

April 15, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Gena Dietz, High School Principal
John Bull, High School Asst. Principal
Jim Smith, Middle School Principal
Kyle McAlister, Middle School Asst. Principal
Andy Cox, Elementary School Principal
Brandon Smith, Elementary School Asst. Principal

Visitors: 8

Approval of Agenda

Motion Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to amend the proposed agenda to remove the Closed Session and Student Discipline Decision (Items #9 and 10), and add one item to the Administrative Matters and one item under Recommendation to Hire:

Motion to change Competitive Cheerleading from a club to a Varsity Sport, Item#8-J

Motion to hire Dana Rogers and an Elementary School Aide, Item#7B-Personnel

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the amended proposed agenda for the regular meeting of April 15, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Accounts Payable Listing

C. Monthly Trial Balances

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, 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

Mr. Blake Prewitt, NRESA Superintendent, gave the Board a presentation on therapy dogs.

Superintendent Reports

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board an update on the finances of the district.

2. NPS Updates

Mr. Gilpin gave the Board an update on the past couple of weeks at the district to include the eclipse excitement and some staff appreciation days that were celebrated.

Recommendations to Hire – For Action

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to hire Dana Rogers as an Elementary School Aide, as recommended by the Administration:

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

For Action:

1. Bridges Math Curriculum

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Bridges Math Curriculum Proposal, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Marching Band Camp Approval

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the Marching Band Camp request.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Girls Basketball Camp Approval

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the Girls Basketball Camp request.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Senior Trip Approval

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Senior Class Trip request.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Linq Finance Software Approval

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the Linq Financial Software Proposal, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan Approval

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: WMJ Contract Approval

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the WMJ Proposal #2 for the final year of the WMJ contract, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Administrator Wages

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the proposed Administrator wages for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Superintendent Evaluation Tool –Collins & Blaha P.C.

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the use of the Collins & Blaha P.C. Evaluation Tool for the Superintendent Evaluation.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Competitive Cheerleading

Cheerleading Coach Kamille Massey and Athletic Director Mike Fosburg gave a short presentation on the growth of the competitive cheer team since they first started as a club two years ago.

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to change Competitive Cheerleading from a club to a varsity sport.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

One attendee addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.

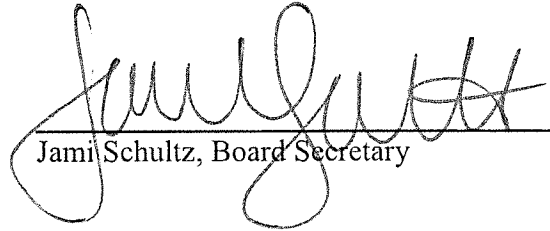
VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:03 p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary