2.6 million that will fluctuate yearly.
- Chartwells renewal-we renew yearly, 3rd year of five-year contract. Currently planning a spenddown plan for access balance.

8.3 Performance & Policy Committee

- Virtual Academy- review packet provided and return questions by May 15, 2025, at noon. The contract will move to the agenda on May 19, 2025.

8.4 Building & Site Committee

- Asphalt is still in RFP process

- The Board asked for a plan to address the percentage coming back to the District how it would be allocated. At the Board meeting of May 19, 2025 Chris Westfall and Phil Bongiorno will answer additional questions.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- No Other Business

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Negotiations

It was necessary to enter closed session to discuss Negotiations, to return to open session.

A roll call vote was necessary.

Pursuant to Sections 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, it was moved by Czachorski and seconded by Moore that we enter Closed Session to discuss Negotiations, to return to open session.

Ayes: 7 Czachorski, Bentley, Soos, LaBombarbe, Moore, Jason and Smith

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

Entered Closed Session 7:03pm/Returned to Open Session 7:39pm

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Czachorski and seconded by Moore that we adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried 7-0

(N) New Item

(D) Discussion Item