

February 19, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Sherwood and Morgan Heinzman

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent  
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: 6

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of February 19, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. January 15, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes
  - 2. January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 3. February 5, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable Listing
- C. Monthly Trial Balances

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

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

One staff member addressed the Board.

#### Presentations from the Floor

A. Chief Andres gave the Board an update on the county-wide safety initiative that is up for renewal this year.

#### Superintendent Reports

##### *Resignations*

Letters of resignation and retirement were received from:

- 1. Taylor Hall – Cook
- 2. Brandy Thorington – Elementary Aide
- 3. Sandra Saunders – Cook - Retire

#### *Recommendations to Hire – For Action*

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Ms. Smith, to hire Anna Main as an elementary cook and Debra Oumina as a floater cook, as recommended by the Administration:

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### *Informational Items*

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager, was absent. Mr. Gilpin gave the Board an update on the finances of the district.

2. Bridges Math Curriculum Update:

Mr. Gilpin gave an update on the Bridges Math Curriculum stating that the district is currently gathering more information.

3. Mental Health/Therapy Dog Update

Mr. Gilpin explained that a guest speaker will be coming to a future board meeting to talk about therapy dogs in order for the Board to get more information on what all is entailed with the program.

#### Administrative Matters

For Action:

Subject: Re-Keying Project

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the Re-keying Project with Architectural Hardware Company, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Social Media Policy

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the NEOLA updated social media policy, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

None.

#### Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:24 p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary