

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education – High School Library

Monday, January 9, 2023

6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 13 visitors.

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

Statutory Topics for Board Consideration/Organization Action

Nomination of Rich White for President by Adam Green.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Rich White as President.

Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination of Wendy Vincke for Vice President by Adam Green.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Krupp to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Wendy Vincke as Vice President.

Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination of Adam Green for Secretary by Joe Henige.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Adam Green as Secretary.

Motion carried 7-0.

Nomination of Jim Eustace for Treasurer by Wendy Vincke.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to close nominations and that a ballot be cast for Jim Eustace as Treasurer.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to appoint Adam Green as liaison from the Board to the MASB.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to appoint Joe Henige as liaison from the Board to the Shiawassee RESD.

Motion carried 7-0.

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 December 12, 2022 as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Wendy Vincke stated that some board members received an email granting permission to use the Hornet logo on shirts from a business in the Clio area.

Student Section

Student council representative for tonight was Klara Mulcahy.

Staff Recognition

School Board Recognition – January is School Board Recognition month. Ms. Kuchar and Mr. Severn presented the Board of Education members a gift from their staff and thanked them for all they do. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the Board for their support and for all the time they volunteer to the district.

Presentations/Updates

Sinking Fund Millage Renewal proposal options – Jeff Soles

Jeff Soles of Thrun Law Firm presented to the Board of Education that the district's current Sinking Fund that was approved in May of 2019 would be falling off in 2023. The district needs to decide if they want to go for a renewal of a 5 or 10 year renewal of the same 1.25 mills, which would be put on the May 2023 ballot.

Committee Reports

None

Board Discussion

New Committee Assignments – President Rich White noted that each member received a list of the current committee assignments, if anyone wishes to be placed on a different committee you are to contact Rich and let him know. At the February board meeting we will have a complete listing of the committee assignments.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$995,393.36; school service \$37,565.05; for a total of \$1,032,958.41.

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, \$885,957.01; receipts, \$895,195.40; expenditures: \$1,032,958.41; for an ending balance of \$748,194.00.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Tim Howard, Assistant Track coach, effective December 7, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to approve the retirement of Kevin Murphy, Athletic Director, effective December 31, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the resignation of Ellen Albert, Payroll Clerk, effective January 13, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to approve the retirement of Ed Bennett, Maintenance Director, effective April 1, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Adam Johnson, Freshman Boys Basketball coach, effective December 15, 2022.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the hire of Marty Weese, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, effective January 30, 2023.

Motion carried 7-0.

District Updates

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn stated that the second window to Acadience/i-Ready is now open. Data is coming in and so far the results have been positive. The elementary is focusing on current 2nd graders. Fourth grade teachers went through EBLI training at the beginning of the school year. Currently they are implementing authentic lessons in their daily delivery. Mr. Severn stated that he is also looking to send 5th and 6th grade teachers to EBLI training. The elementary has four student teachers. Upcoming events include: Daddy/Daughter dance on January 28th, candy bar bingo on February 2nd, Talent show on April 27th. Congratulations to Mrs. Ashley Allen on receiving the VFW “Teacher of the Year”. The MTSS team will meet on January 26th to look at the second window of Acadience/i-Ready results.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that last year at this time we had several students that attended Saturday school and currently at this time our numbers are not that high. Ms. Kuchar discussed PSAT scores and compared where our students ranked as compared to the state and national level. The high school has three student teachers. Mr. Wyrick our VFW teacher of the year will attend a banquet this weekend in St. Louis, MI. The drama performance will take place on January 20th and 21st. Mr. Wyrick shared with Ms. Kuchar that the FFA program has over 60 students signed up for leadership competitions this winter. Currently, 23 junior high students signed up which is the highest number we’ve seen.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that Marty Weese, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director will be starting with the district on January 30, 2023. In the meantime, Kim, Drew, Emily and Anthony are taking on the Athletic Director responsibilities. The high school hosted the Wrestling Hall of Fame tournament over the weekend with 27 schools in attendance. The custodial staff did an excellent job cleaning as well as parents helped out a lot too. The Maintenance supervisor position is posted and we will be conducting interviews the week of January 16th. The payroll clerk position is open in the district as well. Dr. Berthiaume thanked Mark Wakefield for his help over the last several weeks when he helped with Maintenance duties. We will be setting the 2023-2024 school calendar and hopefully it will be approved by March so families can start planning. Master schedules are being worked on and by the end of February we need to know the needs of each building. We are currently looking at grades 5-11 Social Studies curriculum as well as K-6 English Language Arts curriculum. Dr. Berthiaume also thanked Scott Sovis, Technology Director for all the time he put into creating the new website.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 6:57 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a special meeting on Monday, January 30, 2023 in the high school library at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary