

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, October 17, 2022

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

Board Members Present: Rich White, Greg Ruddy, Adam Green, Jessica Unangst, Jim Eustace, Joseph Henige and Wendy Vincke.

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume and 11 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The pledge to the flag was 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 regular board meeting held on September 19, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0

Correspondence

Jim Eustace received a correspondence and sent it on to Anthony.

Greg Ruddy received a correspondence regarding Friday nights football game and how no senior player was allowed to walk with their parent on Senior night. This is not the NL way.

Student Council Representatives

Molly Eickholt was the observer for tonight's meeting.

Presentations/Updates

2021-2022 Audit – Maner Costerisan

Joel Korson, Senior Auditor of Maner Costerisan presented the 2021-2022 audit to the Board. As of June 30, 2022 the district has a fund balance of 12.04%. Overall, the district is in good financial standing.

98c Learning Loss Grant – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Anthony Berthiaume presented to the board the 98c Learning Loss Grant. He noted that the funds are federal in nature and follow the expenditure period of ESSER II through September 30, 2023. There are no subgroups identified with the law. The application will provide a list of drop-downs categorizing areas aligned with learning loss as we have seen in the past applications for ESSER. The five identified drop-down grant use area that are aligned with learning loss include: administering and using highly qualified assessments, implementing evidence-based activities, providing information and assistance to parents and families, tracking student attendance and improving student engagement (for students in remote learning only), monitor student academic progress to identify students who need more help.

Mr. Severn and Ms. Kuchar presented the district's MME scores from the Spring of 2022. English – we are in a good place to be but still room to grow. The high school has got work to do even though we are first in the county. Math - is headed in the right direction. Science – a lot of changes in the science area and we are headed in the right direction as well. Social Studies – we need to align with curriculum and standard. The district is looking for a new textbook.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee – Greg Ruddy presented the minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting.

Personnel/Curriculum – Wendy presented the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$927,514.00; school service, \$41,121.38; for a total of \$968,635.38.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,584,036.07; receipts, \$73,210.36; expenditures, \$968,635.38; for an ending balance of \$688,611.05.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Eustace, supported by Unangst to approve the resignation of Kim Bowns, elementary aide, effective September 16, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Ben Almasy, varsity baseball coach, effective October 13, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Ruddy to approve Kaylee Kozel, elementary latchkey aide position effective August 25, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of DeeDee Brunet, JV girls basketball coach, effective September 20, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Judy Wolfgang, 3.15 hours per day food service worker, effective September 27, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve Sue Bishop, 3.15 hours per day food service worker, effective September 27, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to approve the hire of Jen Gross, 12 hours per week part-time elementary office manager position, effective October 18, 2022.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the hire of Samantha Krupp for the nurse position with a grant from the SRESA, effective November 2, 2022 contingent upon a successful background completion.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the elementary server room air conditioner bid from Richardson Mechanical at a cost not to exceed \$5,965.00 to be paid out of capital projects.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst to approve to bid out the high school balcony turf (16x76) at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 with \$12,000.00 to be paid from capital projects and the remaining from donations.

Motion carried, 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Kevin Murphy

Mr. Murphy highlighted the cross country accomplishments for the 2022 season, nothing official but Greg and Vera will possibly be retiring. New Lothrop will be hosting volleyball districts. Winter schedules are set except for one wrestling dual and the athletic department is working on finishing up the spring schedules.

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that the district is looking for teacher subs and sub aides. The district is partnering with University of Michigan – Flint and Concordia University and this year we have three students placed in our elementary building. The elementary received MTSS data received from the RESD, results show we are ahead and above grade level. Two years ago, the results were different, and we are starting to see movement and gaps being closed. We still have work to do, but this information is used to drive goals for our SIP team. Title and at-risk groups have been developed. Mr. Severn also reported that he is starting to meet with individual teachers this week on their goals.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that Madeline Eustace has been awarded the DAR Good citizen award. This is based on service, leadership and character and the student is nominated by staff. Ms. Kuchar recognized custodians for custodial appreciation month. The PSAT data will be back in December and will be reviewed in January. The end of quarter one is Friday and parent teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, October 27th from 1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Students will be collecting items for veterans and the goal is to have one item donated per student and these will be delivered on Veterans day. The school improvement team met and is working on fundraising goals as a building to cover the cost of DJ for prom, the prom venue, senior sunrise and junior high family fun night/activities.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume recognize Bruce Cook as he has recently passed away and mentioned all that he has done for our students of New Lothrop over the years. FFA nationals will take place next week. Dr. Berthiaume noted that we have reached the 12% mark for our audit. In a couple weeks Mr. Severn, Mrs. Czymbor and Dr. Berthiaume will be attending a training on safe schools. Dr. Berthiaume has also been doing research regarding additional administration support and he also thanked the board for their support.

Closed Session

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to enter closed session for to discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation and goals.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to return to open session.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 8:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary