

July 15, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sara Smith and Reid Sherwood

Also Present: Ben Gilpin, Superintendent
Kim Bidwell, Business Manager
Christina Wetherell, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: 14

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to amend the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of July 15, 2024 and add the recommendation to hire Daniella duChemin as Head Varsity Softball Coach, Item #9B-4, and approve the amended proposed agenda.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. June 17, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
2. July 1, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

B. Monthly Trial Balances

C. Accounts Payable Listing

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

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

Board Candidate Interviews

The Board interviewed four individuals for the position of Board of Education member using the attached interview questions. Candidates interviewed were:

Jamie Wiles 6:10pm

Daniel Borreson 6:25pm

Jake Meidema 6:30pm

Melinda Sheldon 6:45pm

Mr. Paul Herbert was scheduled to interview at 7:10 but notified the Board at 6:10pm that he was unable to make his scheduled interview time.

The Board took a short recess at 6:54pm and reconvened at 7:02pm.

Board Deliberation

The Board provided their feedback on each of the candidates to determine which one they felt would best serve the school and community based on their interview and experience.

Appointment of Board Member

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to appoint Jake Meidema as Board Member for Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education for the term ending December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Ms. Schultz, Aye; Mr. Gracik, Aye

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Superintendent Reports

Personnel – Resignations & Retirements

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Ray Bauer – Bus Driver, Retire

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

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

1. Cole McGowen – Middle School Science Teacher
2. Ann Peterson – High School Spanish Teacher
3. Danielle Neymeiyer – JV Volleyball Coach
4. Daniella duChemin – Head Varsity Softball Coach

VOTE

Ayes: 4

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 including a re-cap of the recent financial audit that took place this month.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

1. Spring NEOLA Policy Updates & Title IX Policy Updates

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the Spring NEOLA Policy Updates & Title IX Policy Updates

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

2. RWDSU Contract Ratification

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the RWDSU Contract ratification as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

3. 2024-2025 Student Handbooks and Athletic Handbooks

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbooks and Athletic Handbooks, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

4. Business Office Procedures Manual for Federal Awards Update

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the Business Office Procedures Manual for Federal Awards Update, as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

None

Adjournment

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

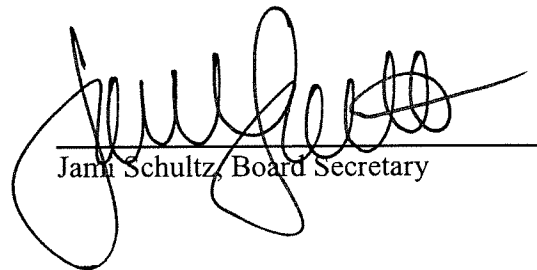
VOTE

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 7:26 p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary

Board Candidate Interview Questions

- 1. How do you view the relationship between the Board, Administration, the staff and the community?** *–Vince Grodus*
- 2. Faced with a dilemma that you don't agree with administration, how would you work to change this when it is perceived that your only role on the board is to hire and fire the superintendent?** *Bruce Gracik*
- 3. What do you think are the most important skills for students to have when they graduate?**
– Jami Schultz
- 4. What is the biggest challenge you see facing Newaygo Public Schools?** *–Tom Frisbie*
- 5. Is there a change or reform that you feel should be pursued in order to advance the district and what do you believe is important to be maintained for the good of our school community?**
Bruce Gracik
- 6. Why should you be selected to be a board member and not someone else?** *–Jami Schultz*