

PROPOSED MINUTES

August 19, 2024

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024 in the Newaygo High School Library. Reid Sherwood, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vince Grodus

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
Allison Hug, Elementary School Asst. Principal

Visitors: 14

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of August 19, 2024.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2. July 15, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes
 - 3. July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, 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

None

Presentations from the Floor

Jim Smith, Middle School Principal and Kyle McAlister, Middle School Assistant Principal, gave a presentation summarizing the Middle School Leadership Camp that took place this month.

Officer Rood gave the Board his bi-annual presentation on the school safety updates.

Mr. Andy Cox, Elementary Principal and Superintendent Gilpin gave the Board information on the new “Begindergarten” program at the Elementary.

Superintendent Reports

Personnel – Resignations & Retirements

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Laura Klomp – College & Career Advisor
2. Susan Kozlowski – Elementary School Aide

Personnel – Recommendations to Hire

Motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to hire Allison Hug as Elementary Assistant Principal, as recommended by the administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Motion by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to hire Sierra Wilson as a 1st Grade Teacher, as recommended by the administration.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Principals introduced their new teachers to the Board.

Informational Items

1. Finance and Budget Update:

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

2. ASD Room at the Middle School

Mr. Gilpin updated the Board on the new ASD Room that will be in the Middle School this year.

3. Vera Wilsie Project Bid

Mr. Gilpin explained that there were no bids submitted for the Vera Wilsie Project so they are going to attempt to complete the improvement project in three separate stages.

4. High School Success Center

Mr. Gilpin updated the Board on the new classroom called the Success Center at the high school this year.

Administrative Matters

For Action:

1. MASB Delegate Assembly – Voting Delegates & Alternates

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to select Vince Grodus as the voting delegate for the MASB Delegate Assembly on October 24th and Jake Miedema as the alternate voting delegate.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Public Comments - Items Not on the Agenda

The Board heard one public comment.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:56 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*