

## Proposed Minutes

July 21, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held an organizational meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent  
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager  
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: 8

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the proposed agenda for the organizational meeting of July 21, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None.

Resolutions are attached at the end of these minutes.

### Compensation for Board Members, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Board Position Vacancies

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to formally approve Board Policy 0144.1 Compensation, 6550 Travel Payment & Reimbursement, 0175.1 School Board Conferences & Workshops and 0142.5 Vacancies.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

### Establishing Dates/Time/Place for Regular Meetings and July as Month for Future Organizational Meetings

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve Resolution A as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

### Adoption of Official Banks of Depository – School Funds

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve Resolution B as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Official Newspaper

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve Resolution C as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Appointment of School Attorneys

Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve Resolution D as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Appointment of Assistant Secretaries

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve Resolution E as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Appointment of Assistant Treasurers

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve Resolution F as completed.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Legal Reference Note

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Grodus, to approve the Legal Reference Note as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Other Board of Education Matter/Concerns/Comments

None

Public Comments – Items not on the Agenda

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mrs. Schultz, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:06pm

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Jami Schultz, Board Secretary

## RESOLUTION A

Newaygo Public Schools, Newaygo County, Newaygo, Michigan

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Members Present: Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, in keeping with the "School Code", the Board of Education, after organizing, must adopt and post a resolution establishing the dates, time, and place of its regular meetings, as well as establishing January and July as the months for future Organizational Meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The Board of Education hold its regular monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Newaygo High School Library.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Education, Newaygo, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education, Newaygo, Michigan, at its Organizational Meeting held on July 21, 2025, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.

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Secretary, Board of Education

**RESOLUTION B**

Newaygo Public Schools, Newaygo County, Newaygo, Michigan

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Members Present: Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, the Board should pass a resolution designating a bank or banks for the deposit of all school money,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The Independent Bank-West Michigan, Huntington National Bank, Gerber Federal Credit Union, MILAF (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus), be designated as the banks for the deposit of school funds during the 2025-26 school and fiscal year.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

## RESOLUTION C

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Members Present:

Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, The Board of Education should pass a resolution designating an official newspaper,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The Times-Indicator be the designated newspaper for publishing all school announcements during the 2025-26 school and fiscal year.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

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**RESOLUTION D**

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Members Present:

Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, the school district should pass a resolution designating legal counsel for the current school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

The legal firms of Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, PLC, Clark Hill PLC, and Thrun Law Firm PC be retained as the school district's legal counsel during the 2025-26 school and fiscal year.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

**RESOLUTION E**

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Members Present:

Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, the school attorney advised, and the Superintendent recommends, that the Board adopt a resolution naming two assistant secretaries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Mr. Ben Gilpin and Mrs. Christina Wetherell be appointed as assistant secretaries to post public notices of meetings, record minutes of meetings, and for election purposes at the discretion of the Board of Education Secretary during the 2025-26 school and fiscal year.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

**RESOLUTION F**

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Members Present:

Vince Grodus, Tom Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Mary Spicer, Sara Smith, Reid Sherwood

Members Absent:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, the school attorney advised, and the Superintendent recommends, that the Board adopt a resolution naming assistant treasurers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Mr. Ben Gilpin, Mrs. Kim Bidwell, Mrs. Christina Wetherell and Mrs. Tamara Newfer be appointed as assistant treasurers to receive, record, and deposit funds at the discretion of the Board of Education Treasurer during the 2025-26 school and fiscal year, and to check signature authorizations.

VOTE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Carried/Defeated

Resolution Declared Adopted

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Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education



## SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL REFERENCE NOTE

This note is added to the minutes of the July 21, 2025 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education as a legal reference to the change in status of our school district caused by the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1 et seq) amendments, which became effective July 1, 1996.

1. Legal name of school district: Newaygo Public School District
2. Prior to July 1, 1996, this district was classified as a fourth class school district. On July 1, 1996, the district became a general powers school district by operation of law.
3. The Board of Education is comprised of 7 members, who are elected for terms of six years. (Board approved changes December 21, 2009)

Members holding office, and the expiration of their current terms are listed below:

Vincent Grodus	term expires 12/31/2028
Mary Spicer	term expires 12/31/2030
Sara Smith	term expires 12/31/2028
Reid Sherwood	term expires 12/31/2026
Thomas Frisbie	term expires 12/31/2030
Jami Schultz	term expires 12/31/2030
Bruce Gracik	term expires 12/31/2026

4. Members of the Board of Education are elected in the even year November elections.

Legal Source: MCL 380.11a, 380.1031