

August 17, 2026

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026 in the Newaygo Middle School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Jami Schultz, Bruce Gracik, Thomas Frisbie, John Bull, Sara Rivera-Cronk and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Mrs. Christina Wetherell, Admin. Assistant
Mr. Jeremy Brown, Business Manager

Visitors: 19

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of August 17, 2026.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. July 20, 2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes
 - 2. July 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 3. July 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mr. Bull, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments

None

Presentations from the Floor

Mr. Ben Globke from The Christman Company gave the Board an update on the construction work for the Bond Projects.

Superintendents Reports

Personnel – Resignations, Retirements and Terminations

The Board was notified of the following resignations, retirements and terminations:

1. Alicia Foote – Elementary Aide
2. Kim Fricke – Middle School Math Teacher

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the Administration:

1. Taylor Hunt – Middle School ELA Teacher
2. Jacquelyn Dakins – Middle School Math Teacher
3. Ginger Teesdale – High School Special Ed Aide
4. Rebecka Clement – Elementary Special Ed Aide
5. Cheryl Plaska – Elementary Special Ed Aide
6. Kevin McLaughlin – Sub Bus Driver
7. Nolan Brockway – High School Assistant Cross Country Coach

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Mr. Jeremy Brown, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the finances of the District and current projects at the administration office.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. NEOLA Policy Revisions

Policy 3142 – Probationary Teachers

Motion by Mr. Bull, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed policy 3142 policy revision, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

B. Gerber FCU Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the Gerber Federal Credit Union Resolution to authorize the removal of previous Business Manager Kim Bidwell and addition of current Business Manager, Jeremy Brown and Superintendent Ben Gilpin on the following NPS accounts:

Checking Accounts

- General Fund
- BAND BOOSTERS
- NPS Alumni Assoc

- Newwaygo Junior Lions PTO
- 2026 Building & Site Bond Fund
- Debt Retirement

And Newwaygo Public Schools Savings Account.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

C. MASB Delegate Assembly – Voting Delegate & Alternates – October 15th

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Bull, to select Mary Spicer as the voting delegate for the MASB Delegate Assembly on October 15th and Sara Rivera-Cronk as the alternate voting delegate.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:24p.m.


Sara Rivera-Cronk, Acting Board Secretary