

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, May 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Board Members Present: Rich White, Curt Bitterman, Jessica Unangst, Kevin Birchmeier, Jim Eustace and Adam Green

Absent: Greg Ruddy

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Stephanie O'Dea, Michelle Barrett, Wes Webster, and 21 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:07 p.m. in the high school library.

Adam Green was appointed Secretary for the meeting, in Greg Ruddy's absence.

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 held on May 15, 2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

Student observers for tonight were Alexis Birchmeier and Ondrea Birchmeier

Presentations/Updates

Service Year Recognitions – Employees of New Lothrop Area Public Schools were recognized tonight for years of service. Dr. Anthony Berthiaume presented service year and retirement awards. All staff members were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the district.

District Enrollment Projections – Dr. Anthony Berthiaume presented the District Enrollment Projections for the 2017-2018 school year.

Band – Presenter withdrew from the agenda.

Visitors

Karen Aiello expressed her appreciation that band was kept on the schedule for next school year.

Committee Reports

Policy – Curt Bitterman reported the Policy Committee minutes.

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$721,250.62; school service, \$27,340.17; for a total of \$748,590.79.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$917,034.05; receipts, \$734,988.05; expenditures: \$748,590.79; for an ending balance of \$903,431.31.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Green to approve the 2017-2018 RESD budgets as presented.

Motion carried, 4-2.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eustace, Bitterman, White, Green

Nays: Birchmeier, Unangst

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve the Resolution Designating the District's Election Representative for the RESD election.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to accept the resignation of Patty Dymora, Food Service Worker, effective April 28, 2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to accept the resignation of James Freed, 4-hour custodian, effective May 5, 2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Unangst to approve the hire of Emily Moore, Bus Driver effective May 16, 2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Green to approve the hire of Cheryl Eisenhauer, Bus Driver effective May 16, 2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Cody Clontz as JV Baseball Coach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 season effective May 5, 2017 as a contracted employee of PCMI.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Bitterman, supported by Unangst to approve the purchase of a 9 x 50 table variable speed milling machine from Production Tool Supply at a cost not to exceed \$6,350 to be paid out of the CTE cost funding for 2016-2017.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve the second reading of the February, 2017 NEOLA policy updates (new, revised, replacement) and guidelines as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Building/District Updates

Athletics - Wes Webster

Mr. Webster shared that we had ten students that received the GAC Scholar Athlete award this year. Track Regionals will take place on May 19th at Bath and Track State Finals will take place on June 3rd. Baseball and Softball Districts will be held in Montrose on June 3rd. Mr. Webster updated the board on the baseball field drainage and stated that the plan, after the season is over with, is to dig up the tile and run cameras down the tile to see if the tree roots are possibly the problem. Mr. Webster discussed the league status and mentioned the meeting that will take place on Wednesday.

Elementary - Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett mentioned that we had a great turnout for Kindergarten Round-up that took place on May 8th. We have 61 Kindergarteners plus 13 from the Developmental Kindergarten program that are enrolled for the fall. Last year, we had 77 Kindergarteners enrolled. We are hoping to gain more students over the summer. The Title I At-Risk position was reposted. The team interviewed 5 candidates and out of those 5 the team was interested in offering a 2nd interview to 2 candidates. The team decided to repost as they are looking for a candidate with a little more experience in the areas of state reporting and the consolidated app. The PTO approved the purchase of a smart board for Courtney Henige's classroom and an update to the sound system in the elementary gym.

High School - Stephanie O'Dea

Mrs. O'Dea mentioned that several events recently took place, with the school year coming to an end, including the FFA Banquet, Shiawassee Top Ten Luncheon, GAC Scholar athlete banquet, Shiawassee Scholars and CTE Banquet. Mrs. O'Dea also spoke about the upcoming events taking place at the High School which include the Art Show on May 17th, Band Concert on May 18th, and Food for America on May 19th, in addition to the 6th grade coming over to the High School to tour the building. Baccalaureate will take place on May 24th, Seniors last day on May 26th, Choir concert on May 30th and Graduation on June 4th. We had 57 students' from John Long's class that participated in the MITES – Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society Project Competition and Convention. Overall, we had 40 state placers; 15 Regional 1st place winners; 4 State 1st place awardees and 1 Divisional Grand.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Student Achievement – Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that M-Step testing still continues and our last diagnostic testing window for i-Ready will end on May 23rd. At the June board meeting a presenter from i-Ready will be coming to present and scores will also be viewed.

Curriculum – Dr. Berthiaume recently met with the Math Curriculum team to discuss 6th-8th grade math and areas that need to be addressed. They met with a representative from Pearson and the group is looking at developing a curriculum. This summer the curriculum brochures will be developed, with the information that teachers have provided to us, and the brochures will then be given to parents at the beginning of the new school year.

Communication/Public Relations – Dr. Berthiaume made mention that the community meeting/breakfast that took place on May 6th was very well attended; around 35 parents and a few staff members participated. Dr. Berthiaume has sent out the Superintendent survey to staff members and results will be shared with the board and the staff at a later board meeting.

Dr. Berthiaume stated that the voluntary staff budget meeting that took place last week was received well by the staff. This was a great opportunity for staff to ask questions.

Closed Session

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Unangst to enter Closed Session to discuss the Attorney-Client Privileged Communication.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Closed Session was entered at 7:00 p.m. and exited at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 19, 2017 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Gregory E Ruddy, Board Secretary