

PROPOSED MINUTES

September 18, 2023

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Thomas Frisbie, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood and Bruce Gracik

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman and Jami Schultz

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

Visitors: 21

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to appoint Sara Smith as acting board secretary.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to amend the proposed agenda and add the recommendation to hire Maria Selzer as High School Secretary, as recommended by the administration, under Recommendations to Hire, tem #8-B10, and approve the amended agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - 2. September 11, 2023 Special Meeting
- B. Accounts Payable Listing
- C. Monthly Trial Balances

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

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

A. Angela Kopriva, UHY LLP – 2022-2023 Financial Audit

Ms. Kopriva summarized the results of the 2022-2023 financial audit which will be placed on the district website for public viewing.

B. Erica Jordan, Corewell Health

Ms. Jordan addressed the Board requesting a review of the school's review and approval of the school's wellness policy. This will be up for approval at the October regular school board meeting.

C. Mike Fosburg, Athletic Director and Ben Gilpin, Superintendent – Scoreboard Presentation

The Board was presented with information regarding a new score board for the district which would create more opportunities for students interested in technology as well as improve the sound system and overall district communications. This project is still in the early planning stages but could potentially be on the agenda for approval at the October regular school board meeting.

Superintendent Reports

Resignations

Letters of resignation were received from:

1. Elisa Finney– Elementary Aide
2. Ashley Wilson – Middle School Aide
3. Jacob Mayle – Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

Recommendations to Hire – For Action

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

1. Halie Warmbein – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
2. Danyale McCambridge (Kenyon) – Elementary Aide
3. Loretta Cooper – Elementary Aide
5. Destiny Patterson – Middle School Aide
6. Mathew Moore – Elementary Aide
7. Mercedes Foster – Elementary Cook
8. Denise Allerding – High School Cook
9. Cynthia Storms – Floater Cook
10. Maria Selzer – High School Secretary

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

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

This update included a presentation summarizing the ESSER Funds to include how they have been used to date and what the plans are for using the funds in the near future.

2. Superintendent 90-Day Plan Update:

Mr. Gilpin gave the Board an update on his 90-day plan. This information will be presented in more detail at the scheduled community forum being held on September 19th.

3. Mr. Goebel- Energy Conservation

Mr. Goebel briefly spoke to the Board about his new ECC role as the district energy conservationist.

4. Facilities Reservation System

Mr. Gilpin explained that the facilities reservation system is being updated to be an electronic system hosted on the district website. The changes will be reflected when the new website is launched.

5. Elementary School Report

Mr. Cox recognized two elementary teachers who were recently honored for outstanding performance. Theresa Voshel was awarded the Distinguished Lakeshore Educator Award and Hilary Morse was nominated to be the Teacher of the Week on a segment from WZZM13 News.

Matt Painter informed the Board of he and Amy McAlister's visit to Denver to assist in the Trauma Informed Conference alongside internationally recognized trauma expert, Heather Forbes. Mr. Painter explained the impact this trauma training has had on the students at Newaygo Elementary and how they are continuing to practice this framework in the school.

6. CSAA Conference Addition

Mr. Fosburg explained that Belding will be joining our conference to make 12 total teams. This addition is scheduled to take place for the 2024-2025 school year.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

Subject: MASB Delegate Assembly – Voting Delegates & Alternates

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to select Jami Schultz as the voting delegate for the MASB Delegate Assembly on November 9th and Morgan Heinzman as the alternate voting delegate.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: 2022-2023 Financial Audit

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Financial Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

New Business

Subject: Art Students Chicago Trip

The Art program is requesting a field trip to Chicago on October 20th.

The Board will vote on the art students Chicago trip at the October regular meeting.

Subject: Wellness Program – Triennial Assessment

The Board will approval the Wellness Policy at the October regular board meeting.

Subject: Art Program Italy Trip

The Art program is requesting the approval of a school trip to Italy in the Spring of 2025. This will be up for approval at the October regular board meeting.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Weapons on school premises

504 Plans

Updates needed on school website regarding school board communications

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:27 p.m.

Sara Smith, Acting Board Secretary