

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, July 17, 2023

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

Board Members Present: Richard White, Wendy Vincke, Adam Green, Jim Eustace, Joe Henige, Tim Birchmeier and Ashley Krupp

Absent: None

Others Present: Wayne Wright and 15 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:01 p.m. in the high school library. The pledge to the flag said.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Adam Green. Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to accept the minutes from the special board meeting held on June 26, 2023.

Motion carried, 6-0

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Updates

None

Committee Reports

Finance – Jim Eustace reported minutes from July 6th and 10th.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$1,176,514.11; school service, \$117,816.83; for a total of \$1,294,330.94.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,415,770.36; receipts, \$1,087,108.77; expenditures: \$1,294,330.94; for an ending balance of \$1,208,548.19.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to designate Fifth Third Bank, serving the Michigan Liquid Assets Funds accounts, and Huntington National Bank as the depositories for school funds and the officers of the board, superintendent and director of finance be authorized as official signatures of record.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to place Thrun Law Firm on retainer as legal counsel for the school district for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve a levy of 6.3200 mills for the 2006 debt retirement, 0.0000 mills for the technology bond, 1.2370 mills for the sinking fund and 1.000 mills for the 2019 bond, 0.6200 mills for the 2021 bond and 0.5500 for the 2021 refunding bonds as presented for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Rachel Ranger, summer enrichment program teacher effective June 19, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Cheryl Littlejohn, Bus Driver, effective July 13, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to approve the resignation of Angela Barnette, High School Science teacher, effective August 21, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Vickie Vincke as summer school food service worker, effective June 12, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to approve the hire of Stephanie Freed as summer school food service worker, effective June 12, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Green to approve the Ben Butcher, Interim FFA Advisor for the summer of 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Benjamin Butcher, Junior High/High School Science teacher at BA + 18 Step 0, effective August 21, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Green to approve the hire of Sarah Devota, elementary teacher at MA + 0, Step 4 effective August 21, 2023 contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Jessica Kelly, elementary part-time office manager effective July 31, 2023 contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the hire of Kim Ryan, part-time lead Preschool teacher as a contracted employee of PCMI effective August 21, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Kaylee Kozel, DK/Kindergarten certified teacher aide for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 21, 2023.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Green to approve the hire of Jill Severn, Varsity Volleyball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to approve hiring Heather Osborn, J.V. Volleyball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Green to approve hiring Justin Skinner, as Varsity Cross Country coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve hiring Marque Wenzlick, Junior High Cross Country coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve hiring James Perry, 8th grade Girls Basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve Girls Golf as a non-school sponsored club sport for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the seal coating and re-striping bid from Asphalt Management Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$38,462.00 to be paid out of the 2023-2024 general fund, capital projects.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the Nightlock Lockdown quote from Taylor Brothers Door Lock, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$16,815.00 to be paid from the 97 school safety state funding.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Green to approve the lockdown safety shade quote form Taylor Brothers Doors Lock, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$7,094.56 to be paid from the 97 school safety funding.

Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board recommends to (accept or reject) the Committees recommendation to keep the novel "*The Giver*" in the New Lothrop Area Schools Curriculum.

Motion tabled

Discussion

Review New Superintendent's Contract

The Board was given drafts of Superintendent's contract to review.

Closed Session

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to enter closed session for negotiations.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a board workshop on Monday, July 24, 2023 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary