

January 17, 2022

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Morgan Heinzman, Rick Vincent, Jami Schultz, Thomas Frisbie and Reid Sherwood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Swinehart

Also Present: Jeff Wright, Superintendent
Kristin Melvin, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Brad Reyburn, High School Principal
Sam Becker, Assistant Middle School Principal
Candy Wells, Elementary School Principal

Visitors: 3

Other school personnel: Officer Mitch Rood

Jami Schultz appointed as acting Board Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of January 17, 2022.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, 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

Audience Presentation:

Officer Mitch Rood gave the Board his bi-annual report. Some topics covered included:

Process for investigating recent school threats, safety committee updates and emergency operations plan.

Formal Board Communications:

Mr. Sherwood gave the Board an update on the recent Facilities Committee Meeting. There were three main facilities improvement projects that were addressed and brought to the Board's attention: Replacing the high school track, replacing the HVAC systems in the middle and high school and replacing the high school gym floor.

Superintendent Reports

Letters of resignation were received from:

1. Rachel Staples – Middle School Special Education Aide
2. Kristin Melvin – Varsity Volleyball Coach
3. Tara Nelson – JV Volleyball Coach

Informational Items

Subject: Finance and Budget Update

Ms. Kristin Melvin, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the finances of the district.

Subject: COVID Update

Mr. Wright gave the Board an update on the current CDC guidelines for quarantining and isolation of COVID-19 cases. Mr. Wright stated NPS will use the current CDC guidelines for quarantining staff and students.

Subject: February Board Meeting Date Change

Mr. Wright informed the Board that the February regularly scheduled board meeting falls on February 21st which is during the school's mid-winter break. The Board decided to keep February 21st as the date for the February regular board meeting.

Mr. Wright also announced to the Board that February 18th will be used as a school make-up day.

Subject: School Board Member Recognition Month

Mr. Wright announced that January is School Board Member Recognition Month and recognized the school board for their leadership and contributions to the school district.

Discussion – Principals

Building principals gave the Board an update on what is happening in their buildings.

Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to go into closed session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent evaluation.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:44pm

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to return to open session.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:40pm

Superintendent Contract

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to extend Mr. Wright's superintendent contract for another two years.

VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Wright for an update on the strategic plan RFP. Mr. Wright explained that he had reached out to several agencies but only heard back from one. He stated he will provide more information as soon as he hears back from these agencies.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion: Carried
Time: 7:47 p.m.



Jami Schultz, Acting Beard Secretary