

# NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## Regular School Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – March 14, 2023

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Board members: Stacey Bussel, Eric Allmon, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure, Tim Ehlerding, and Carla Bultemeier were present along with Superintendent Kim Hiatt and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

**ABSENT:** Michelle Stimpson

### AGENDA

**A. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 6:00 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. North Star Awards to be presented
  - a. Duke Myers/IHSAA State Wrestling Finalist – 7<sup>th</sup> Place
  - b. Keagan Martin and Gavin Davis/ IHSAA State Wrestling Finalist

**B. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- Mr. Fred Kunkel, local farmer and business owner, requested an explanation of how the building project and site project would not increase tax rates
- Mr. Kunkel asked for more details on the proposed building project and site project

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Eric Allmon, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

**C. Consensus Items**

**1. Minutes of**

- a. February 14, 2023/Regular Board Meeting

**2. Financial Report**

**3. Personnel**

**a. Assignments**

1. Lathyn Hamrick to be assigned the position of Belmont High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian effective February 22, 2023.
2. Aaron Baker to be assigned the position of Assistant Softball Coach at Belmont High School effective March 6, 2023.

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3. Rachel Kammeyer to be assigned the position of Girls Assistant Basketball Coach at Belmont High School effective March 14, 2023.
4. Tara Briggs to be assigned the position of Belmont High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian (Part-Time) effective March 15, 2023.
5. Jeremy Miller to be assigned the position of Belmont Middle School Physical Education Teacher and Exploring College and Careers Teacher effective August 8, 2023.

6. Spring Coaches

**Bellmont Middle School**

**Track**

Co-Head Coach	Randy Hisner
Co-Head Coach	Justin Ayres
Assistant	Faith Morris
Assistant	Karson Everett

**Soccer**

Head Boys	Jon Cable
Assistant Boys	Austin Shaner
Head Girls	Derek Trobeck
Assistant Girls	Emily Friedt

**Bellmont High School**

**Baseball**

Head Coach	Tom Montgomery
Assistant Coach	Mark Okoniewski
Assistant Coach	Kurt Combs
Assistant Coach	Jordan Hilyard

**Golf (Boys)**

Head Coach	Ty Razo
Volunteer Asst.	Mike Macke
Volunteer Asst.	Alex Ainsworth

**Softball**

Head Coach	Mindy Buuck
Assistant Coach	Aaron Baker
Assistant Coach	Alicia Hess

**Tennis (Girls)**

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Head Coach	Kyle Arnold
<b><u>Track (Boys)</u></b>	
Head Coach	Dave Hakes
Assistant Coach	Chase Kukelhan
<b><u>Track (Girls)</u></b>	
Head Coach	Carl Risch
Assistant Coach	Britney Hartman

**b. Resignations**

1. Chloe Mock to resign the position of Assistant Speech Language Pathologist at Belmont Elementary School effective March 16, 2023.
2. Kaitlyn Sheets to resign the position of Girls Basketball 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach at Belmont Middle School effective May 23, 2023.
3. Donna Miller to resign the position of English Teacher at Belmont High School effective March 24, 2023.

**c. Leaves**

1. Cassidy Jo Heffner requesting medical leave beginning approximately August 8, 2023, as per Master Contract, Article VI, page 23. She will also use Child Rearing Leave as per Master Contract, Article VI, page 24.

**d. Retirements**

1. Doug Mishler to retire from the position of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Belmont Elementary School effective June 1, 2023. (31.5 years)

**e. Change of Position(s)**

1. Melissa Turner to move from Belmont High School Cook I to Belmont Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional effective March 20, 2023.

**f. LEA Business**

**g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips**

**D. Program Update – Tiffany Heine/On My Way Pre-K**

-Mrs. Heine reported that BES has obtained highest level Paths to Quality credentials. (Level 3 Certified) Mrs. Heine praised North Adams preschool teachers for their efforts in obtaining this certification.

-Mrs. Heine reported that licensed preschool teachers make North Adams preschool program exceptional.

