

March 29, 2023

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in High School Cafeteria for the purpose of conducting Superintendent Candidate final interviews. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Pete Haines, MLI Representative

Visitors: 19

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the proposed agenda for the special meeting of March 29, 2023.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Superintendent Candidate Interview

Candidates interviewed:

1. Mr. Ben Gilpin, Principal, Western School District (Parma)

Mr. Gilpin gave the Board a presentation of his “90 Day Plan” for Newaygo Public Schools. The presentation was followed by the official board interview.

The Board took a short break from 6:10pm – 6:19pm

Board Deliberation

Mr. Grodus read aloud a public comment form that was submitted by a NPS student sharing their thoughts and experience with both candidates.

The Board agreed they had two outstanding candidates to choose from.

Candidate Selection

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Ben Gilpin, for the position of Superintendent of Newaygo Public Schools.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vince Grodus, Aye; Morgan Heinzman, Aye; Melissa Swinehart, Aye; Jami Schultz, Aye; Thomas Frisbie; Aye, Reid Sherwood; Aye; Sara Smith, Aye

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The Board appointed a Negotiating Committee for the purpose of the Superintendent contract ratification.

Public Comment

Some staff members thanked the Board for their work on the Superintendent Search.

Adjournment

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

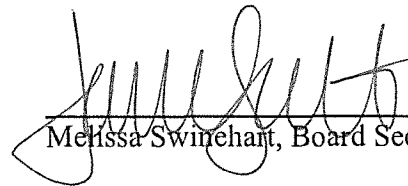
VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:35pm



Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary

Acting Secretary