

December 20, 2021

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Morgan Heinzman, Rick Vincent, Jami Schultz and Thomas Frisbie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Swinehart 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  
Jim Grugett, Middle School Principal  
Sam Becker, Assistant Middle School Principal  
Candy Wells, Elementary School Principal

Visitors: 11

Jami Schultz appointed as acting Board Secretary.

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of December 20, 2021.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, 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

A staff member addressed the Board about COVID prevention practices and the differences in comfort level of some staff members with current practices.

#### Presentations from the Floor

None

#### Superintendent Reports

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the Administration.

Paul Bailey – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach  
Ashlee Hook – Elementary General Education Aide  
Shaughna Langerak – Middle School Technology Teacher  
Fabiola Rivera – Bilingual Parent Involvement Liaison

Cassie Westgate – Saturday School Supervisor

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

### Administrative Matters

#### **Subject: Operating Millage Election Resolution**

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to adopt the resolution calling for election on May 3, 2022, for the purpose of the continuation to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 Mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE (Corrected vote count after approval of amended minutes at 3/21/22 regular board meeting) - CW

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

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 indicated a proposed budget amendment may be possible in January once the Board decides what direction they want to go in spending the remaining ESSER funds.

#### **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 lifted the stay on the mandate as of Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Next steps on developing a policy are to be determined pending further guidance from MiOSHA.

### New Business

Mr. Grodus announced that the Superintendent evaluation and contract discussion will be conducted during a closed session at the January regular board meeting.

### Student Discipline – Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to go into closed session for the purpose of a student expulsion.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:23pm

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to return to open session.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:56pm

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Grodus, to expel student 037A from Newaygo Public Schools for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Heinzman, Aye; Mr. Vincent, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Ms. Schultz, Aye  
Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to expel student 038A from Newaygo Public Schools for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Heinzman, Aye; Mr. Vincent, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Ms. Schultz, Aye

Motion: Carried

Discussion – Principals

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

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Topics brought to the Board:

1. Teacher absence at NES Christmas concert
2. Update on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
3. Suicide Awareness Training for staff and students (QPR and Blue Envelope)
4. Recognition and thanks to staff for handling the recent crisis and communication from Admin

Mr. Heinzman recognized two individuals who passed away recently: Peggy Salacina and Stan Beckman. Both were prominent members of the NPS community.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:24 p.m.

  
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Jani Schultz, Acting Board Secretary