-Preschool students are offered transportation. Before/after school childcare opportunities are being explored for the 2023-2024 school year for preschool students and possibly their siblings.

**E. Old Business**

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## F. New Business

*Public hearing on Building Project opened at 6:29 p.m. Fred Kunkel was the only member of the public who spoke at the Hearing on Building Project.*

### 1. Hearing on Building Project

- Mr. Luke Bruggeman from underwriter Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, addressed Mr. Kunkel's concerns regarding tax rates. He explained tax cliffs and debt falling off giving the corporation the opportunity to borrow funds while maintaining tax rate neutral debt service rate.
- Mr. Bruggeman noted that assessed property values have increased greatly across the state and that taxpayers will likely see an increase in property taxes due to the increased assessed valuation, not due to the proposed projects.
- Superintendent Hiatt detailed the need for the Multi-Purpose Room noting dining area proximate to elementary students, staging for arrival and dismissal, space for latchkey, and large group activities space.
- Escalating construction costs due to inflation and supply issues were discussed by the board. It was noted that a good portion of the estimated construction costs involve prepping the site for construction and that the proposed Multi-Purpose Room will have basic finishes.

*Public hearing on Site Project opened at 6:49 p.m. Fred Kunkel was the only member of the public who spoke at the Hearing on Site Project.*

### 2. Hearing on Site Project

- Superintendent Hiatt stated that the proposed site project to include raze and replace track, football stadium improvements, and campus fencing

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill to approve Building Project Resolution as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

### 3. Consider Building Project Resolution

- Estimated hard and soft costs \$5.93 mil/estimated insurance cost \$178,000/Total estimated costs \$6.1 million
- Anticipated increase on overall debt service fund is \$0

*Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Eric Allmon to approve Site Project Resolution as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

### 4. Consider Site Project Resolution

- Estimated hard and soft costs \$970,888 mil/estimated insurance cost \$29,112/Total estimated costs \$1 million
- Anticipated increase on overall debt service fund is \$0

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*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Jill Colclasure to approve Resolution Determining Need for Projects as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

5. Consider Resolution Determining Need for Projects

*Motion by Dave Hill, seconded by Eric Allmon to approve Reimbursement Resolution as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

6. Consider Reimbursement Resolution

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill to approve Resolution approving preliminary plans, form of lease and authorizing publication of Notice of Lease Hearing as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

7. Consider Resolution approving preliminary plans, form of lease and authorizing publication of Notice of Lease Hearing

*Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Carla Bultemeier to approve Settlement Offer in District V. Juul Labs, Inc as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

8. Approval of Resolution to Approve Settlement Offer in District V. Juul Labs, Inc (2022\_23-9)

*Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Jill Colclasure to approve Summer School as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

9. Approval of Summer School

*Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Eric Allmon to approve Resolution to Submit 1003 Flexibility Waiver to IDOE requesting to count Student Year in Instructions Minutes as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

10. Approval of Resolution to Submit 1003 Flexibility Waiver to IDOE requesting to count Student Year in Instructional Minutes

*Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill to approve Donations as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

11. Donations
  - a. BHS Baseball Field Renovations/\$250 Donors: Mark and Leslie Corral, Keith and Deborah Harvey, John and Carol Isch, Kerry Knappe/\$200 Donor: Terry and Nancy Baker/\$125 Donors: Timothy and Margaret Bolinger, Journay Farms, Tim and Rachel Krueckeberg, Bradley and Catherine Schumm

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## 12. Superintendent's Report

-Mrs. Hiatt discussed PBIS days at Belmont schools. She emphasized the importance of positive reinforcement of good student behavior.

- Mrs. Hiatt informed the Board that Centegix silent crisis alert system equipment installation is complete, and training of staff will begin March 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, STOPit anonymous reporting phone app will be implemented to improve safety in the future.

## 13. Other Matters to come before the Board

### **G. Board Members and/or Public Comment**

H. **Adjournment:** 7:41 p.m.

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