

March 18, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 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, Jami Schultz, Sara Smith, Bruce Gracik, Reid Sherwood and Morgan Heinzman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Frisbie

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant
Gena Dietz, High School Principal
John Bull, High School Asst. Principal
Jim Smith, Middle School Principal
Kyle McAlister, Middle School Asst. Principal
Andy Cox, Elementary School Principal
Brandon Smith, Elementary School Asst. Principal

Visitors: 10

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of March 18, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable Listing
- C. Monthly Trial Balances

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

Melissa Hreha, Elementary Literacy Coach, gave a presentation on her new role as Literacy Coach this year at Newaygo Elementary.

Superintendent Reports

Resignations

Letters of resignation and retirement were received from:

- 1. Stephanie King – Cook

2. Riley Knight – JV Volleyball Coach
3. Kathy Franks – 4th Grade Teacher - Retire

Recommendations to Hire – For Action

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to hire the following, as recommended by the Administration:

Tee Vallejo – Substitute Bus Driver
Catherine Buchner – Middle School Aide
Celeste Huisman – Elementary School Aide

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board an update on the finances of the district.

2. Bridges Math Curriculum Update:

Mr. Andy Cox, Elementary School Principal, and Mr. Brandon Smith, Elementary School Assistant Principal, gave a presentation on the Bridges Math Curriculum.

3. High School Update

Ms. Gena Dietz, High School Principal, gave the Board an update on the high school to include information about AI (Artificial Intelligence) in education as well as an upcoming PBIS trip they are planning.

Ms. Lisa Piccard, High School Counselor, gave a presentation on Dual Enrollment.

Mr. Zenn Timmer, High School Behavior Interventionist, gave a presentation on his role at the high school.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

Subject: County-Wide Safety Initiative

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the resolution of support for the Newaygo County Safe Schools Collaborative, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Capital Improvement Fund Resolution

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to approve the Capital Improvement Fund Resolution, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Vince Grodus, Aye; Morgan Heinzman, Aye; Jami Schultz, Aye; Bruce Gracik, Aye; Sara Smith, Aye, Reid Sherwood; Aye

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Superintendent Evaluation Tool – MASB

The Board discussed different options for the superintendent evaluation tool.

Motion by Mr. Heinzman, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to table the motion to approve the superintendent evaluation tool.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Subject: Cross Country Camp Approval

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to approve the Cross Country overnight camp on August 18-20th, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

One attendee addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Heinzman, to adjourn the meeting.


VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:37 p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary