

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education  
Monday, January 13, 2020  
6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

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

Absent: Jim Eustace

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 2 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The pledge to the flag was said.

## **Statutory Topics for Board Consideration/Organization Action**

Nomination of Rich White for President by Adam Green.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Vincke to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Rich White as President.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Nomination of Greg Ruddy for Vice President by Adam Green.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Greg Ruddy as Vice President.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Nomination of Adam Green for Secretary by Joe Henige.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Adam Green as Secretary.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Nomination of Jessica Unangst for Treasurer by Adam Green.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Jessica Unangst as Treasurer.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to appoint Adam Green as liaison from the Board to the MASB.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to appoint Jessica Unangst as liaison from the Board to the Shiawassee RESD.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was read by Adam Green. Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting dated December 16, 2019 as presented.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **Correspondence**

Jessica Unangst received a phone call from a parent.

### **Student Section**

No student council representatives or student observers tonight.

### **Staff Recognition**

*School Board Recognition* – January is School Board Recognition month. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the Board for their voluntary time and energy that they put into going to meetings, committee meetings and events. Each and every one of these board member's cares about the students of our district. On behalf of the students and community we appreciate all you do for our district.

The High School donated books to the library in honor of the 2020 school board members and the Elementary gave each board member a caramel apple to honor them during school board appreciation month.

### **Presentations/Updates**

None

### **Board Discussion**

New Committee Assignments – President Rich White noted that each member received a list of the current committee assignments, if anyone wishes to be placed on a different committee you are to contact Rich and let him know. At the February board meeting we will have a complete listing of the committee assignments.

### **Visitors**

None

### **Financial Reports**

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$692,143.74; school service \$36,096.22; for a total of \$728,239.96.

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$747,703.02; receipts, \$815,624.08; expenditures: \$728,239.96; for an ending balance of \$835,087.14.

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

**Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Action Items**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Brianna Cervoni, junior high softball coach effective January 8, 2020.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the hire of Benjamin Almasy, Varsity Boys Baseball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Cody Clontz, J.V. Boys Baseball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Ruddy to approve the hire of Tom Birchmeier, Varsity Girls Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the hire of Beth Clark, J.V. Girls Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Tim Krupp, Girls Head Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Vincke abstained.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the hire of Jamie Krupp, Boys Head Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Vincke abstained.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to approve the hire of Tim Howard, Track Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Nate Browning, Jr. High Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the hire of Kia Robison, Jr. High Track Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**Unangst abstained.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Justin Skinner, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Ruddy to approve the hire of Justin Price, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Baseball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve the hire of Greg Brunner, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

### **District Updates**

#### *Athletics – Andrew Severn*

Mr. Severn reported that junior high boys' basketball begins their season this evening vs. Lakeville. Our varsity boys basketball team is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the Flint area power rankings. The wrestling mats have been ordered and we are looking to receive them hopefully the first week of February. New Lothrop will be hosting the MMAC league meet on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will also host MHSAA individual district on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The MMAC league will be discussing tomorrow

if youth flag football will be happening in the spring of 2020. Mr. Severn reported that spring sports begin on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Elementary – Michelle Barrett*

Mrs. Barrett mentioned that last week the elementary went into secure mode. This was done as a precaution and there was never a compromise in student safety. First grade teachers have been digging into data, finding weaknesses, grouping students, selecting an intervention and progress monitoring. In January the elementary will be implementing the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), January is P for Participation. Mrs. Barrett reported that the M-Step schedule is finished. The winter benchmark testing is in full swing. The iReady window opened today, Acadience (formally DIBELS) is almost complete, DRAs are being given and students are beginning writing prompts. The Read by Grade 3 goes into effect with this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Information will be given out at conferences, in the February newsletter, on our district Facebook page, school website and sent home in the Hornet Envelopes. The daddy daughter dance will take place this weekend at the elementary.

*High School – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar reported that the last week before Christmas break attendance was very good. Grades were stored last Thursday and online grades are entered manually by Mrs. Kieffer. She is expected to complete that tomorrow and then report cards will be printed. Students were surveyed on what their thoughts were as to ending semester 1 before Christmas break. Thus far, 87% of the student body has responded and final results will be presented at a later date. Mrs. Czymbor and Ms. Kuchar met before Christmas break to discuss the 2020-2021 master schedule.

Ms. Kuchar met with all classes last Friday to discuss expectations for the remainder of the year. She spoke with the seniors about finishing strong, juniors and sophomores about the renovations that will be taking place here at the high school this summer and the freshmen about an upcoming dual enrollment meeting. She spoke to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders about options as freshmen next year and praised the 7<sup>th</sup> graders on how much they've grown up since the beginning of the school year.

*District – Anthony Berthiaume*

Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that bids will be opened tomorrow for this coming summer 2020 bond projects. The special board meeting to approve these bids will take place on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The hazardous material assessment was started over Christmas break. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that the Finance committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Administration will soon be meeting with the teachers union in early February to discuss negotiations and the 2020-2021 calendar.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to enter Closed Session to discuss the Attorney Client Communication.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**Roll call:**

**Ayes: Vincke, Ruddy, Henige, White, Green, Unangst**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Eustace**

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**Entered 7:11 out at 7:21 p.m.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Adjournment at 7:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, January 27, 2020 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

---

Adam Green, Board Secretary