

May 16, 2022

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 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, Thomas Frisbie, Rick Vincent, Jami Schultz, Melissa Swinehart and Reid Sherwood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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
Candy Wells, Elementary School Principal

Visitors: 35

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to amend the proposed agenda to add Staff Stipend under New Business.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the amended proposed agenda for the regular meeting of May 16, 2022.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

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

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

Audience Participation

Mr. Bob Herrera, MASB Strategic Plan Facilitator, gave a brief presentation to the Board summarizing the planning process for the strategic plan initiative.

Formal Board Communications:

None.

Superintendent Reports

Letters of resignation and retirement were received from:

1. Cris Bush – Elementary School Reading Teacher – Retirement
2. Carol Winterhalter – Elementary School General Education Aide
3. Candy Wells – Elementary School Principal
4. Kristin Melvin – Business Manager
5. Kim Miedema – High School Special Education Secretary
6. Melinda Yoder – Elementary School Aide – Retirement

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

1. Jen Grugett – Middle School Cross Country Coach & Summer School Teacher
2. Brianna Watson – High School Social Studies Teacher & Summer School Teacher
3. Michelle Jacobs – High School Special Education Teacher
4. Michelle Hyrns – Kindergarten Teacher

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

Subject: Support/Disapproval of 2022-2023 NCRESA General Budget

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to support the 2022-2023 NCRESA General Fund Budget, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: 2022-2023 Administrator Wages

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to un-table Administrator Wages.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the Administrator wages scale for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: 2022 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report to County Board of Commissioners

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Subject: NEOLA Policy Updates

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the NEOLA Policy Updates, as presented and recommended by the Administration. Mr. Vincent inquired who or what body has the final authority when it comes to changing curriculum or textbooks as it relates to the NEOLA policy. Mr. Wright will look into it and provide more detail to Mr. Vincent.

VOTE
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
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: 2022-2023 Budget Planning, the announcement of a \$450 per pupil increase for next school year, and the announcement of the Budget Hearing date of June 20th.

New Business

Subject: 2023 Costa Rica Trip
Subject: Marching Band Overnight Camp
Subject: Staff Stipend

Mr. Wright gave the Board a summary of the above subjects that will be proposed for approval at the June regular board meeting.

Discussion: Principal Reports

Building Principals gave the Board a summary of the happenings of their buildings in the last month and the plans to finish out the remainder of the school year.

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Two members of the public addressed the Board regarding upholding of policies, and an incident regarding a student by the concerned parent.

Closed Session – Discuss attorney client privileged information under OMA Section 8(1)(h)

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of attorney client privileged information under OMA Section 8(1)(h).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Heinzman, Aye; Ms. Swinehart, Aye; Ms. Schultz, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mr. Sherwood, Aye; Mr. Vincent, Aye.
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried
Time: 6:56 pm

Return from Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to return to Open Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Heinzman, Aye; Ms. Swinehart, Aye; Ms. Schultz, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mr. Sherwood, Aye; Mr. Vincent, Aye.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried
Time: 8:30 pm

Newaygo Public Schools Attorney Cristina Patzelt (Thrun Law Firm) read the attached resolution.

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the attached resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Heinzman, Aye; Ms. Swinehart, Nay; Ms. Schultz, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mr. Sherwood, Aye; Mr. Vincent, Nay.

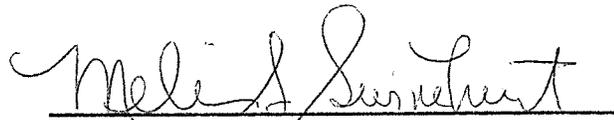
Ayes: 5
Nays: 2
Motion: Carried

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried
Time: 8:34 pm


Melissa Swinehart, Board Secretary

**NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) was held in the Library of Newaygo High School , within the boundaries of the District, on the 16th day of May, 2022, at 6:00 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vince Grodus, Board President

Present: Vince Grodus, Morgan Heinzman, Tom Frisbie, Melissa Swinehart, Rick Vincent, Jami Schultz and Reid Sherwood

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member, Morgan Heinzman and supported by Member Reid Sherwood:

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Board Policy 9130, a parent complaint was filed against the Superintendent, administrators and other staff related to issues surrounding a classroom at the District;
2. The parent’s complaint had not previously been resolved through discussion with the Principal and Superintendent.
3. The Board considered information presented in the Complaint, additional written information from the complainant, and offered in public comment;
4. As authorized by Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(1)(h), the Board considered the opinion of its legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Per Policy 9130, the Board has decided to provide the complainant with a written decision consistent with this Resolution;
2. The Board finds that the Superintendent and administration have complied with Board Policy and state and federal law throughout this school year to ensure all students receive a quality education in a safe environment; the Board finds that the Superintendent and administration have also complied with state and federal law and Board policy with respect to staffing decisions for both classrooms and individual students;
3. The Board directs the Superintendent to continue to follow Board Policy and state and federal law to continue ensure that all students receive a quality education in a safe environment;
4. The Board authorizes the Board President and Superintendent, in consultation with legal counsel, to advise the complainant in writing of the Board’s decision, as set forth in this resolution, no more than 5 business days from this date.

5. Consistent with Board Policy 9130, the Board's decision is final and not subject to appeal.

6. Administrators are directed and authorized to implement all terms of this resolution and are delegated all necessary authority to do so.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with provisions of this resolution be and the same are rescinded.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 2

Absent: 0

Resolution declared adopted.

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary to the Board of Education of Newaygo Public Schools, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).



Board Secretary