

May 15, 2023

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 in the Newaygo High School Library. Morgan Heinzman, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Morgan Heinzman, Thomas Frisbie, Jami Schultz, Reid Sherwood and Sara Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Swinehart and Vince Grodus

Also Present: Jeff Wright, Superintendent
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Gena Dietz, High School Principal
John Bull, Interim Assistant High School Principal
Dan Bauer, Interim Middle School Principal
Kyle McAlister, Assistant Middle School Principal
Andy Cox, Elementary School Principal

Visitors: 11

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 15, 2023.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes:
April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Trial Balances
3. Accounts Payable Listings

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Presentations from the Floor

Chief Andres

Chief Andres presented the history of how the Newaygo Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan came into existence and briefly went over the communications process of the last school threat that took place.

Formal Board Communications:

None.

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None.

Superintendent Reports

Recommendations to Hire:

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire John Bull as High School Assistant Principal for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

Subject: Finance and Budget Update

Ms. Kim Bidwell, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the finances of the district, including announcing that there will be the normal budget hearing next month as well as the dates for the annual financial audit, July 10-13th.

Subject: Compliance Officer & Title IX Coordinator

Mr. Wright explained that due to staff changes, the school compliance officer and Title IX Coordinator will be updated.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. Administrator Wages

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the proposed Administrator Wages for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

B. Marching Band Camp and State Championship Trip

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Marching Band Camp and State Championship Trip, as proposed at the April regular board meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

C. Senior Class Trip

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the Senior Class Trip to Six Flags, as proposed at the April regular board meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

D. Athletic Overnight Summer Camps

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the Boys and Girls Varsity and JV Basketball overnight summer camps and Cross Country overnight summer camp, as proposed at the April regular board meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

E. NCRESA Proposed 23-24 Budget Resolution

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adopt the NCRESA 2023-2024 General Education Fund, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Heinzman - Aye; Mr. Frisbie - Aye; Ms. Schultz - Aye; Mr. Sherwood - Aye; Ms. Smith - Aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

F. NCRESA 2023 Biennial Election Resolution

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Resolution for the Newaygo County Regional Service Agency's election of board members indicating Vince Grodus as our voting representative, Morgan Heinzman as our alternative voting representative, with the following candidates for the following terms:

Sarah Robinson: 6 year term

Rob Schuitema: 6 year term

Reid Sherwood: 2 year term

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

G. 2023 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report to County Board of Commissioners

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

New Business

A. NES Window Security Proposal

Administration is recommending contracting with West Michigan Glass Coatings to provide and install window security film at Newaygo Elementary. The funds would be paid out of the state security grant. This proposal will be up for approval at the June regular board meeting.

B. Annual Athletic Field Maintenance Bid

Mr. Wright explained that the district is looking into hiring a third party to handle the field maintenance under the current Maintenance Director's supervision.

C. Athletics Code of Conduct Handbook

The Athletic Director will present the Athletic Code of Conduct Handbook at the June regular board meeting to be approved by the Board.

D. Project Lead the Way Curriculum

Mr. Wright explained a new computer based curriculum for middle school that will be up for approval at the June regular board meeting.

E. Security Camera Proposal

Administration is recommending using a portion of the state school security grant for security camera upgrades. This proposal will be up for approval at the June regular board meeting.

F. Weight Room Equipment

The district is proposing purchasing some new weight room equipment which will be up for approval at the June regular board meeting.

G. NPS Discipline Procedures Manual for Students with Disabilities

Mr. Wright explained that it is a state requirement to have this manual and it will be up for approval at the June regular board meeting.

Principals' Reports

Building principals gave the Board an update on what is happening in their buildings.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Student Dress Code

Equestrian Team Club new at NPS

Thanking School for Lions United Day community projects

Thanking principals for handling student issues promptly

Request for new American flags at other NPS athletic fields

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:27p.m.



Jami Schultz, Acting Board Secretary