

November 17, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 in the Newaygo High School Library. Reid Sherwood, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reid Sherwood, Jami Schultz, Sara Rivera-Cronk, Thomas Frisbie, Bruce Gracik and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Grodus,

Also Present: Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent  
Mrs. Christina Wetherell, Admin. Assistant  
Mrs. Kim Bidwell, Business Manager  
Ms. Gena Dietz, High School Principal  
Mr. Kyle McAlister, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Rick Hatfield, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Ms. Allison Hug, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Mr. Jim Smith, High School Assistant Principal

Visitors: 56

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Sherwood announced that this meeting was being recorded.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of November 17, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mrs. Spicer, seconded by Mrs. Schultz, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

Mr. Gilpin announced that Newaygo Elementary School and Newaygo Middle School were recognized by Michigan MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) Technical Assistance Center for MTSS Data Utilization in Behavior and MTSS Implementation and Impact for Behavior.

### 3. MTSS Director Update

MTSS Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Alexis Mercer, gave the board an update on what has taken place in the last month with this new position.

#### Administrative Matters

For Action:

#### A. Fall NEOLA Policy Update

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Fall NEOLA Policy Updates, as presented.

The Board discussed the options for changes to policies 5517.01 and 8305.

Mrs. Rivera-Cronk rescinded her motion.

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, to approve the Fall NEOLA Policy updates presented with the following changes to po8305 and po5517.02:

-Add annual training for staff and contractors to po8305 Information Security Policy

-Add Restorative Practices and option 3 to po5517.01 Bullying and Other Aggressive Behaviors Towards Students

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### B. MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference Approval

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the overnight request for the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

None

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Spicer, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.

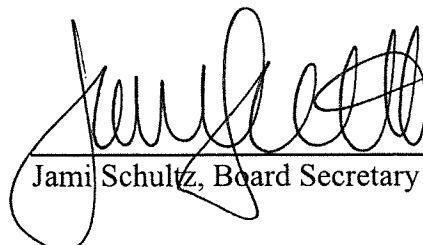
VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:37p.m.



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Jami Schultz, Board Secretary