

Proposed

September 15, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Sherwood

Also Present: Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Mrs. Christina Wetherell, Admin. Assistant
Mrs. Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Ms. Gena Dietz, High School Principal
Mr. Kyle McAlister, Middle School Principal
Mr. Rick Hatfield, Middle School Assistant Principal
Mr. Andy Cox, Elementary Principal
Ms. Allison Hug, Elementary Assistant Principal
Mr. Jim Smith, High School Assistant Principal

Visitors: 52

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of September 15, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Monthly Trial Balances

C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

Newaygo Cheer Team – Coach Massey

Cheerleading Coach Kamille Massey informed the Board of a recent grant that was awarded to the Newaygo Cheer Team from the Detroit Lions *Touchdown in Your Town Program*.

24-25 SY Financial Audit Summary

Angie Kopriva from UHY was absent. Kim Bidwell, NPS Business Manager, presented on the results of the 24-25 financial audit.

Middle School Update

Mr. Hatfield, Middle School Assistant Principal, presented on the Leadership Camp event that took place at Camp Newaygo over the summer. Several of the students who attended the camp were present and spoke to the Board on their experience.

Superintendents Reports

Personnel – Resignations & Retirements

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Tricia Crater – Middle School Counselor - Retire
2. Zenn Timmer – JV Girls Basketball Coach

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

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

1. Anthony Smith – Elementary Aide
2. Christina Lemus – Elementary Aide
3. Katherine Puff – Elementary Aide
4. Olivia Robeck – Elementary Aide
5. Amanda Booth – Middle School Aide
6. Amy Rood – Cook
7. Brittnee Coronado – Cook
8. Dylan Bazzet – Girls Assistant Golf Coach

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

The Board had discussion on the Director of MTSS & Assessment position.

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to hire Alexis Mercer as Director of MTSS & Assessment.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 2

Mr. Grodus requested a Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mrs. Spicer, Aye; Ms. Smith, Aye; Mr. Gracik, Nay; Mrs. Schultz, Nay.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 2

Motion: Carried

Mr. Gilpin announced that Coach David Lange was in attendance. Coach David Lange introduced himself to the Board.

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager presented a finance update to the Board.

2. Tenured Teachers Announcement

Mr. Gilpin announced the list of teachers who had obtained tenure this school year.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. 2024-2025 Financial Audit

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Six individuals addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:56p.m.

Jami Schultz, Board Secretary