

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, August 15, 2022

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

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

Absent: Greg Ruddy

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 Unangst to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on July 18, 2022.

Motion carried, 6-0

Correspondence

Wendy Vincke received several emails from parents regarding the attendance policy.

Presentations/Updates

Back to School Update – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume stated that we will have enough drivers to start the school year out with both buildings on one start time. Currently, we have six drivers with a potential of another driver being trained. The latest and greatest with Covid states that someone who tests positive will be out for five days and it is recommended that they wear a mask on days 6-10. No contract tracing and no dashboard will need to be completed at this time.

Committee Reports

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$944,217.24; school service, \$17,344.82; for a total of \$961,562.06.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,260,102.45; receipts, \$1,205,004.11; expenditures, \$961,562.06; for an ending balance of \$1,503,544.50.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Steve Gauger, junior high football coach, effective August 1, 2022.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve Kaylee Kozel, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Unangst to approve Amy Morgan, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Green to approve Shelly Indlekofer, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Unangst to approve Fransico Espinoza, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Sean McClain, elementary one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2022 to be reimbursed by the SRES D contingent upon successful background check.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Steve Gauger, JV football coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2022-2023 season, effective August 8, 2022.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Leandra Birchmeier, as elementary recess/lunch aide, effective August 25, 2022.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Mike Matsumiya, full time bus driver effective August 25, 2022 contingent upon successful background check.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to approve a levy of 18 mills of non-homestead properties for the general fund for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to approve the student body and staff free passage at home games with student or staff ID.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Kevin Murphy

Mr. Murphy reported that Justin Agnew will be coaching 8th grade football this fall. Mr. Perry has offered to coach both 7th and 8th grade girls basketball. This Thursday athletics will host a coaches meeting for all fall coaches. Mr. Murphy thanked the board for approving the free student/staff passes at home athletic events.

Elementary – Andrew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that the elementary has several new faces this year. DeeDee Brunet 5th/6th grade reading teacher; one-on-one aides: Fransisco Espinoza, Shelly Indlekofer, Sean McClain and Amy Morgan; and Misty Thiel as part-time lead preschool teacher. The elementary still has a couple positions open and hopefully we will have a recommendation at the September meeting. The elementary will again be partnering with the Teacher Cadet program with U of M Flint and thus far we have two student

teachers coming to our building. The i-Ready summer learning blitz finished up on Friday, August 5th. We had several students take part in the program this summer. The attendance at the elementary summer enrichment program has been outstanding. Approximately 54 students have maintained a good attendance in the program. The new preschool room is scheduled to be completed by the time preschool begins on Tuesday, September 6th. The elementary will be having a PBIS kickoff assembly the first day back to school to discuss school expectations with the students.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that the graduation rate for 2021-2022 was 100%. Summer school participation for junior high was 100% and 76% for high school. With the high school group 23 semester classes were recovered for a total of 11.5 credits. Ms. Kuchar presented Hornet 15 which is a student-led Social Emotional Learning program. Data was presented on attendance, academics and discipline referrals. The student leadership for Hornet 15 is happening this week and in September the group will present to the Board of Education. The new student and 7th grade orientation will take place this Wednesday. Ms. Kuchar mentioned that she is excited to welcome Mr. Zack Blanchard as the new math teacher and Mr. Ben Burtch as the new student teacher for Agriscience working with Mr. Wyrick.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume stated that he is excited for the new school year and for the students to come back. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned class sizes and we have maintained and grew our programs. We want to give our students opportunities. We will be meeting with new teachers during an orientation, talking to them on what to expect. Administration will be meeting with the local fire department and village police this week to discuss safety protocols and to make sure we are all on the same page. Tom Mynsberge will be meeting with staff on August 22, 2022 to discuss student safety and to make sure all staff is educated. Dr. Berthiaume stated that we had a positive negotiations with teachers this summer and all staff is ready for students to come back.

Closed Session

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to enter closed session for negotiations and for the review of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Action Item

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the tentative agreement between the New Lothrop Board of Education and the MEA Teachers Association for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the Schedule B Appointments for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary