

November 29, 2021

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, November 29, 2021 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Jami Schultz, Melissa Swinehart, Thomas Frisbie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman, Rick Vincent and Reid Sherwood

Also Present: Jeff Wright, Superintendent
Kristin Melvin, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Brad Reyburn, High School Principal
Gena Dietz, Assistant High School Principal
Sam Becker, Assistant Middle School Principal
Candy Wells, Elementary School Principal

Visitors: 6

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of November 29, 2021.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

Ms. Swinehart stated there was a typo in the proposed October 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The minutes stated 6 board members voted to adjourn the meeting on October 18th and it should have read that 5 members voted to adjourn the meeting. This will be corrected and the approved corrected minutes will be posted on the school website.

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, 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

None

Superintendent Reports

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to hire Jacob Mayle as Freshman Head Basketball Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire Amanda Fowler as elementary General Education Aide, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

Subject: Relinquish Title III Immigrant Student Funds

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to relinquish Title III, Part A – Immigrant Student Funds, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

Ms. Melvin explained that the funding of approximately \$820 this year is available due to foreign exchange students in the district, who are considered Immigrant Students. There are strict stipulations and restrictions on how it may be spent, and significant amounts of reporting/paperwork; therefore, it does not make sense to try to keep these funds.

VOTE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Subject: Summer Tax Levy Resolution

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the resolution to confirm renewals of summer tax collection agreements, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Subject: NEOLA 2021 Fall Policy Updates

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the NEOLA 2021 Fall Policy Updates, as presented.

VOTE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Subject: CSAA Structure and Alignment

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the acceptance of Kent City Community Schools, Morley Stanwood Community Schools and Lakeview Community Schools into the Central States Athletic Association (CSAA) Gold Division for all events beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

VOTE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Informational Items

Subject: Finance and Budget Update

Ms. Kristin Melvin, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the finances of the district. She provided the Board members with the most recent State School Aid Updates, and also indicated a proposed budget amendment may be possible in December due to the utilization of some remaining ESSER funding.

Subject: COVID Update

Mr. Wright gave the Board an update on the current status of the OSHA COVID-19 Vaccination Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) mandate requiring staff vaccinations and testing for employers with 100 employees or more. MiOSHA has suspended the mandate pending further litigation. Mr. Wright proposed the Board wait on making any decisions regarding the requirements until further information and guidance is released.

Discussion – Principals

Building principals gave the Board an update on what is happening in their buildings.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

None

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:29 p.m.


Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary