

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, June 19, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Rich White, Greg Ruddy, Jessica Unangst, Jim Eustace and Adam Green

Absent: Curt Bitterman, Kevin Birchmeier

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Stephanie O'Dea, Michelle Barrett, Wes Webster, and 9 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:05 p.m. in the high school library.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Greg Ruddy. Motion by Ruddy, supported by Eustace to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 15, 2017.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

A thank you from Nancy Ebenhoeh thanking the Board for the engraved photo album given to her for her retirement.

A thank you from the Hemgesberg family thanking the Board for the beautiful planter of flowers in memory of their mother Kristie Hemgesberg.

Curt Bitterman's resignation from the Board of Education.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to accept the resignation of Curt Bitterman, Vice President & Board Member of the New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education, effective June 19, 2017.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Nomination of Greg Ruddy for Vice President by Adam Green.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

7a. Nomination of Adam Green for Secretary by Jessica Unangst.

7b. Nomination of Jessica Unangst for Secretary by Adam Green.

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

Motion carried, 5-0

Roll call:

Ayes: Unangst, White, Ruddy, Green, Eustace

Nays:

Absent: Birchmeier

Motion by Eustace, supported by Ruddy to appoint Jessica Unangst as liaison from the board to the Shiawassee RESD.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Presentations/Updates

i-Ready Presentation – Jeff Tompkins presented i-Ready results for the district.

Elementary Handbook – Michelle Barrett presented the Elementary Handbook with changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

High School Handbook – Stephanie O'Dea presented the High School Handbook with changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) – Wes Webster presented the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference and discussed joining the new league at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Committee Reports

Personnel/Curriculum – Adam Green reported the Personnel/Curriculum Committee minutes.

Policy – Greg Ruddy reported the Policy Committee minutes.

Finance – Jessica Unangst reported the Finance Committee minutes.

Budget Hearing

Superintendent Anthony Berthiaume presented the final 2016-2017 budget revision and the 2017-2018 proposed budget.

2016-2017 final revision

Superintendent Berthiaume reviewed areas of revenue and expenditures throughout the year. The District ended the year with the fund equity at 13.39%.

2017-2018 proposed budget

Superintendent Berthiaume reviewed the anticipated revenue and expenditures for the upcoming year which includes an increase of \$120.00 per pupil. The projected fund equity for 2017-2018 is 10.32%.

Visitors

Jason Andres expressed his concern regarding his son and that he was bullied all year long at school. Jason was hoping to schedule a closed session with the board for this meeting, but will be doing so at a later date. Jason noted that his son is enrolled elsewhere for next school year and he will not be attending New Lothrop.

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$640,924.74; school service, \$35,583.31; for a total of \$676,508.05.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$903,431.31; receipts, \$752,035.74; expenditures: \$676,508.05; for an ending balance of \$978,959.00.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to accept the final amended budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, and debt retirement for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to accept the initial projected budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, and debt retirement for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve participation in the School of Choice program under Section 105 of the Revised School Code for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to adopt the MHSAA resolution for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the 2017-2018 elementary handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

The High School Handbook approval was tabled at this time.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to approve the Nutritional Food Services Department Meal Charging Policy as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Eustace, supported by Unangst to authorize an increase to meal prices as presented beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the second reading of the May 2017 NEOLA policy update and guidelines as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to approve the layoff of Stephanie Mahoney, elementary teacher effective June 30, 2017.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Eustace to approve the resignation of Stephanie O'Dea, High School Principal, effective June 30, 2017.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst to approve all administrative and non-instructional administrative contracts with a 1.25% wage increase for the 2017-2018 school year, effective July 1, 2017 as presented.

Motion carried, 4-0

Green abstained

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Clint Galvas, Varsity Football coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Brad Barnette, Assistant Varsity Football coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring John Long, Assistant Varsity Football coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Dajauan Masey, J.V. Football Head coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve hiring Vera Root, as Varsity Cross Country coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Ashley Kuhl, as Assistant Cross Country coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Larry Bulemore, 7th grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve hiring James Perry, 8th grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve hiring Vera Root, as Jr. High Cross Country coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Leo Harris, Jr. High Football coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Brady Simons, Varsity Boys Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 4-1

Roll call:

Ayes: Eustace, White, Unangst, Green

Nayes: Ruddy

Absent: Birchmeier

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Adam Johnson, J.V. Boys Basketball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve hiring James Perry, Varsity Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve hiring Larry Bulemore, J.V. Girls Basketball coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Eustace, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Jeff Campbell, Varsity Wrestling coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Kevin Clark, Assistant Wrestling coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 4-1

Roll call:

Ayes: White, Green, Unangst, Ruddy

Nays: Eustace

Absent: Birchmeier

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the purchase from Pearson Education in the amount of \$7,933.94 for 7th and 8th grade Math curriculum.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve New Lothrop Area Public Schools leaving the Genesee Area Conference (GAC) after the completion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve New Lothrop Area Public Schools joining the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) effective at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the Board meeting dates to be scheduled on the third Monday of each month with the exception of the February 2018 meeting as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Building/District Updates

Athletics - Wes Webster

Mr. Webster shared that Varsity Baseball won at Districts and lost in the Regionals. We had two players that were All-State: Zach Besant and Nick Johnson. Varsity Softball won at Districts and lost in the Regional finals. The Boys Basketball camp was a great success this year. The camp had the largest turnout in boys attending since the camp started.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett made mention that the elementary staff celebrated Nancy Ebenhoeh's retirement with a staff get-together. The elementary ended the school year on a strong note. Kim Kuchar and Lisa Fulton had a parent meeting inviting next year's 6th and 7th grade students on the trip to Chicago. The end of year PTO planning meeting took place and the group is planning several events and fundraisers for next year. A couple new events that will be added include a Color Run as their big fundraiser and adding a student talent show as well. Report card pick-up is currently going on right now. Mrs. Barrett discussed the classroom changes for the 2017-2018 school year along with an update on preschool enrollment.

High School - Stephanie O'Dea

Mrs. O'Dea mentioned that the end of the year honors assembly during the school day went very well this year. Mrs. O'Dea also reported that she has no changes in staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Last year, we had over 100 students enrolled in online classes. For this fall, we only have 20 students enrolled in online classes, due to the fact that we have realigned the junior high classes therefore, freeing up more classes for our high school students to choose from.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Student Achievement – Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that he is very pleased with the i-Ready diagnostic tool that we implemented for the 2016-2017 school year. Over the summer we will be working on "students are able to" brochures to be distributed to parents this fall.

Safety – Dr. Berthiaume made mention that this school year we have had a lot less bus incidents.

Communication/Public Relations – Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that the district is looking to create a Facebook page. This would be a way to post all of the positive things that are going on in our district and to talk about the programs that we offer to our students here in New Lothrop.

Discussion

Discussion took place on the procedures to fill the board member vacancy and the timeline we would be following.

Advertise the vacancy in local newspapers and on our website the weekend of June 26th.

July 7th – deadline to submit letter of interest.

July 12th – Special meeting to interview candidates interested in the position.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment at 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary