

February 10, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Reid Sherwood, Jami Schultz, Sara Smith, Bruce Gracik, Thomas Frisbie and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Visitors: 13

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of February 10, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. January 11, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
  - 2. January 13, 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes
  - 3. January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 4. February 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Spicer, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

#### Presentations from the Floor

A. Elementary School Update – Matt Painter, Elementary Dean of Students, gave the Board a presentation on some different programs going on at NES: Kids Hope, Empathy Explorers and Lions Together.

B. Chicago Field Trip Presentation: A high school student presented an overview of last year's Chicago field trip for drama students and made a proposal for attending Chicago again this year.

Superintendents Reports

*Personnel – Resignations & Retirements*

The Board was notified of the following retirements:

1. Sally Reed – Elementary Head Cook - Retire
2. Mary Schisel – Kindergarten Teacher - Retire
3. Ralph Munger – Varsity Head Football Coach – Retire

*Personnel – Recommendations to Hire*

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the administration.

1. Debra Stanley – Middle School Cook
2. Annabell Carlton – Elementary School Aide

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

*Informational Items*

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board a summary of the finances of the district.

2. NPS Logo

Mr. Gilpin addressed the Board about the school logo and there was discussion about what logo is the official Newaygo logo and developing a process for logo use.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. E-Rate Program

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve entering into a contract with Turn Key Network Solutions for Wide Area Network upgrades, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

B. Bond Bid Proposal

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Spicer, to approve the list of vendors and projects presented for the bond.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

None

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.


VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:58p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary