

NORTH ADAMS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

GOOD AT LEARNING.



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Regular School Board Meeting
North Adams Administration Office
6:15 p.m. – January 9, 2024

MINUTES

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

ABSENT:

AGENDA

A. Call to Order - *The meeting was called to order by Stacey Bussel at 5:59 p.m.*

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. North Star Award to be presented to Andrea Curtis (*postponed to February 13*)
3. Presentation by LifeWise
 - Kelli Simon and Tandra Bard stated that LifeWise is off-site non-denominational Bible based character instruction offered to elementary students grade 1-4 with the goal of academic and behavior improvement in school.
 - Mrs. Hiatt stated that participation would be optional to families and that there would be no effect on participating students meeting DOE instructional minutes requirement.

Regular meeting suspended and Board of Finance Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m. Regular Board meeting resumed at 6:27 p.m.

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items

C. Organization of School Board for 2024

1. Elect Officers

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Eric Allmon, to elect Stacey Bussel as School Board President. Officer elections were voted on as a group. Motion passed 7-0.

- a. **President** – Stacey Bussel

Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to elect Michelle Stimpson as School Board Vice President. Officer elections were voted on as a group. Motion passed 7-0.

- b. **Vice President** – Michelle Stimpson

Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Carla Bultemeier, to elect Dave Hill as School Board Secretary. Officer elections were voted on as a group. Motion passed 7-0.

- c. **Secretary** – Dave Hill

Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to elect as School Board Assistant Secretary. Officer elections were voted on as a group. Motion passed 7-0.

- d. **Assistant Secretary** – Jill Colclasure

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to appoint Beth Quinn as North Adams Treasurer and Lori Baumer as North Adams Deputy Treasurer. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Appointment of Treasurer – Beth Quinn and Deputy Treasurer – Lori Baumer

Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to appoint Lori Baumer as School Board Recorder. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Appointment of Recorder for School Board Meetings – Lori Baumer

Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to appoint Tim Ehlerding as Legislative Liaison. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Appointment of Legislative Liaison – Tim Ehlerding

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Eric Allmon, to select Scott Ainsworth as North Adams Community Schools Attorney. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Select School Attorney – Scott Ainsworth

Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Dave Hill, to appoint Tim Ehlerding to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Decatur Redevelopment Commission Appointment – Tim Ehlerding

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to set the Regular School Board Meeting date and time as the second Tuesday of each month with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Establish the Meeting Day and Time for Regular Board Meetings

Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Eric Allmon, to maintain the Board Member's salary at \$2,000 per year. No per diem will be added. Motion approved 7-0.

8. Establish the salary for School Board Members

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Dave Hill, to appoint Kim Hiatt as the Administrator and Craig Lohr as the Teacher Representative of SEBT. Motion approved 7-0.

9. SEBT Trustee Appointments

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Eric Allmon, to approve the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Consensus Items

1. Minutes of

- a. December 12, 2023/Regular Board Meeting

2. Financial Report

3. Personnel

a. Assignments

- 1. *Jolene Wynn to be assigned the position of North Adams Community Schools Payroll/Benefits Coordinator effective February 5, 2024. (Added 1/9/24)*

- 2. BMS Winter Coach Staff 23-24

Wrestling

Head Coach: Luke Binegar

Assistant Coach: Daniel Gunsett

Volunteer Assistants: Ben Faurote, Paul Ruble, Randy Baker, Fletcher Shaneyfelt

Swimming & Diving

Co-Head Coaches: Laura Werling, Kristen Krey

b. Resignations

1. Kelli Braun to resign the position of Payroll Benefits Coordinator at North Adams Community Schools effective December 30, 2023.
2. Danielle McPherson to resign the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Belmont Middle School effective December 10, 2023.
3. Jason Spiegel to resign the position of Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Belmont High School effective October 27, 2023.
4. Makia Padgett to resign the position of Permanent Special Education Substitute at Belmont Middle School effective January 11, 2024.

c. Leaves

d. Retirements

1. Kaye Nestor to retire from the position of Cook at North Adams Community Schools effective May 22, 2024. (24 years)

e. Change of Position(s)

f. LEA Business

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

1. BHS Rifle Club/CMP Monthly Match/January 20, 2024/Camp Perry, Port Clinton, OH

E. Program Update – Kati Todd/Bellmont High School Update

-Ms. Todd stated that Belmont High School programming offerings have been strategic and intentional including AP, Dual Credit and CTE courses. She noted that BHS is well-staffed with teachers credentialed to teach dual credit classes with several more staff members currently obtaining credentials.

-Ms. Todd noted that CTE offerings will be expanded to include some offerings at Belmont Middle School. She praised the Decatur Redevelopment Commission for providing funding for CTE programs that do not currently receive federal funding.

F. Old Business

Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Eric Allmon to approved Policy Updates as presented.

Motion passed 6-1. Ehlerding dissented.

1. Second Reading of Policies: 9130
2. 2510, Eric/ Michelle 7-0
3. 2520 Michelle/Jill 7-0

G. New Business

Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to approve Resolution to move Education Funds to Operations Funds in the amount of \$75,000 on a monthly basis as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Approval of Resolution to move Education Funds to Operations Funds on a monthly basis January 2024 to June 2024

Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Eric Allmon, to approve Resolution to move Education Funds to Curricular Fund equaling State of Indiana 23-24 Curricular Fee Reimbursement Shortfall through October 2, 2023 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Approval of Resolution to move Education Funds to Curricular Fund equaling State of Indiana 23-24 Curricular Fee Reimbursement Shortfall through October 2, 2023

Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Tim Ehlerding, to accept IRS Mileage Rate Change to .67 cents as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Acceptance of IRS Mileage Rate Change (.67 cents)

Motion by Jill Colclasure, seconded by Dave Hill, to approve appointment of Dr. Wylie Sirk to Adams Public Library Board as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Adams Public Library Appointment
-Dr. Wylie Sirk

Motion by Eric Allmon, seconded by Dave Hill, to accept donations as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Approval of Donations
 - a. BHS Band/Tim Ehlerding/\$1500
 - b. BHS Girls Basketball/Berne Ready Mix/\$250

6. Superintendent's Report

-Mrs. Hiatt thanked the board members for their servant leadership to the community and students of North Adams Community Schools.

-Mrs. Hiatt reviewed the events of January 8, 2024 that led to relocation and reunification of North Adams Community Schools student body and staff due to a received explosive threat. She stated that the top priority was to keep students safe and accounted for. Hiatt commended local police and fire departments for their assistance and thanked the relocation site staff members for their graciousness. Hiatt stated that overall, the relocation and reunification went well and that processes were being reviewed to seek opportunities for improvement.

7. Other Matters to come before the Board

H. Board Members and/or Public Comment

- I. **Adjournment:** 7:29 pm

The Board shall cause to be posted at the Corporation's Administrative Building, and in such other places as it may direct, a notice listing the date, time, and place of each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. "The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact Supervisor of Building and Grounds, at the School Corporation's central office."