Proposed

November 16, 2026

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2026 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Jami Schultz, Bruce Gracik, Thomas Frisbie, John Bull, and Sara Rivera-Cronk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Spicer

Also Present: Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Mrs. Christina Wetherell, Admin. Assistant
Mr. Jeremy Brown, Business Manager
Mr. Jim Smith, High School Assistant Principal
Mr. Kyle McAlister, Middle School Principal
Mr. Rick Hatfield, Middle School Assistant Principal
Mr. Andy Cox, Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Allison Hug, Elementary School Assistant Principal

Visitors: 33

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Bull, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of November 16, 2026.
VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes
    1. October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
B. Monthly Trial Balances
C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mrs. Schultz, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Public Comments
One attendee addressed the Board.

Presentations from the Floor

Elementary School Update – Mrs. Horton, Elementary Music Teacher, gave a presentation on the recent Veteran's Day Concert. Mr. Cox, Elementary Principal, gave the Board an update on the what the elementary staff has been working on this school year.

MTSS Update: Mrs. Mercer, MTSS Director, gave the Board an update on MTSS Data.

Superintendents Reports

Personnel – Resignations, Retirements and Terminations

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Josh Ortiz – Middle School Wrestling Coach
2. Amanda Wood – Middle School Secretary

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

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

1. Jaxi Long – Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
2. Sherlyn Garbrecht – Elementary Special Ed Aide
3. Allison Borkowski – Middle School Secretary
4. Melissa Decator – IT Support Technician
5. Jaci Wismar – Middle School ELA Teacher
6. Lily Dunning – Middle School Cook
7. Nancy Boverhof – Floater Cook
8. Amy Rood – Middle School Cook

VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:
Business Manager, Jeremy Brown, gave the Board an update on the finances of the District.

Administrative Matters

Snow Removal Bid

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, to approve the snow remove bid proposal from Dirt Perfect in the amount of $24,500, as presented and recommended by the Administration.
VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

CSAA White League Addition

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, to approve the addition of Montabella High School football to the CSAA White League for the 2027-2028 school year.
VOTE

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Bull, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.
VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried
Time: 6:47p.m.

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Sara Rivera-Cronk, Board Secretary