

March 21, 2022

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022 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, Melissa Swinehart and Reid Sherwood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Frisbie

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

Visitors: 10

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, to amend the proposed agenda and add *Boys Varsity Basketball Camp* under New Business and change the language of the Closed Session from *Personnel Issue* to *Superintendent Evaluation Continuation*, and approve the amended proposed agenda for the regular meeting of March 21, 2022.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

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. Mark Boverhof – Elementary School Cook
2. Erica Boyd – Middle School Cross Country Coach

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

1. Jen Grugett – Varsity Boys Golf Coach
2. Rachel DeBeau – JV Girls Volleyball Coach
3. Whitney Stratton – JV Girls Softball Coach

VOTE

Ayes: 0

Nays: 6

Motion: Defeated

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, to hire Jen Grugett as Varsity Boys Golf Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to hire Rachel DeBeau as JV Girls Volleyball Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to hire Whitney Stratton as JV Girls Softball Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1

Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

Subject: December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes Amendment

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Swinehart, to amend the previously approved December 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes and correct the vote for the Operating Millage Election Resolution so it is accurately reflected as 4 Ayes and 1 Nay.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Strategic Plan

Motion by Ms. Swinehart, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to select MASB as the strategic plan facilitator for Newwaygo Public Schools.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 2

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, including highlights such as the projected increase in per pupil, At-Risk and Special Education funding for 2022-23, remaining ESSER funding and timelines, enrollment projections for next school year (budgeting flat at this time), and preparing for the June Budget hearing.

Subject: COVID Update

Mr. Wright gave the Board an update on COVID protocols for the district. The Health Department is no longer contact tracing and the district is no longer required to report out COVID data.

Subject: Student Data Report

Mr. Wright gave a presentation of student data to include mental health information of Newaygo County High School students, attendance data, M-Step and SAT data, and graduation rates.

New Business

Subject: Registrar

Mr. Wright proposed a new position of Registrar be added in order to help centralize the student enrollment process and assist with scheduling, pupil accounting and At-Risk and other data collection. The addition of this position proposed for Board approval at the April regular board meeting.

Subject: Administrator Wages

Administrator wages will be proposed for Board approval at the April regular board meeting.

Subject: Senior Trip

The Senior Trip will be proposed for Board approval at the April regular board meeting.

Subject: Athletic Camps

Cross Country, Football, Girls Varsity Basketball and Boys Varsity Basketball summer camps will be proposed for Board approval at the April regular board meeting.

Subject: School Bus Purchase

The purchase of a new school bus will be proposed for Board approval at the April regular board meeting.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Two members of the public addressed the Board. Topics addressed were: Violence in the classroom and the NPS Bullying Policy.

Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluation Continuation

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of continuing the superintendent evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vince Grodus, Aye; Morgan Heinzman, Aye; Rick Vincent, Aye; Reid Sherwood, Aye; Jami Schultz, Aye; Melissa Swinehart, Aye.

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:54 pm

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to move back into open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vince Grodus, Aye; Morgan Heinzman, Aye; Rick Vincent, Aye; Reid Sherwood, Aye; Jami Schultz, Aye; Melissa Swinehart, Aye.

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:41 pm

Adjournment

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

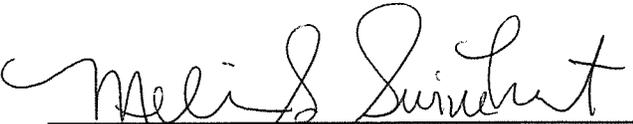
VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:42 pm



Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary