

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education
Monday, February 13, 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: Anthony Berthiaume, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn, Marty Weese and 12 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:01 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 regular board meeting dated January 30, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Jim Eustace had some correspondence that he talked with Dr. Berthiaume about.

Student Section

Klara Mulcahy & Molly Eickholt was the student council representative for this meeting.

Presentations/Updates

Recognize Ed Bennett, Maintenance Director

Dr. Berthiaume recognized Mr. Ed Bennett for his 13 years of service to the district and wished him the best with his upcoming retirement.

iReady/Acadience Benchmark Data and Educational Goals Mid-year Update – Krista Ketterer, Patty Pattee

Mrs. Ketterer and Ms. Pattee presented to the board iReady/Acadience benchmark data and Educational goals as of Mid-year at the elementary.

Committee Reports

New Committee Assignments

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: general fund \$801,945.65; school service \$31,309.13; for a total of \$833,254.78.

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 \$748,194.00; receipts \$931,042.23; expenditures \$833,254.78; for an ending balance of \$845,981.45.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Vincke, supported by Birchmeier to approve the resignation of Justin Price, JV Baseball Coach effective, January 6, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Eustace to approve the resignation of Nate Browning, Junior High Track Assistant Coach, effective February 8, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Leandra Birchmeier, 1-hour elementary recess/lunch aide effective February 15, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the hire of Denny Ruddy, Maintenance Supervisor, effective February 20, 2023 contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Katie Wendling Payroll/Accounting Coordinator, effective February 22, 2023 contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Eustace to approve Alex Blake for the English, History and Science credit recovery teaching position for January – April 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to approve Zack Blanchard for the Math credit recovery teaching position for January – April 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Birchmeier to approve the lease extension of the current 2021- 4 buses at a cost not to exceed \$17,759.00 per bus, per year from Midwest Transit Equipment for three years as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve hiring Tom Birchmeier, Varsity Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 6-0.

Birchmeier abstained

Motion by Krupp, supported by Green to approve hiring Beth Clark, JV Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Tim Krupp, Girls Varsity Track Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 6-0.

Vincke abstained

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve hiring Amari Coleman, Boys Varsity Track Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve hiring Bridget Adkins, Jr. High Track Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve hiring Clint Galvas, 8th grade Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Justin Skinner, 7th grade Baseball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve hiring Jessica Steele, Junior High Softball Coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve the Online, Dual Enrollment, Independent Study and Seat-time waiver roster for second semester as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Weese mentioned that Grayson Orr recently signed to play football at Saginaw Valley State University. Ty Kohlmann reached 1,000 career points in the Varsity basketball game vs. Chesaning. Ty was honored last Thursday at the home varsity game, where he was presented with the game ball from that night. On February 7th the wrestling team hosted their annual Black and White scrimmage fundraiser event. The wrestling team won districts last week and advance to team regionals this Wednesday in New Lothrop. We had 13 wrestlers advance to individual regionals, with 7 district champs: Colton Symons, Grayson Orr, Blake Wendling, Hunter Wolfe, Davin Lockwood, Dalton Birchmeier and Caleb Sharp. Individual regionals are this Saturday in Ithaca. Our bowling team hosted their tournament last weekend at Colonial Lanes. We will be hosting girls basketball district in New Lothrop on February 27th and a week later we will host boys basketball districts. We will be hiring 4 new coaches to fill spring sports, those positions are JV Baseball, Varsity Assistant Track, Junior High Track Assistant and Junior High Softball.

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that Parent Teacher Conferences will take place this Thursday from 4 – 7 p.m. by appointment only. The MTSS team met on January 26th to discuss data sheets. The daddy daughter dance took place last month. It was a great turnout and a big shout out to the PTO for hosting this event. Upcoming events include: book fair, talent show, Hartley for 6th graders, dodgeball.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that she has a master schedule for 2023-2024 drafted. We have a large group of kids that want college prep but this schedule has a push for skill trades. Over 65% of the upcoming Freshman over 65% of them have chosen Ag classes over Biology. Parent teacher conferences are this Thursday, and all are welcome to attend. Snow coming was a huge success a few weeks ago, 188 students attended, and it was a great prom fundraiser. The Drama performance was a successful in January. The Junior High Quiz bowl hosted an event and we received a lot of compliments on how nice the facilities looked. The 8th graders have won the attendance award for this month. FFA regionals will take place this Thursday in Durand. We have 57 kids competing. Ms. Kuchar gave a huge shoutout to Mr. Wyrick, Mr. Henige, Mrs. Andres and Mr. Butcher. Lastly, Ms. Kuchar highlighted the NLHS Alumni spotlight this month is Bryce Lienau who recently graduated from Michigan State University with his degree in soil conversation and he's landing a job at a National Resources plant in Midland.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that he is excited for Denny and Kate to come on board. These are some great new employees for our district. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned the Sinking Fund renewal and he plans to host a couple community meetings to get the word out about the renewal. He also would like to schedule a Facilities committee meeting. The Safe Routes to school application grant is due by late February. The village and district could receive up to \$900,000. We are close to finalizing our 2023-2024 school calendar. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned he's heard of a \$458.00 increase per pupil for next school year, again this proposal has to pass with the house and senate. The district had an increase of 10 students so we are around 887 students district wide.

Closed Session

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to enter closed session for an Attorney Client Communication.

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to return to open session.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to authorize the Superintendent sign the JUUL litigation consent package on behalf of the Board of Education. The proposed settlement for New Lothrop Area Public Schools will be between \$17,000.00 - \$20,000.00. This settlement will dramatically change the way vaping products are marketed and sold, with special emphasis on ending marketing to minors.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 20, 2023 in the high school library at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary