



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting, March 17, 2022
Novi Community School District
Board of Education**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Novi Community School District was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, beginning at 7:01 PM.

Present: Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined with the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and supported Mr. Cook that the Novi Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2022 Teachers of the Year

The Novi Community School District Teacher of the Year program recognizes our teachers who have achieved the highest standards of excellence in our district. Teachers are nominated by their peers with recommendations by administration, and many times parents and students. Earlier this past week three of our finest teachers were recognized for their dedication to the students of the Novi Community School District. This evening we present the principals who will introduce the 2022 Novi Teachers of the Year for board recognition.

Principal Emily Pohlonski presents:

Novi's 2022 Elementary Teacher of the Year – Amber Loney

Principal Robert Baker presents:

Novi's 2022 Middle School Teacher of the Year – Meghan Barnauskas

Principal Nicole Carter presents:

Novi's 2022 High School Teacher of the Year – Rod Franchi

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

There was one (1) comment from the audience regarding EV charging stations, Parking lot material, and equity for all.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Items included in the Consent Items are those which have previously been considered by the Board in committee or at a prior meeting, or of such a routine nature, that discussion is not required. Board members may request that any items be removed from Consent Items for further discussion, if

additional information is needed or available.

CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022

B. Approval of Bills

- a. Board Report
- b. Check Register for January 2022
- c. Purchase Card Report for December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

It was moved by Mr. Cook and supported by Mr. Mena that the Novi Community Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Report A

Dr. Gary Kinzer, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presents for your consideration the following personnel changes:

A. New Hires

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nannoshi, Raniya	OH	Special Ed Teacher	New Hire	MA+30	TBD
Shuman, Jenny	HS	Japanese Teacher	New Hire	BA	03-18-22
Tobis, Daniel	MS	Science Teacher	New Hire	BA+15	03-25-22
Holman, Victor	Career Prep	ELA Teacher	New Hire	Hourly	03-18-22
Steeh, Diane	Adult Ed/Career Prep	ESL Teacher	New Hire	Hourly	03-18-22
Makled, Zena	ECEC	Secretary	New Hire	Level B	03-21-22
Olmo-Terrasa, Maria	VO	Special Ed Para	Position Chg.	Level B	03-18-22
Coolman, Susan	TRAN	Bus Driver	Rehire	Hourly	03-18-22

B. Retirements and Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Akcasu, Audrey	NM	5 th Grade Teacher	Resigned	06-10-22
Fenchel, Kenneth	MS	History Teacher	Retired	06-10-22
Larson, Allison	HS	Speech-Language Path.	Resigned	03-25-22
Moerman, Jane	MS	Speech-Language Path.	Retired	06-10-22

C. Leaves of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Stauner, Melanie	ECEC	Speech-Language Path.	LOA #2-Child Care	2022-2023 School Year

It was moved by Mr. Mena and supported by Mr. Smith that the Novi Community School District Board of Education adopts the personnel report recommendations as presented.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel Report B

Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent, presents for your consideration the following administrative hire:

Name: Ms. Amanda Squires
Building: Educational Services Building
Assignment: Special Education Supervisor
Reason: Replacement for Stacey Theophelis
Effective date: 7-1-2022

Since the fall of 2018, the district had employed Stacey Theophelis as its' Special Education Supervisor. Ms. Theophelis left the district at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year to become the Director of Special Education in the Clarkston Community Schools. Her resignation from the district occurred late in the school year and time did not allow for a full hiring process. Upon the recommendation of Director of Special Education, Shailee Patel, the district employed Ms. Amanda Squires as the Interim Supervisor of Special Education for the 2021-22 school year.

This position supports the implementation of Novi's special education continuum. The continuum is our approach to meeting the needs of our students with disabilities.

Ms. Squires has been in Novi for nine years. She has been part of developing our continuum and understands our approach to meeting the needs of our special education students. Ms. Squires knows our culture. She understands the type of students and parents we have in Novi. She has been instrumental in building our continuum.

Ms. Squires has been employed by the Novi Community School District since 2013. During that time, she has served as a secondary resource room teacher, teacher consultant, and Content Area Leader. Prior to her hire in the Novi Community School District, Ms. Squires was employed by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools and the Redford Union Schools.

Mrs. Squires possesses extensive knowledge and experience in special education and has proven that she will be an asset to our district as our Supervisor of Special Education. Ms. Squires has now been in her interim position for nearly nine months. As her performance in this role has been superior, we recommend that Ms. Squires be hired as the district's Supervisor of Special Education on a permanent basis.

