

June 17, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Morgan Heinzman

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent  
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager  
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant  
John Bull, High School Assistant Principal

Visitors: 4

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of June 17, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 2. June 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing
- D. 2024-2025 MHSAA Membership Resolution
- E. 2024-2025 School Calendar/First Day of School

There was brief discussion around the 2024-2025 school calendar.

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

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

#### Presentations from the Floor

- 1. Officer Rood and Officer Blake were absent and will present to the Board at the July regular meeting.
- 2. Mr. Frisbie introduced Mike Smalligan from the DNR. Mr. Smalligan gave the board a presentation on forestry programs and there was discussion regarding the use of the school's forest properties.

#### Superintendent Reports

*Personnel – Resignations & Retirements*

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Kristi Chaffee – NES Aide
2. Anne Henning – NES Aide
3. Judy Simons – NES Aide
4. Kelsi Frantz – NMS Aide
5. Lynda Fenske – Cook, Retire
6. Rhonda Reinhart – Cook. Retire
7. Debra Oumina – Cook
8. Shaughna Langerak – HS Biology Teacher

*Personnel – Recommendations to Hire*

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the administration.

1. Danielle Neymeiyer – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
2. Tabatha Lathrop – JV Volleyball Coach
3. Jen Grugett – Varsity Girls Golf Coach

Mr. Frisbie rescinded his motion.

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire Danielle Neymeiyer as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to hire Tabatha Lathrop as the JV Volleyball Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

Mr. Frisbie rescinded his motion.

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to repost the JV Volleyball position.

Mr. Gracik rescinded his motion.

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to table the existing motion to hire Tabatha Lathrop as JV Volleyball Coach.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to hire Jen Grugett as the Varsity Girls Golf Coach, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion: Carried

*Informational Items*

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board a summary of the budget amendments for the 2023-2024 school year.

*New Business*

1. Spring NEOLA Policy Updates

Mr. Gilpin gave the board a summary of the spring NEOLA policy updates.

2. Vera Wilsie Property Quote

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager, explained that the district would need to go out for bid for the Vera Wilsie Property project.

3. 2024-2025 Student Handbooks and Athletics Handbooks

Mr. Gilpin discussed some of the changes to the 2024-2025 student and athletic handbooks.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

1. 23-24 SY Budget Amendments for Food Service, General Fund & Student Activities Fund.

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Budget Amendments for Food Service, General Fund & Student Activities Fund for the 23-24 school year.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Scoreboard – Electrical Bid Proposal

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the bid proposal from Nieboer Electric for the scoreboard electrical project, as recommended.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Bond Ratification Resolution

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the Bond Ratification Resolution, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

None

Closed Session -Superintendent Evaluation

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to move into closed session for the purpose of the superintendent evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:51pm

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 8:31pm

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to rate the superintendent as highly effective for the 2023-2024 school year and renew the superintendent contract for an additional year with a 2% pay increase.

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 8:34 p.m.

  
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Jami Schultz, Board Secretary