

PROPOSED MINUTES

December 16, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Reid Sherwood, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reid Sherwood, Jami Schultz, Sara Smith, Bruce Gracik and Jake Miedema

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Grodus and Thomas Frisbie

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

Visitors: 28

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Sherwood announced that item #7C-4 (non-board action item) would be pushed to the January meeting.

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of December 16, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. November 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Miedema, 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

A. Middle School Update – Peer to Peer Presentation from Jill Young and Ashley Steffens

Superintendents Reports

Personnel – Resignations & Retirements

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Olivia Clark – Cook
2. Ashley Long – Middle School Aide

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to hire the following individuals, as recommended by the administration.

1. Kenneth Wert – Bus Driver
2. Carrie Ford – High School Cook

VOTE

Ayes: 6

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 to include the proposed budget amendments for the food service and general fund budget.

2. Recognition of Board Member Elections

Mr. Gilpin recognized the board members who were elected into the open seats beginning January 2025 to include: Bruce Gracik, Jami Schultz, Tom Frisbie and Mary Spicer.

3. MiMTSS Recognition Award – NES

Mr. Gilpin explained that the elementary school was recognized by the Michigan Department of Education on their improvement data for behavior for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. MASB Board of Directors Nomination

Mr. Gilpin explained that the Michigan Association of School Boards is accepting nominations for the MASB Board of Directors.

5. Fall Athletics Recognition

Mr. Gilpin and the Board recognized coaches and team captains for Varsity Football, Varsity Volleyball and Cross Country for having an excellent fall season.

6. Board Retreat, Board Work Session and January/February Board Meeting Dates

The Board decided to hold their board retreat on January 11th, 2025 and decided to change the dates for the organizational and regular board meetings for January due to MLK Day and the February regular board meeting due to mid-winter break.

For Action:

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Schultz, to change the regular January board meeting and organizational meeting from January 20th, 2025 to January 13th, 2025 and to change the regular February board meeting from February 17th, 2025 to February 10th, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Administrative Matters

For Action:

A. 2024-2025 General Fund and Food Service Budget Amendment

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Miedema, to approve the 2024-2025 budget amendments for Food Service and General Fund, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Two community members addressed the Board.

Adjournment

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

VOTE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:00p.m.

Jami Schultz, Board Secretary