

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education
Monday, April 16, 2018
6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

Board Members Present: Greg Ruddy, Adam Green, Jessica Unangst, Kevin Birchmeier, Jim Eustace and Joseph Henige.

Absent: Rich White

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle Barrett, Kim Kuchar and 31 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Greg Ruddy at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. 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 held on March 19, 2018.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

None

Presentations/Updates

Hornet Hot Shot Students and Employee of the Month – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized the Hornet Hot Shots for the month of March.

Junior High Hornet Hot Shot, Tyler Kohlmann (7th grade); High School Hornet Hot Shot, Sidney Kulhanek (11th grade) and Staff Hornet Hot Shot Joanna Czymbor.

Committee Reports

The Personnel/Curriculum committee meeting minutes were reported by Jim Eustace.

Visitors

Amber Whitman, kindergarten teacher expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education and administration that came in her classroom to read to her students. She knows that everyone has busy schedules, but she really appreciates it.

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: general fund, \$714,998.56; school service, \$36,802.56; for a total of \$751,801.12.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,092,311.93; receipts, \$801,140.65; expenditures, \$751,801.12; for an ending balance of \$1,141,651.46.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to approve the 2018-2019 Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) agreement for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the Junior High Math Advancement proposal for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Birchmeier to approve the purchase of laptops and a cart from SEHI, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 to be paid out of the CTE 61c grant funding received for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that tomorrow he will attend the Mid-Michigan Academic Conference (MMAC) meeting and discussion will take place on completing the bylaws of the recently formed league. We will host the baseball and softball districts here at New Lothrop. Currently, both our 7th grade baseball and softball only have 9 players. If we need to rotate 8th graders to make sure we have enough players to make the two teams we will do so. We have 31 participants on the junior high track team, this includes the 6th graders that have decided to participate. The replacement bleachers for the elementary school gym have arrived and will be installed very soon. Mr. Severn has completed all winter sports evaluations with the exception of 7th and 8th grade basketball. These two evaluations will be completed this week. Lastly, once the weather gets nice we have a company in line to come out and repair the two sections of the track.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett shared that so far we have 65 students signed up for kindergarten registration. Preschool early bird registration for staff and current PreK families is set for tomorrow. Mrs. Barrett recently sent in the preschool licensing paperwork that is set to expire on May 23rd. We are waiting on the final inspection with the licensing consultant. M-Step testing begins for 5th grade tomorrow and 3rd, 4th and 6th grade will test in the weeks to come. Mrs. Barrett mentioned that she's been working on the master schedule for next year. Our 4th graders go to Hartley Nature Center on Wednesday this week. Mrs. Barrett thanked the PTO for purchasing the circle drive signs. Recently, 5th and 6th graders practiced a safety drill in the cafeteria, they did an amazing job moving to a safe area quickly and quietly, if something were to happen while they were in the cafeteria. 3rd and 4th graders did several line ups on the playground; which included marching quickly to classroom after the last practice line up. The emergency button that was originally placed in Mr. Severn's office has been moved to the main office area. We wanted to make sure we had someone near the button at all times. Also, if the button were to be pushed it would automatically release the doors down the hallway to close and lock. Mrs. Barrett mentioned that when she was at a technology conference last month a vendor asked if she had any curriculum needs and it was mentioned that we would love a comprehensive ELA program that included writing. The company sent out samples of the program called Ready Gen and a rep came to talk with Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Barrett has reviewed the program with Margy Dewey, our Literacy Coach and she is planning on looking at it with teachers on Thursday during their data meetings. At this time, the elementary is evaluating options, if there is interest we will start the process through the Curriculum Council and look into finding creative ways to try to make this happen.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported several updates that have happened over the past month. Ms. Kuchar gave a shout-out to the PTO who donated \$700 to Mr. Delemester's robotics program and \$300 for the summer read books. Jane Devota's class was fully funded on Donor's Choose: \$756 for easels and easel pads. Ms. Kuchar read in Mrs. Whitman's classroom for March is reading month. Mrs. Czymbor and Ms. Kuchar made a visit to Clio Beauty School to check on one of our students who is currently enrolled in the cosmetology program. Deputy Lawson from Shiawassee County law enforcement presented to the juniors and seniors about driving safety. The PSAT/SAT, WorkKeys and M-Step testing are all going very well. Recently, 34 new members were inducted into the National Honor Society. The 8th grade will start the M-Step testing next week. The high school school improvement team met with parents to discuss safety, ELA curriculum and prom. Next Friday and Saturday Ms. Kuchar will travel to Chicago with several 6th and 7th grade students. All high school staff has completed a minimum of one writing sample per term. John Wyrick and eight (8) FFA students went to the Junction of Hope restaurant to present to community members. Macy Matthews a 9th grade student has been accepted to Space Camp in Florida for the summer. Two (2) of our Odyssey of the Mind teams will be competing at Iowa State at the end of May for World Finals. Ms. Kuchar took a

couple seniors to U of M Flint for a tour of the campus and lunch. The high school participated in the state wide tornado drill. We have several students taking the AP practice test. A Baker College rep is coming to the district on Wednesday to speak with individual 9th – 11th graders interested in Baker programs. Upcoming events include: Top Ten Honor's Luncheon, GAC Scholar Athlete Banquet and Drama Performance.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume spoke that this is a very rewarding time of year to see our students being recognized for all of their accomplishments this school year.

Curriculum – Dr. Berthiaume mentioned administration is looking at the vision for the 2018-2019 school year. The curriculum brochures that teachers started working on last April have been completed. These brochures will be given to parents that have children in grades DK-12 at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. This has been a collaborative piece and now teachers are working at unpacking the standards. The third window of the i-Ready assessment is coming up. Even though the state has decided not to use i-Ready as the state assessment, it still could be considered. Before the district decides to jump off ship, we will wait to see what the state decides to do before making a final decision for the district.

Budget – Dr. Berthiaume mentioned the proposed \$230 - \$240 per student increase for the 2018-2019 school year. Master schedules are also being finalized for next school year. We are currently working with a local vendor to begin a marketing campaign for our school district, this will include showcasing our district and what our district can offer to others.

Lastly, at our May meeting we will present a 1, 3, 5-year technology plan for the district, as well as recognize those staff members with milestone years of service and awards.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be Monday, May 21, 2018 in the high school library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary