

May 20, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 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, Sara Smith, Bruce Gracik, Reid Sherwood and Thomas Frisbie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman and Jami Schultz

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

Visitors: 4

Motion by Mr. Grodus, seconded by Mr. Frisbie to appoint Bruce Gracik as board secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve proposed agenda for the regular meeting of May 20, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable Listing
- C. Monthly Trial Balances

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

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

Mr. Matt Goebel gave the Board a presentation on the district's energy conservation for the 23-24 school year.

Superintendent Reports

Personnel – Resignations

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Kelsey Gonzalez – Elementary School Aide
2. Brandon Smith – Elementary Assistant Principal
3. Zenn Timmer – Varsity Girls Golf Coach
4. Mike Slinkard – Varsity Softball Coach

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board an update on the following agenda items:

- L-4029 Millage Request
- Bond Resolution
- Revised Interventionist Wages for the 2024-2025 school year

2. Bond Update

Mr. Gilpin explained the process moving forward with the passing of the bond.

3. Schools of Choice

Mr. Gilpin explained the current Schools of Choice and 105c policy to the Board and proposed that NPS be limited for 105c with the window of June 1-30th.

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to accept a limited number of 105c students for a thirty-day window, June 1-30, for the 24-25 school year.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

For Action:

1. JV & Varsity Basketball Camp at Hope College

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the JV & Varsity Basketball Camp at Hope College, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Update to Policy 8321 – LASO Change

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the update to Po8321, as recommended.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Approval/Disapproval of NCRESA Proposed 24-25 General Budget

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the NCRESA 2024-2025 General Budget, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report to County Board of Commissioners

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 Millage Request Report, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Board Work Session Date

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to hold a Special Meeting on June 12, 2024 at 6pm, for the purpose of a Board Work Session.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Bond Resolution

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Related Matters.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mr. Gracik, Aye; Mr. Sherwood, Aye; Ms. Smith, Aye

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Approval of Revised 24-25 Interventionists Wages

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the revised 2024-2025 wages for Interventionists, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

None

Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Gilpin gave a presentation to the Board using the Components from Collins & Blaha Superintendent Evaluation Tool.

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:09 p.m.



Bruce Gracik, Acting Board Secretary