It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Community Schools Board of Education approve Amanda Squires as the Special Education Supervisor.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Technology Refresh Phase III

With the community support of the District's Capital Bonds, the District has been able to make substantial investments in technology resources to support teaching, learning, and operations over the past two years. The following are recommendations to refresh some of the district technology:

Phase 3 will focus on refreshing:

- The District's four Apple computer labs
- Last fleet of Chromebooks

The administration is recommending the Novi Board of Education approve the following purchases from the Technology Capital Projects (Bond) 2019 fund in the total amount of **\$645,383.00** (six hundred forty-five thousand three hundred eighty-three dollars). The pricing for these purchases is based on the REMC Educational Cooperative Bid.

1. Award to Apple Inc. in the amount of **\$166,238.00** (one hundred sixty-six thousand two hundred thirty-eight dollars) for the purchase of 32 Mac mini computers, 68 24-inc iMac computers, 32 mice, 32 keyboards, and 68 USB-C lightning cables. The Funding Source is the 2019 School Bond Fund.
2. Award to Presidio, in the amount of **\$479,145** (four hundred seventy-nine thousand one hundred forty-five dollars) for the purchase of 1300 Dell 3100 Chromebooks and 33 Dell Curved Monitors. Funding Source is the 2019 School Bond Fund.

This came before the Board for information and discussion at the March 3, 2022 meeting and comes back tonight for approval.

It was moved by Mrs. Hood and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Community Schools Board of Education approve the purchases listed above from the Technology Capital Projects (Bond) 2019 fund in the total amount of **\$645,383.00** (six hundred forty-five thousand three hundred eighty-three dollars).

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2021-2022 Erate Awards

On December 2, 2021, a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP) was released by the Novi Community School District (NCSD). On January 13, 2022, NCSD three (3) bids for the Network Electronics (switching) and Wireless Electronic and two (2) bids for the Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS).

The team reviewed each proposal and conducted follow-up interviews with each vendor. Based on the bid reviews and interviews, it is being recommended that the Novi Community School District award the following contracts:

1. Network electronics, switching, installation, support, disposal and seven years of licensing to Delta Networks in the amount of \$903,771.12. The project will include a 10% contingency managed by the District. Total project budget is \$994,148.23
2. Wireless electronics, installation, support, disposal and seven years of licensing to Inacomp, TSG in the amount of \$676,997.19. The project will include a 10% contingency managed by the District. Total project budget is \$774, 696.91.
3. Uninterruptible Power Supplies, five-year warranty, disposal of old batteries and equipment and installation to Delta Networks in the amount \$25 839.60. The project will include a 10% contingency managed by the District. Total project budget is \$28,423.56

The above projects are within the budgeted amounts for the 2019 School Bond projects. The next refresh for these projects will be scheduled in five to seven years. This replacement window is dependent upon District projects, changes in technology and needs for increased capacity to meet future growth beyond what was designed into the projects.

Each project is eligible for partial e-rate reimbursement and will be submitted to the Universal Service Fund per the federal rules and guidelines. All federal e-rate requirements, including Novi Board of Education approval, must be met by March 22, 2022.

This came before the Board for information and discussion at the March 3, 2022 meeting and comes back tonight for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Cook and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Community School District Board of Education award the following contracts: Delta Networks in the amount of \$994,148.23; TSG in the amount of \$774, 696.91; and Delta Networks in the amount of \$28,423.56.
Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2022 Site Improvement Project

SME is recommending to the Board of Education that the 2022 Site Improvements Project be awarded to Nagle Paving Company, of Novi, Michigan. This recommendation is based upon review of the submitted bid documents and the post bid interview conducted by the owner's review team and a member of Nagle Paving Company. The four (4) contractor Bid Summary is below.

The scope of construction recommended for award includes the base bid of the program (\$3,431,937.00) and alternates that will be determined during pavement evaluation in the spring that have a full value of \$662,616.00. No voluntary alternates were submitted by Nagle Paving Company. The total recommended contract award to Nagle Paving Company for the base bid and all alternates is \$4,094,554.00.

This came before the Board for information and discussion at the March 3, 2022 meeting and comes back tonight for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Mena and supported by Mr. Cook that the Novi Community School District

Board of Education award the Site Improvements Project contract to Nagle Paving Company of Novi in the amount of \$4,094,554.00.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2022-2023 NEA Calendar

Administration and the Novi Education Association (NEA) have reached a tentative calendar for 2022-2023. The attached calendar shows our proposed calendar, which meets the state required days and hours.

It was moved by Mrs. Hood and supported by Mrs. Murphy that the Novi Community School District Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 NEA Calendar as presented.

Ayes: 6 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 1 Mr. Cook

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Murphy, Board Trustee and Committee Chair, reported that there was a committee meeting on March 10, 2022 and they had quite a few people in attendance who shared their concerns. She stated that the primary conversation was on the audit of our media centers and moving forward with that. Mrs. Murphy said that they received good information from Dr. Webber on what we currently have in place, that we might be able to use. She mentioned that they have some tasks before them, primarily how the Novi Public Library did is.

Mrs. Murphy reported that she need some dialogue with other people who have managed to do audits to see if there is anything we need to be aware of as we go into that space. She stated that they also talked about other opportunities from additional stakeholders and whether we want to do that through expanding our Curriculum Committee or other venue opportunities. Mrs. Murphy said they did not come up with any resolution, just an initial discussion of that. She mentioned that their next meeting is April 14 at 3:30 PM because there is a work session after that, at 5:00 PM.

Governance and Policy Committee

Mr. Cook, Board Vice-President and Acting Chairperson, reported that the committee met on March 14, at 3:00 PM. He stated that there were a couple of Miller Johnson policies to review, 2002 – Child Find, that has required verbiage, and 2005 – Communication and Distribution of Communication Materials, which is already one of our policies. Mr. Cook said that the committee also talked about 8010, our social media policy and verbiage changes that go into it. He mentioned that this policy will come back to committee for further review.

Mr. Cook reported the committee also looked at 3004 – Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials. He stated that they talked about removing “the Other Instructional Materials,” adding Primary Instructional Materials and defining that. Mr. Cook said the committee is going to get verbiage coming back from that. He mentioned that there were a couple of comments from the audience.

Mr. Cook reported that he explained that the committee meetings are not covered by the Open Meetings Act because there are only three (3) Board members, they do not make decisions just

recommendations, and there is no action taken at those committees. He stated that we do not necessarily need the comments from the audience, but we are going to keep them open to the public so they can come and see what we are doing and keep the transparency going.

Capital Projects Committee

Mr. Mena, Board Secretary and Committee Chair, reported that the committee met over at Village Oaks and had a tour of the construction area and the building. He stated that the place looks fantastic. Mr. Mena said the committee reviewed the bond budget, the cash flow, and discussed future bond sales. He mentioned they discussed some of the challenges and strategies, moving forward, to make up for some of the challenges that the District has due to the inflation we are facing on construction materials. Mr. Mena reported that the committee talked about how we will move forward with the pool and activity center. He stated they discussed the upcoming presentation to the Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from that audience.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools, reported that on March 16, 2020, two (2) years ago yesterday, was the first day that we went to completely virtual instruction for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. He stated that he would be remiss if he did not express his appreciation to our staff, administrators, teachers, bus drivers and food service, who continued to deliver food every day during the shutdown. Dr. Matthews said that during the shutdown, we provided instruction every day; we, as a Board, met with the administrative team on a regular basis, throughout the first few weeks of that pandemic and did tremendous things for our District. He expressed his appreciation to everyone in our community for banding together and really working to make sure we met the needs of our students.

Dr. Matthews reported that in the 2021 school year, we had options for our students and it has been a difficult two (2) years, but all the districts that navigated through that turbulent time. He stated that with the Board's leadership, we have navigated very well and he appreciates everything that the Board has done, everything that our staff has done to meet the needs of the students in our District.

Dr. Matthews said that this week we had a STEMi truck, which is a science, technology, engineering, and math truck behind Novi Meadows. He reported that our fifth Grade students have had the opportunity to rotate through that experience. He mentioned that it had collaborative robots, virtual extended reality, self-driving model cars (not full-size cars), and 3-D animation. Dr. Matthews stated that the students rotated through those stations to get a taste of that with the hope that they will find things that are interesting, exciting, and that potentially could be career options for them as they move forward. He said that this is a collaborative effort between Oakland Schools and the cooperating districts in Oakland County. Dr. Matthews expressed his appreciation for the opportunity that this provided to students in our District.

Dr. Matthews reported that this week, our high school spring sports season has started and we wish all of our student athletes good luck. He expressed his appreciation to our community, as they have provided us with outstanding outdoor facilities specifically, the baseball field, which has the turf that enables our students to get out on, this week. Dr. Matthews stated other districts around us may not have been able to get out on their baseball fields because they are still soggy.

Dr. Matthews expressed his gratitude to Don Watchowski and his staff because last weekend, they hosted the MHSAA hockey finals at USA Hockey. He said that our staff was responsible for game

day activities and it was a tremendous task. Dr. Matthews mentioned that they were there most of the day on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. He reported that it is a wonderful service they are willing to provide MHSAA and we do not benefit financially from that, but we do benefit from supporting our student athletes throughout the State of Michigan who came to USA Hockey to play in the finals.

Dr. Matthews, also, expressed his gratitude to Ms. Sheila Holly for the new graphics that are up on the screen. He reported that Ms. Holly worked with Justin Jarvis and created those and we appreciate them both.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Greg McIntyre, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, reported that he had three (3) updates for the Board. He stated the first one is regarding the land swap. Mr. McIntyre said that Thrun prepared a first draft agreement that they are reviewing now. He mentioned that ChemTech will survey this and conduct a wetland study by the first week of April.

Mr. McIntyre reported the second update is on the Series 2 Bond. He stated that Dr. Matthews and he have a rating call conference with Moody's next Monday, at 11:00 AM. Mr. McIntyre said, for those of you who remember the last bond, we had a double A2 rating, which is the third highest rating. He mentioned that they are basing this, not on the property values, but on Fund Balance and enrollment. Mr. McIntyre reported that those are the types of things they are going to be looking at.

Mr. McIntyre stated the third update is with food service. He said that we sent out a notice of perspective bidders last Friday and we are going to do the legal notice in the paper around mid-April. Mr. McIntyre mentioned that we have not gotten approval for the RFP yet, so that is forthcoming and we will present that to the Board once the MDE signs off on it.

Dr. Gary Kinzer, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that Brian Langley pitched in for him in the Mentee Monday session number five (5). He stated that this session was, What Thriving Looks Like, and he enlisted the support of Meghan Barnauskas, Amber Loney, and Rod Franchi. Dr. Kinzer said that they spent the session working with our new teachers and defining what success in the classroom looks like. He mentioned that it was a great session.

Dr. Kinzer reported that our administrators were busy this week in career fairs. He stated that we attended Michigan State career fair on Monday and combined Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan's career fair on Wednesday. Dr. Kinzer said that while the number were not as high as they once were, the quality was. He mentioned that they were able to meet with some excellent candidates.

Dr. RJ Webber, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, mentioned that there would be a math joke at the end of his presentation. He reported that this week our K-6 administrators, including our virtual school, met with iReady and their data teams. Dr. Webber stated that on April 7 there will be a presentation on this iReady data. He said that he is excited about how this ties in with what Dr. Matthews was talking about tonight. Dr. Webber mentioned that they are also going to be looking at the winter data from two (2) years ago and our winter data this cycle to really analyze how our K-6 kids did academically within that two (2) year timeframe.

Dr. Webber reported, on Sunday, that he was very fortunate to be speaking at the Michigan Inter-Scholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He stated that he spoke about mental health and well-being to every athletic director in the state and also the trainers. Dr. Webber said that he would share with the Board at the next meeting what he gets to share on Sunday afternoon. He mentioned that it is

pretty epic and something that came here. Dr. Webber reported that it will impact many families all the way from Monroe, Michigan to Iron Mountain and it makes him happy. He stated that he will just say, “calculator,” instead of catch you later.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ruskin, Board President, reported that Ms. Moissef invited the Board to the STEMi and she saw some pictures online. She stated that it looked brilliant and overwhelming. Dr. Ruskin said that she was a little afraid to visit because when you get in there, it looked like there was a lot of activity. She mentioned that it looked like it was great and more incredible than some classrooms. Dr. Ruskin stated that if anyone has time, it is open in the morning and in the afternoon it will be gone after tomorrow.

Mr. Mena, Board Secretary, reported that last year he was appointed to the Novi Broadband Committee. He stated that they moved forward with hiring a consultant to basically map out the entire city to look at the possibility of actually building out our fiber network here. Mr. Mena said right now they are going to see who exactly has fiber and reach out to some vendors who already have been running stuff throughout the city, then determine where the needs are and what the next steps will be. He mentioned that they will probably want to reach out to the schools what they have network wise.

Mr. Mena reported that the cool thing is that a lot of this now would be funded by private equity firms that we you potentially partner with if we decide that it is feasible to do so. He stated that there would not be an initial outlay by the taxpayers necessarily and the hope is that the cost and reliability would be lower and greater respectively, but this is a long-term project and there are cities around the country that have already done this successfully. Mr. Mena said that there are some fiber networks that have been out there for like 60 years, so this is an exciting project.

Mrs. Hood, Board Treasurer, said thank you to Dr. Matthews for mentioning spring sports and to wear green tonight. She reported that the varsity and JV baseball teams were just announced today and we have turf fields. Mrs. Hood stated that Novi typically hosts a lot of home games the first few weeks of the year, which is great and there are five (5) double headers the first couple of weeks of April. She said that if anyone is looking for high school baseball, go out and watch.

Mrs. Hood reported that the Novi Educational Foundation has their no go Green Gala. She stated that they did the same thing last year and it is online. Mrs. Hood said it is the best gala you will never attend, except for an online presence. She mentioned that it is over the April 22nd through April 24th weekend. Mrs. Hood reported that a lot of people give money and if every household gave twenty dollars, it would be a beautiful thing for the foundation. She stated that they will be auctioning off items and Mr. Smith had been the auctioneer in the past but it will be online, so there will not be an auctioneer. Mrs. Hood said to watch for it on Twitter or Facebook to see how you can participate.

Mrs. Hood mentioned that the DEI committee meeting is coming up on April 7th and she wanted to let people know. She reported that Mrs. Murphy is the chair.

Mrs. Hood reported that on Tuesday MASB had their quarterly session on Members Matter. She stated that it was nice because it was a quick sixty minutes, at noon. Mrs. Hood stated that they talked about things, but one thing was the new Do Not Sign initiative. She said that there is a new voucher petition called Let Michigan Kids Learn, now that Betsy Devos is back in Michigan. Mrs. Hood

mentioned that this will be used to undermine public schools and really she is trying to privatize public schools. She stated please do not sign it.

Mrs. Hood reported that the MASB and several other organizations are getting together a do not sign initiative. She stated that she does not know how effective it is going to be. Mrs. Hood said that they need a required 430,000 signatures and if that happens, the legislature will pass it and make it a law and the governor's signature will not be needed. She mentioned that in the past the governor has vetoed a similar legislation.

Mrs. Roney, Board Trustee, reported that she attended the OCSBA meeting last night and they had a few people who spoke and they had a legislative update. She stated that there is a proposal that allows people to donate to private schools and get a tax write off. Mrs. Roney said that it would be harmful to public schools. She mentioned that they also talked about the fact that we need to reach out to our legislators and ask them to fully fund special education. Mrs. Roney reported that we are only getting fifteen percent.

Mrs. Roney stated that a gentleman talked about the governor's governance behavior that impacts school student achievement and how the school board can affect highly effective students' achievement. She said that if a school board is together and not in disarray, they tend to keep superintendents. Mrs. Roney mentioned that was the big thing that they focused on, having a board that works well together.

Mrs. Roney reported that she is thankful for her colleagues and that they all work well together. She stated that she has heard some horror stories which brings her to these school boards when they have meetings, they do a commentary from the administrators and the board right after the consent agenda, like they are holding them hostage. Mrs. Roney said we wait until the bitter end and by then we have lost a lot of our people, even those who are listening at home. Mrs. Roney mentioned that she spoke with Walled Lake, Clarkston, and Waterford and we are one of the few that do not have it right at the beginning.

Mrs. Roney reported that she appreciated the teachers who were selected as Teachers of the Year. She stated that maybe one will get Teacher of Michigan or Oakland County, then Michigan.

Mr. Cook, Board Vice-President, apologized to Ms. Patel because last week we had the opportunity to attend the middle school pre-festival choir concert and he unknowingly sat directly in front of her. He reported that she is not quite as tall as he is and he may have blocked her view a bit. Mr. Cook stated that he did not block the sound and the kids sounded fabulous. He said that the choir goes to festival next week and Mr. Bon has those kids sounding great even though he has only been there since mid-year.

Mr. Cook reported that the high school choir followed with their pre-festival concert and they also did a wonderful job. He stated that their festival was yesterday and they came back with all ones and now qualify for states. Mr. Cook said that the chorale also competed yesterday, or performed.

Mr. Cook asked Dr. Webber if there was anything that STEMi is showing off that Novi does not offer?

Dr. Webber responded that we have sixth grade robots and digital graphics, but stuff like the virtual reality piece is something that he believes the kids enjoy and something that is moving into augment

reality. He reported that those are things that we currently do not have and from a cost standpoint, it is not exorbitant. Dr. Webber stated that he is searching to see where that fits within our whole system and what is the usefulness of it. He said that Oakland Schools did an amazing job. Dr. Webber mentioned that they had a controls for a virtual loader. He reported that they will finish up tomorrow and if any board member would like to go through, do not make an appointment, just call him and he would take them through.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and supported by Mrs. Hood that the Novi Board of Education Regular Board meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the Educational Services Building.

Willy Mena, Secretary

An online recording of this meeting is available on YouTube and on the District Website: novi.k12.mi.us