

February 21, 2022

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Morgan Heinzman, Rick Vincent, Jami Schultz, Thomas Frisbie, Melissa Swinehart and Reid Sherwood

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also Present: Jeff Wright, Superintendent  
Kristin Melvin, Business Manager  
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: 4

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to amend the proposed agenda and add “Goals and Objectives” as a topic under Informational Items and approve the amended proposed agenda for the regular meeting of February 21, 2022.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, 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

Formal Board Communications:

None.

#### Superintendent Reports

Letters of resignation were received from:

1. Tabatha Lathrop – JV Softball Head Coach
2. Jestine Garcia – Special Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School

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

1. Jessie Walters – Varsity Volleyball Head Coach
2. Elizabeth Nelson – Special Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School
3. Kelly Dampier – General Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School
4. Raul Cruz – General Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School
5. Brandi McBride – General Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School
6. Carol Winterhalter – General Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary School
7. Amanda Suchy – Special Education Aide at Newaygo Middle School
8. Stephanie King – Floater Cook
9. Erica Boyd – Girls Varsity Head Golf Coach

VOTE

Ayes: 7

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. The update included State school aid funding and the Governor's proposed increases (proposed \$435 per pupil and increases in mental health and teacher retention supports), and the Headlee override and how local tax collections are figured into the state foundation allowance.

##### **Subject: COVID Update**

Mr. Wright gave the Board an update on the current COVID numbers of the district. Positive Covid cases are decreasing. Mr. Wright also proposed that NPS begin using the same quarantine protocols for at-home close contacts as at-school close contacts.

##### **Subject: Benchmark Assessment Report**

Mr. Wright went over a student growth summary report provided by NWEA data.

##### **Subject: Goals & Objectives**

The Board had a discussion regarding goals and objectives and what data they would like provided to them on a regular basis.

##### **Subject: Strategic Plan Information**

Mr. Wright stated he provided information on three agencies to conduct the strategic plan (MLI, MASA and MASB) and the Board will need to decide which agency they would like to help lead the development of a strategic plan for the district.

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

None.

Adjournment

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

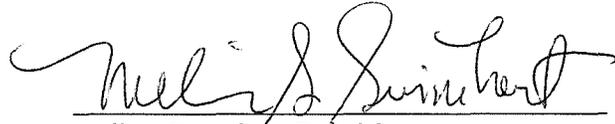
VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melissa Swinehart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary