

January 13, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Visitors: 8

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of January 13, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

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

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Presentations from the Floor

A. High School Update – The Board awarded a diploma to a student who graduated early through Graduation Alliance. Following the diploma presentation, High School Principal, Gena Dietz gave a presentation on Graduation Alliance.

Superintendents Reports

Personnel – Resignations & Retirements

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Whitney Scarbrough – Elementary Aide
2. Pam Barton – Middle School Secretary, Retire at the end of 24-25 SY

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the administration.

1. Wayne Toppel – Sub Bus Driver
2. David Gerke – Middle School Aide

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

Kim Bidwell, Business Manager gave the Board a summary of the finances of the district.

2. January is School Board Recognition Month

Mr. Gilpin recognized board members for School Board Member Recognition Month.

3. ParentGuidance.org

Mr. Gilpin explained the new medallion on the website and the resources available to parents through ParentGuidance.org.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. Board Work Session

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, hold a special meeting for the purpose of a board work session on February 3rd, 2025 at 6:30pm.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

B. Vera Wilsie Project Bid Proposal

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Spicer, to approve the Vera Wilsie project bid proposal in the amount of \$43,800 from Cunningham Contractors LLC, as recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Walter Aslakson, NPS Technology Director addressed the Board and provided information on the recent PowerSchool data breach. He explained that no NPS student data was affected by this data breach because there was no NPS data in the system at the time of the breach.

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:56p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary