

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, June 15, 2020

High School Auditorium & via Zoom video communications (online)

6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 5 visitors.

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

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 held on May 18, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Updates

Reports of Bullying – Principals

Ms. Kuchar reported that the high school had one bullying incident reported for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Barrett reported that the elementary had two bullying incidents. Mrs. Barrett stated that no report was filled out for either of these incidents.

Construction Update – Christman Company, Rob Crowe

Rob Crowe updated the Board on the construction projects that have started at the high school and stated that the projects are all progressing well. Current projects underway are the restrooms by the junior high wing, science rooms and shop area. Next, the high school lockers will be removed as the company has guaranteed a delivery date of mid-July. Mr. Crowe also reported that Christman received a delivery date for the high school gym bleachers of August 22. Mr. Crowe stated that this delivery date is unacceptable and a conversation will be had with them.

Committee Reports

Finance – Adam Green reported the minutes from June 8, 2020.

Budget Hearing

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume presented the final 2019-2020 budget revisions.

2019-2020 final revision

Superintendent Berthiaume reviewed areas of revenue and expenditures throughout the year. The district ended the year with the fund equity at 12.78%.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$929,875.65; school service, \$29,101.16; for a total of \$958,976.81.

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, \$1,454,989.93; receipt \$484,724.88; expenditures: \$958,976.81; for an ending balance of \$980,738.00.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to accept the final amended budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, and debt retirement for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige supported by Ruddy to accept the initial projected budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, and debt retirement for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Ben Bigelow, night-time custodian, effective May 19, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of LeAnn Parker, high school secretary, effective June 9, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Michelle Barrett, elementary principal, effective July 1, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve the hiring of Trevor Beach, J.V. Football Head Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Ruddy to adopt the MHSAA resolution for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the purchase of 116 Chromebooks to be purchased from SEHI Computer Products at a cost not to exceed \$25,245.08 from the general fund for funding received from the CARES Act for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the superintendent's summer working schedule along with receiving mileage for school and business functions at the current IRS rate retroactive to May 19, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Vincke to approve the policy that if a student is homeschooled and lives in the New Lothrop school district then that student can participate in non-athletic clubs and if a student within the MMAC league wants to participate in a particular non-athletic club that their current school does not offer, then the student is allowed to participate as long as they are a current member school of

the MMAC. If their school offers the club, the student would not be allowed to participate in a New Lothrop non-athletic club.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst supported by Vincke to approve the board meeting dates scheduled on the third Monday of each month with the exception of December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021 meetings as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Building/District Updates

Athletics – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that New Lothrop athletics is ranked 34th in the top 50 public high schools for athletics. This ranking is based on parent/player survey, overall championships, girls' and boys' participation as well as data from the Department of Education, Center for Education and statistics and Civil Right Data Collection. Mr. Severn updated the board on donations and sponsorship to date in the last 30 months New Lothrop Athletic Department has received from sponsors and donors. These donations and sponsorships has helped us to work on much needed projects in our facilities and it has not impacted our general fund. The Pixellot system will be installed this summer in the elementary gym thanks to our athletic boosters. We are looking to repair the softball and baseball crow's nest roofs and some flooring, as well as some repairs to the junior high baseball dugouts. Spring coach evaluations will not be happening for the 2019-2020 school year. The MMAC end of year coaches meeting took place on Tuesday, June 2 via Zoom.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett reported that the elementary library space is coming together nicely. The Community District Library has moved all of their items to their new location in town. Mrs. Barrett mentioned that all student's personal belongings were sent home on the last day of the school year. Mrs. Barrett wished Randy Bishop, custodian, the best on his recent retirement.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that she recently held Zoom meetings with each of her grade level teachers. Ms. Kuchar mentioned that the high school had 90% of the student body earning credit for the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. We had forty students that did not complete any type of distance learning, it is her hope to get that down to 20-25 students. Ms. Kuchar reported that she is moving ahead with the master schedule for 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Kuchar stated that during senior week the district posted several videos for the senior class to enjoy. At this point, graduation is set for Friday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Hornet Field. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. If graduation is not able to take place on that day, the next date set by the High School is Friday, July 10th.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume reported that as the school year comes to an end he's reminded of his leadership motto: slow, steady and to not make rushed decisions. Dr. Berthiaume stated that he's heard a lot of conversations on how school will reopen in the fall and that he's been working with local superintendents to have those conversations. Dr. Berthiaume noted that he will be updating the board as more information comes from the Department of Education.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be a regular school board meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. place TBD.

Adam Green, Board Secretary