

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, May 15, 2023

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

Board Members Present: Richard White (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Wendy Vincke, Adam Green, Jim Eustace, Joe Henige, Tim Birchmeier and Ashley Krupp

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn, Marty Weese and 8 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wendy Vincke at 6:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag was said.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was read by Adam Green. Motion by Green, supported by Henige to accept the minutes from the special board meeting held on May 15, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

The board received a thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement from the Ken Henige family.

Anthony stated that Jim mentioned at the special meeting before this that in the women's bathroom the automatic flusher is not working and the doors have been unlocked.

Student Section

Klara Mulcahy was the student council representative for tonight's meeting.

Presentations/Updates

Girls/Boys Golf, Bowling, Volleyball – Marty Weese

Mr. Weese stated that he is looking to add Girls/Boys Golf, Bowling and another Volleyball team to this Fall schedule as school sponsored sports. He handed out a projected budget of what it would cost and he is seeking further discussion at an upcoming Finance meeting.

District Service Awards – Anthony Berthiaume

Employees of New Lothrop Area Public Schools were recognized tonight for their years of service. Dr. Berthiaume presented service year awards. All staff members were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the district.

Elementary, Latchkey and Preschool Handbook – Andrew Severn

Andrew Severn presented the elementary, latchkey and preschool handbooks with changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

High School Handbook – Kim Kuchar

Kim Kuchar presented the high school handbook with changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Athletic Handbook – Marty Weese

Marty Weese presented the athletic handbook with changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Committee Reports

Facilities - Adam Green presented the Facilities committee meeting minutes from April 17th and May 4th.

Policy – Wendy Vincke presented the Policy committee meeting minutes from May 9th.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: general fund \$915,483.76; school service \$42,804.46; for a total of \$958,288.22.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance \$1,206,067.74; receipts \$1,135,723.86; expenditures \$958,288.22; for an ending balance of \$1,383,503.38.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

Motion carried 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2023-2024 SRES D budget as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to approve the resolution designating the districts election representatives for the RESD election.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to approve the resignation of Jim Perry, 7th grade girls basketball coach, effective April 19, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the resignation of Fransisco Espinoza, one-on-one aide, effective May 15, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve Anna Chrysler, full-time custodian, effective April 21, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Fred Yaklin, seasonal maintenance position, effective May 16, 2023 contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve Jen Gross, full-time elementary Office Manager, effective July 1, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Henige to approve Drew Severn, Varsity Assistant Track Coach for the 2022-2023 season.

Motion carried 6-1.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krupp, Henige, Green, White, Vincke, Birchmier

Nays: Eustace

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the second reading of the Spring 2023 NEOLA policy (new, revised, replacement) and guidelines as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2023-2024 elementary handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the 2023-2024 Latchkey handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve the 2023-2024 preschool handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2023-2024 high school handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to approve the 2023-2024 athletic code of conduct changes as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Birchmeier to approve the following as elementary summer enrichment program teachers for the summer of 2023: Emily McCollum (1st grade) and a successful background check, Justin Skinner (2nd grade), Rachel Ranger (3rd grade) and a successful background check, Brianna Cervoni (4th grade), Aubrey McClain (5th grade), Jill Severn (Title), Patty Pattee (At-Risk)

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Vincke to approve the following as Jr. High/High school summer school program teachers for the summer of 2023: Kia Robison, Alex Blake, Charles Henige, Courtney Buhler (with a successful background check) contingent upon summer school enrollment numbers.

Motion carried 6-0.

Henige abstained

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the following teachers as i-Ready summer school learning program mentors: Aubrey McClain (K-2) and Melissa Jacobs (3-6).

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve participation in the Tuition enrollment program for the 2023 – 2024 school year for grades 7th – 12th.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the purchase of a Zero Turn Lawn Mower from Gross Mower Sales in an amount not to exceed \$19,239.00 to be purchased from the General Fund.

