

PROPOSED MINUTES

August 21, 2023

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Thomas Frisbie, Jami Schultz and Bruce Gracik

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Gena Dietz, High School Principal
Jim Smith, Middle School Principal
Kyle McAlister, Assistant Middle School Principal
Andy Cox, Elementary Principal
Brandon Smith, Assistant Elementary Principal

Visitors: 21

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to amend the proposed agenda and remove the Closed Session, #12, and add a presentation from the floor, Mr. Blake Prewitt, NCRESA Superintendent and approve the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. July 17, 2023 Organizational Meeting
 - 2. July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - 3. July 24, 2023 Special Meeting
 - 4. July 31, 2023 Special Meeting
- B. Accounts Payable Listing
- C. Monthly Trial Balances

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

Blake Prewitt, NCRESA Superintendent gave the board and the public information about the upcoming millage which supports the Career Tech Center and Special Education program.

Julianne Lemmink, ELA Teacher, gave the board a presentation about a new ELA Curriculum, Amplify, that the middle school is proposing the Board approve for a three-year contract.

Gena Dietz, High School Principal, and four students presented a slide show of pictures and a recap of their recent school trip to Costa Rica.

Formal Board Communications – None

Superintendent Reports

Resignations

Letters of resignation were received from:

1. Penny Mahaffey – Elementary Aide

Recommendations to Hire – For Action

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the Administration:

1. Tim Chrapek – Middle School ELA Teacher
2. Ty Miller – Middle School Science Teacher
3. Shannon Goebel – Middle School Technology Teacher
4. Erin Fettig – 1st Grade Teacher
5. Debra Tolbert – Substitute Bus Driver
6. Ashley Wilson – Middle School Aide

The Following METS bus drivers are being recommended to hire as NPS employees:

7. Ronald Hood – Bus Driver
8. Alicia Rowland – Bus Driver
9. Aja Smith – Bus Driver
10. Sondra Fuller – Bus Driver
11. Tim Hogan – Bus Driver
12. Alexandra Kempher – Bus Driver

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

Finance and Budget Update:

Ms. Bidwell, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the finances of the district.

Superintendent 90-Day Plan Update:

Mr. Gilpin gave the Board an update on his 90-day plan.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that a fence was put up to separate Mr. Switzer's property and the school's property and noted that Mr. Switzer has been a member of the community for many years and is a graduate of Newaygo Public Schools.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that Mr. Bull, High School Assistant Principal, will have a temporary title change to "Dean of Students" due to MDE requirements for his administrator certificate renewal.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that the school website is being updated and there will be an app to go along with the new website launch which will improve communication between NPS and parents. The tentative launch date is October 1st.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

Subject: ELA Curriculum Proposal

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the ELA Curriculum, Amplify, for a three-year contract, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Special Revenues Budget

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the proposed Special Revenues Budget for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

New Business

Subject: MASB Delegate Assembly – Voting Delegates & Alternates

The Board will select a voting delegate and an alternate to represent NPS Board at the MASB Delegate Assembly at the next regular board meeting.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Student enrollment issue

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:54 p.m.

Jami Schultz, Board Secretary