

Proposed Minutes

January 12, 2026

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held an organizational meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the Newaygo High School Library. Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Sara Rivera-Cronk, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Tom Frisbie and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Sherwood

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

Visitors: 20

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Grodus, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the suggested agenda for the organizational meeting of January 12, 2026.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comment

None.

Election of Officers

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Grodus, to nominate the following for the 2026 calendar year:

Board President: Vince Grodus

Board Vice President: Mary Spicer

Board Treasurer: Tom Frisbie

Board Secretary: Sara Rivera-Cronk

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1

Motion: Carried

Mr. Vince Grodus declared President of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

Mrs. Mary Spicer declared Vice-President of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

Mr. Tom Frisbie declared Treasurer of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

Mrs. Rivera-Cronk declared Secretary of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education for the 2026 calendar year.

Superintendent Gilpin turned the gavel over to Mr. Grodus.

Other Board of Education Matters/Concerns/Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:03 p.m.

Sara Rivera-Cronk, Board Secretary