

April 21, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 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, Jami Schultz, Sara Smith (arrived at 6:04pm), Bruce Gracik, Thomas Frisbie and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Sherwood

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

Visitors: 12

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Spicer, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of April 21, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 2. April 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

One community member addressed the Board.

#### Presentations from the Floor

A. Bond Project Update – some members from The Christman Company provided a presentation on Bond project updates.

### Superintendents Reports

#### *Personnel – Resignations & Retirements*

The Board was notified of the following resignations & retirements:

1. Mary Bacon – Elementary Aide
2. Megan Funk – Assistant Band Director
3. Zenn Timmer – Behavior Interventionist
4. Rose Bentley – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
5. Adrian Briones – Freshman Basketball Coach
6. Annabel Carlton – Elementary Aide
7. Carrie Ford - Cook
8. Julie Berwald – Middle School ELA Teacher, Retire

#### *Informational Items*

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board an update on the integration process of the new finance software, Linq,

2. Upcoming Special Board Meeting Dates

The Board discussed date options for an upcoming special board meeting for the purpose of a finance update and logo update as well as a summer date for a board retreat. Dates decided were:  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special Board Meeting for Finance Update/Logo Update  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Special Board Meeting for Board Retreat

### Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. Approval of AI Class Addition

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the addition of an AI (Artificial Intelligence) class to begin the 2025-26 school year, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

B. RFP for Custodial Services

Administration recommended NAWA Professional Services to be awarded the bid for Custodial Services beginning with the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$490,427 plus the cost of ½ additional Day Porter to be included at the middle school.

Motion by Ms. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the bid proposal for NAWA Professional Services, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0  
Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Two members of the public addressed the Board.

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:40p.m.



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Jami Schultz, Board Secretary