Motion carried 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Weese reported that Coach Walling, Varsity Bowling Coach was selected by the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association as Division 4 Boys Bowling Coach of the Year for 2023. Varsity Softball won the Alma Softball Tournament recently. Coach Birchmeier would like to say thanks to Denny Ruddy for fixing the roof issue on one of the dugouts. He also commented that the fields look great and wanted to thank Denny for all his hard work this spring to get the fields in shape. The Varsity Wrestling team was awarded Academic All State for 2023 in late April. The recent Junior High Track meet ran smoothly and were very well run, thanks to all the track coaches, athletes and parent volunteers. The High School track team raised \$500,00 to be donated to Coach Krupp from the proceeds of the concession stand and donations that were collected at the home track meet. Ty Kohlmann was selected as Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Month for May and was in the running for Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year. Last Thursday, Ty Kohlmann, Hayden Andres, Nolan Mulcahy and Grayson Orr (all Kiwanis Male Athletes of the Month for MMAC) attended the Kiwanis Athlete of the Year Banquet. They were recognized and honored with a medal and included in the Kiwanis Athlete of the Year Banquet program. Last week, administration took a large group of scholar athletes to lunch to celebrate our senior two-sport athletes maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. New Lothrop will host Softball Regionals on June 6-10. After tonight's meeting we should be all set with a Varsity Track Assistant Coach. Mr. Weese will send his 7th grade girls basketball recommendation to Dr. Berthiaume tomorrow.

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that the third window of i-Ready opens up today. The Special Education/At-Risk and Title team met to discuss current 504, IEP's, At-Risk and Title numbers for next school year. The group looked at what we need to possibly change for next year and look at implementation interventions/support where we need to beef up. The elementary is now complete with the M-Step. Mr. Severn stated that at the June board meeting he will be recommending his limited spacing and capping number for school of choice for the 2023-2024 school year. The elementary is looking to post the PreK Director position as soon as we can. Mrs. Roggow will be stepping down as the director. Mr. Severn would like to add a 5th/6th grade certified math teacher to the master schedule for next year. The elementary is looking at piloting Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) for the 2023-2024 school year. We are meeting with CKLA this week for a question and answer session before sending surveys out this week to see what staff want to pilot. Further discussion will take place with the curriculum/personnel committee meeting. Summer portions are almost finalized for the Summer Enrichment Program at the elementary. Family Literacy night is Wednesday, May 17th. Kindergarten Roundup was a huge success. Track and Field for grades 1-2 will take place on May 31st and grades 3-6 will take place on June 5th. The Preschool celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 24th and the Kindergarten celebration on Tuesday, June 6th.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that Mr. Long took a group of students to construction days. Students were able to experience construction up-close, using real tools, materials and heavy equipment under the direct guidance of construction professionals from all sectors of the industry. NL Showcase was a huge

success on May 4th. We have several students attend the MI Industrial & Technology Education Society (MITES) competition. New Lothrop took 24 top places including 12 top places of 7 first places, 2 - second places and 3 - third places. The high school presented a Mock Drunk Driving stimulation last Friday. This week several 7th grade students attended the Mackinac class trip. Ms. Kuchar stated that the rest of this week will include: senior exams, senior interviews, senior sunrise, graduation rehearsal and finally graduation ceremony on Sunday. On June 8th, the high school will have an awards ceremony for all students at 1:45 p.m. and parents are welcome.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that this is the best time of the year, it's a great time of year to be an educator. It shows all the hard work the kids have put into it. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the community for helping pass the sinking fund on May 2, 2023. The numbers at the Senate are looking positive. This summer we will have negotiations with teachers, support staff, bus drivers. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned all the time recently put into committee meetings, where a lot of work has got done. This district is far ahead because of that.

Closed Session

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to enter closed session for a student discipline hearing.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige supported by Vincke to return to open session.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to table the discipline hearing to the August board meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 19, 2023 in the High School Library at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary