

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education
Monday, February 14, 2022
6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Board Members Present: Richard White, Greg Ruddy, Adam Green, Jessica Unangst, Joe Henige, Jim Eustace and Wendy Vincke.

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn, Kevin Murphy and 9 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:01 p.m. The pledge to the flag was said.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was read by Adam Green. Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting dated January 10, 2022 as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Thank you from the Betty Ivan family for the beautiful flower arrangement in memory of Betty.

Student Section

None

Student Observers

None

Presentations/Updates

iReady/Acadience Benchmark Data and Educational Goals Mid-year Update – Krista Ketterer, Raegen Genovesi

Krista Ketterer and Raegen Genovesi, intervention specialists, provided an overview of the success of the district's Multi-Tiered Support Systems (MTSS). MTSS is designed to help students who are performing below grade level and these students receive focused instruction in smaller groups. Currently, the district is focusing on students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade in literacy and math. Since the district is a Title One targeted school, we can only help those students targeted as those who need the most help.

Committee Reports

New Committee Assignments

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: general fund \$724,207.97; school service \$47,723.72; for a total of \$771,931.69.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve the payment of bills.

Motion carried 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance \$621,024.66; receipts \$1,167,307.39; expenditures \$771,931.69; for an ending balance of \$1,016,400.36.

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

Motion carried 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Jamie Krupp, Boys Varsity Track and Field Head Coach effective, February 1, 2022.

Motion carried 6-0.

Vincke abstained

Motion by Unangst supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Kerrie Cesal, bus driver effective February 9, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Jill Severn, Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective January 18, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Adam Johnson, Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year, effective January 25, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to approve the hire of Delora Bishop, full-time bus driver effective February 25, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Benjamin Almasy, Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve hiring Cody Clontz, JV Baseball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Tom Birchmeier, Varsity Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Beth Clark, JV Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 6-1.

Yes - Henige, White, Vincke, Green, Unangst, Ruddy

No - Eustace

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Tim Krupp, Girls Varsity Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 6-0.

Vincke abstained

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve hiring Tim Howard, Track Assistant Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Nate Browning, Jr. High Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve hiring Justin Skinner, 8th grade baseball coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve hiring Justin Price, 7th grade baseball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Jessica Steele, Jr. High Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve to online, dual enrollment, independent study and seat-time waiver roster for second semester as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Green to approve Karen Uebler as the MASB Board of Directors Region 4 candidate.

Motion carried 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Kevin Murphy

Mr. Murphy stated the district has two open track coaching positions: varsity boys and junior high assistant. Spring sports will start on Monday, March 14th. Individual wrestling regionals will take place this weekend. The coaches vs. cancer game for girls basketball will take place this Wednesday. Junior high basketball started games this past weekend. Currently, wrestling is in 1st place and we are looking forward to the long run with them. Girls basketball is currently 2nd in the league and boys basketball is currently 3rd in the league.

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that Parent Teacher Conferences will take place this Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. by appointment only. The second window of i-Ready closes on February 25th. The MTSS data review team looked at diagnostic data on January 28th. The MTSS team will present data at the March Professional Development day. Grade level teams will help create an action plan for the final push into the remainder of the school year for reading and math. The elementary had various people come out the past couple of weeks to look at the scope of possibly turning a room in the library to a Pre-K room. Also, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) licensing and the progress of the project was discussed. We are sending 3rd grade level teachers to Evidence Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI) training this upcoming spring. We are also looking at 4th grade teachers to attend the training as well. We are currently piloting EBLI DK-2nd grade. The elementary is finding their groove in the Bridges process, higher order thinking and conversation is occurring across K-5 grade levels. The Daddy Daughter dance was a success. A big thank you to the PTO for making it a great evening. Upcoming events: February 24th book fair and candy bar bingo and March 10 – Talent show. The 4th and 6th graders will also be attending Hartley Outdoor Education Center in April.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that at the January Professional Development day staff analyzed the Fall PSAT scores and submitted an individual plan of the changes to their instructional/assessment practice to address areas for improvement before spring testing. Mr. Ryan Czymbor is holding a SAT camp on March 12 for current 10th and 11th graders. At the upcoming February Professional Development day teachers will be curriculum planning. Students have met with Mrs. Czymbor to start looking at scheduling classes for next school year. Several senior events will be taking place soon: senior interviews – May 18; Prom – May 6th; Senior field trip day – end of April. Eight students that applied to the University of Michigan got accepted. Eight students from the class of 2026 have been selected as Shiawassee Scholars. These students will be recognized on March 15th at the Comstock Inn. FFA had a very successful night at districts in Durand last Monday. Greenhand Conduct of meetings – 1st place; Parli Pro – 1st place gold; Demo – 1st place gold; Jr. High Conduct of meetings (2 teams) 1st and 2nd place; Ag issues – 1st place gold; Demo (2 teams) – 4th place gold; Greenhand public speaking – 4th place gold; Job interview – 3rd place gold; and 37 of 42 kids who competed at districts made it on to Regionals. Shout out to Mr. Henige, Mrs. Andres and Mr. Wyrick who are all working to help these teams. The junior high quiz bowl team has all new members this year. They have won 3 out of 6 matches in 5th place out of 14 teams. The robotics robot is fully functional. The first meet is in two weeks at Kettering. Currently, we have 12 students on the Robotics team. Jessica Marcet was celebrated in Kalamazoo at the VFW and Womens Auxiliary Mid-winter Conference. Mrs. Marcet received a plaque, crystal apple and a \$500 cash award. The High School Career fair that took place a few weeks ago, was a huge success. We had 55 vendors and over half were New Lothrop High School grads. Parent teacher conferences will take place this Thursday, February 17th. Invites were sent out to the parents that have been asked to come, QR codes are also available to book appointments. Several events will be taking place in March: National Honor Society applications for this year's induction ceremony; Blood Drive – March 4th; FFA State Convention March 9-11; FFA Labor Auction – March 16; and Mock Rock – March 21.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Mr. Wakefield updated the board on the most recent busing. Currently, we have 6 full-time drivers. The 7th driver is part way through training and will be taking the test on March 7th. As of right now, we are looking at March 7th as the date to go back to regular schedule. Once this is decided, it will be communicated to parents. Dr. Berthiaume spoke that we are seeing positives with the state budget and hopefully we see that increase per student. Dr. Berthiaume stated that we will start negotiating the 2022-2023 school year calendar. Right now the tentative start date is August 18th, we might have some flexibility with the preschool room renovations. Summer school was very successful for us last year and we are looking at offering it again for K-12 students. The February Professional Development Day will take place this Friday, February 18th. Tom Mynsberge will be out in the district to present school safety training. All staff is invited to attend as well as the local first responders, ambulance and fire department. Dr. Berthiaume noted that Covid numbers are down. Our districts recommendation is to go with Shiawassee county but we may want to evaluate contact tracing and testing.

Mr. Bennett updated on the board on facilities. The committee will do a walkthrough of the locker rooms next Wednesday. They will also be looking at the sign by the elementary.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:33 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 21, 2022 in the high school library at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary