

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, March 16, 2020

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

Board Members Present: Rich White, Adam Green, Jessica Unangst, Jim Eustace, Joseph Henige and Wendy Vincke.

Absent: Greg Ruddy

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume and 3 visitors.

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

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 February 10, 2020.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

The Board of Education received a thank you from the Larry Bulemore family.

Wendy Vincke received a parent phone call.

Jim Eustace had a conversation with a parent and he recommended that they follow the proper channel.

Student Section

Student council representatives – none

No student observers for tonight's meeting.

Presentations/Updates

None

Committee Reports

None

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$721,974.92; school service, \$30,431.64; for a total of \$752,406.56.

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, \$969,452.27; receipts, \$913,954.70; expenditures: \$752,406.56; for an ending balance of \$1,131,000.41.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Eustace, supported by Henige to approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve Jessica Steele as Junior High Softball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2019-2020 season.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Mark Wakefield as part-time bus coordinator/maintenance worker effective March 17, 2020.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Green to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford transit passenger van from Mel Ervin Ford at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.85 with \$24,000.00 to be paid out of the CTE added cost funding for 2019-2020 and \$6,000.85 to be paid for by the FFA Alumni.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the high jump pit bid from BSN Sports in the amount of \$7,242.70 to be paid from the general fund.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the asbestos abatement bid from Trust Thermal in the amount of \$25,450.00 to be paid out of the bond.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the fertilization program for the football and softball fields from Stine Turf & Snow in the amount of \$11,036.00 to be paid out of general fund.

Tabled

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the purchase of a boiler from William E. Walter, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$42,975.00 to be paid out of the Sinking Fund which is a correction from the November 18, 2019 board meeting agenda as it was stated as a bond item.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Building/District Updates

No Building Updates this month.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume reported that first and foremost, a lot has been going on recently and one thing that comes to his mind is slow and steady and time to press pause. Dr. Berthiaume had a meeting with district staff this past Thursday to talk about the current situation of Covid-19 and then that evening Governor Whitmer ordered schools to shut down at the end of the day on Friday, March 13th until April 6th. Dr. Berthiaume stated that a lot of unknowns at this time, as far as making up missed school time, spring sports, etc. Dr. Berthiaume stated that the buildings are shut down except for a small amount of staff. Thus far, we have sent out several communications to the community regarding Covid-19. Once we have more concrete answers we will continue to communicate that with parents. As of right now, if our students need food they are able to go to Montrose Schools. Our food service director is working on her certification for New Lothrop to become a food outlet and once that happens we will look at providing meals to our students. Dr. Berthiaume also reported to the board that as of today we have 70 students registered for Kindergarten this coming fall and 19 Developmental Kindergarten. It was also reported that the elementary bathroom project has been put off until possibly the next phase of the bond project.

Closed Session

No closed session took place as was stated on the agenda.

Action Item

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve a one-year extension to the Superintendent's contract.

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to adjourn.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment at 6:39 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be a regular school board meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary