

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, September 19, 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 19 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 August 15, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0**

## **Correspondence**

Jessica Unangst was contacted asking why the homecoming dance was only two hours long.

Joe Henige received a call on why the national anthem wasn't played at a ball game this fall.

Adam Green received an email with some issues from a parent.

## **Student Council Representatives**

Nolan Mulcahy and Ryan Heslip were observers for tonight's meeting.

## **Presentations/Updates**

*Josten's National Yearbook Program of Excellence award – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar recognized Mrs. Elizabeth Wickherham as she received the Josten's National Yearbook Program of Excellence award.

*Safe Routes to School – Ashley Connelly*

Ashley Connelly and Owen Strenski presented to the board the Safe Routes to School Grant and what this could mean for New Lothrop Area Public Schools. This grant could potentially provide \$440,000.00 to the school district, allowing more routes to school for all and to promote more physical activity. Next steps include building a team, collecting surveys from parents and students, educating the community and to apply for the grant. The deadline to apply is February of 2023. This will be a two to three year process and the district would partner with the New Lothrop Village Council and DDA.

*School Safety – Tom Mynsberg*

Tom Mynsberg of Crisis Management presented to the board his position and gave a brief overview of how he has talked to district staff on how to be prepared if a crisis were to happen in the district.

*CTE project presentation – Greg Henderson*

Greg Henderson, senior, presented to the Board of Education his new plan to build a hornet sculpture. Greg explained that the project he got prior approval on last year, just wasn't going to work and he put together a brand new plan. He explained how he will work diligently to have this project done by May of 2023.

*Hornet 15 leadership team*

Ms. Kviz, Mrs. Adkins and several students that are involved with the Hornet 15 leadership team presented to the Board of Education about Hornet 15 and their mission. The group discussed what types of leadership activities they worked on over the summer and some of their planned activities for the rest of the school year.

### **Committee Reports**

Facilities Committee – Joe Henige presented the minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting.

### **Visitors**

None

### **Financial Reports**

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$847,605.43; school service, \$24,794.51; for a total of \$872,399.94.

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

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,503,544.50; receipts, \$952,891.51; expenditures, \$872,399.94; for an ending balance of \$1,584,036.07.

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

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

### **Action Items**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Adam Johnson, junior high basketball coach, effective September 8, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Chris Crump, bus driver, effective September 9, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Justin Agnew, junior high football coach, effective August 22, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Amanda Chappel, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 29, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve Jim Perry, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach, effective September 1, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Steve Carpenter, bus driver effective September 6, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to approve the hire of Kim Ryan, preschool aide, effective September 6, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Green to approve Tom Kohlmann, junior high boys basketball coach effective September 8, 2022.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Lindsey Peterman, elementary one-on-one aide, effective September 13, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Patricia Pattee, elementary Special Education/At-Risk teacher at MA + 10, Step 9, effective October 3, 2022 contingent upon a successful background check.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the Online, Dual Enrollment and Independent Study Roster for the first semester as presented.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to approve the Edgenuity course list for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Vincke to approve the high school course catalog for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve an additional cost of \$2,586.00 for the purchase of surface laptops from the Microsoft Store to be paid out of the Sinking Fund.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve the Mackinac Island trip for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 15-16, 2023 dependent on any health/safety restrictions.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the Washington D.C. trip for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students on April 23-26, 2023 dependent on any health/safety restrictions.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the additional cost of \$1,825.00 to Water Management (from the August 2021 bid) for the cost of irrigation system to the baseball field, to be paid out of the bond series 1 account.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

### **District Updates**

#### *Athletics – Kevin Murphy*

Mr. Murphy reported that we are close to having a recommendation for JV girls basketball coach. New Lothrop will be hosting volleyball districts. Mr. Murphy thanked Emily and Mark for all their help with busing. JV football will not need a bus on Thursday for their home game so the bus will be taking Cross Country runners to their meet.

#### *Elementary – Andrew Severn*

Mr. Severn reported that elementary students are completing Acadience and i-Ready assessments this week. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the first MTSS meeting at the RESD. On September 6<sup>th</sup> the University of Michigan - Flint teacher cadet partnership started and this year we have two students here in our elementary building. The Special Education team met to review numbers, behaviors and academics. A lockdown drill took place at the elementary last week and PBIS kicked off with an assembly. October 14<sup>th</sup> is the

first Fun Friday event at the elementary. Mr. Severn's goal is to send teachers to Bridges intervention training during the 2022-2023 school year.

*High School – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar reported that the back-to-school open house was fantastic. This year the high school is implementing no backpacks in classrooms. Cell phones are to be kept in cell phone hotel and if a student is caught with their phone, they will face consequences. This year's homecoming week was one of the best weeks we've had for homecoming. A parent meeting took place last week for those parents interested in hearing about Hornet 15. This year 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are on campus for art class. High school FFA took part in Project Red with area 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Robotics team has several students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> that have joined for this school year. Lastly, the high school is gearing up for October is college month.

*District – Anthony Berthiaume*

Dr. Berthiaume stated that he is gathering more details on the one-year funding through the county for a school nurse. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned the tuition program for students not in district and wants to have this ready for approval in December, to implement for the 2023-2024 school year. This will be presented to the policy committee in January to discuss. Dr. Berthiaume is working with the board on his goals tonight and it was stated that grandparents luncheon will happen this November.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to enter closed session for Superintendent's evaluation.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

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

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Adjournment at 10:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Adam Green, Board Secretary