



Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2026
9:00 AM

Attendance:

Melissa Vasich, Kristen Turner, Neva Grey, Jena McKinnon, Sam Szopinski, Ashley Cook, Urmi Picone, Marcie Dillon, Haley Lottig, Amy Schade, Tracy Cowart, Marc Willensky, Jolene Fiscella, Milanka Van Osdel, Toy Ndhien

NCHS Social Workers

A group of NCHS Social Workers came to thank Home & School and the parent community for support of Holiday Giving. In the past, they relied on the school district for the program. Families provided a surplus of cards and impacted 111 families. Families were grateful for continued support that they relied on. They reached out to past recipients. Some no longer need support, and some donate instead. Thank you to the community's generosity.

Marc Willensky, School Board

- Deficit of \$12.5 million for next year. Working toward bringing the deficit down but not impact student success.
- Summer School was proposed to be at 20% higher cost. Board asked district to come back with revised proposal. Some classes will not be offered. One elementary school rather than 2. Details available in March.

Sam Szopinski, Activities

- Just completed 8th grade visits. Biggest turnout in 4 years for 8th grade information. Boosters had great sales.
- Hawks Week instead of Winter Week. Promo video went out. Sock tag (dodgeball with socks) for the kids at night. All school rock, paper, scissors. Week ends with Hall of Fame induction.
- Thanks for the staff grab and go after the winter break.

Marcie Dillon, Treasurer

- Zelle donations are hard to reconcile if they are for breakfast or gift cards. Set a date to determine which they were supporting. \$250 for breakfast and \$4550 for gift cards via Zelle plus people dropped off cards.
- Motion to approve November and December financials was made by Neva and seconded by Haley. A vote was taken and the financials were approved.
- Bank balance: \$17, 248.95

Amy Schade, Secretary

- Urmi made a motion to approve the November minutes. Haley made a second. A vote was taken and the November minutes were approved.

Neva Grey, Staff Appreciation

- January 5 Grab and Go. Fewer donations with the timing and the gift cards for holiday giving.
- March 5 will be next appreciation day.
- Neva will stay on as staff appreciation but cannot be the on-site contact. Looking for someone who be on site those days. Next year will also be Carmen's last year.
- Can ask the students to come earlier to help with prep. They come now to greet the teachers.

Gigi Roth, Senior Party

- Volunteers are coming together 34 more spots. All shifts are full except the last shift, which is fun to see the prize draws.
- 399 registrations. Hoping for 450 (75% of class)
- Good financial position. Any money above costs goes to prizes. Goal is for everyone to go home with a prize.
- Balance is \$31,817.93
- Currently working on dealing with fraudulent charges. 2 of 3 have been refunded.
- Registration is open until the day of the party, but the 13th is the cut off to get pictures of the kids.
- They will follow up with parents who haven't volunteered, but kids are signed up, and kids who haven't signed up, but parents have volunteered.

Haley Lottig, Parent Coffee

- Quick discussion of topics/questions around the table: Innovative School Day discussion has been closed. Scheduling questions can go to the counselors. Yearbook question - can order through the 22nd - Sam will send a Remind. She has extras from last year that were not picked up for \$50 at Student Activities. Can check if purchased through Student Quick Pay.
- *See notes from Jackie Thornton below for more on Parent Coffee.*

Kristen Turner, Nominations

- Will be kicking off recruitment for next year. A Google form will be sent to all to see if returning or if have any nominations or interest in exec board.
- Thanks to all for service.

Jolene Fiscella, Volunteers

- Good to have lead time to prep someone for volunteer position
- Young Hearts for Life chair annually so there's continuity - part of the initial conversations about date/planning which happens during off year. Could also help with other volunteer needs in the off years.
- August 4 and 5 for registration next year and day before the first day of school for makeup. First day is August 13.

- Cap and Gown distribution - Jolene gets volunteer names for Sam. Sam communicates details. Can't set Yearbook dates until the books are received. Sam will ask via Remind.
- Sign Up Genius will renew January 31. Gold level with 10 admin accounts currently for \$269.89. Can drop to 1 admin at \$107.89. Stay with Gold for next year. Jolene will renew and submit expense. Needs to be renewed annually.

Jackie Thornton, Principal

- Idea for Parent Coffee on February 24. AI - as a resource, uses, District resources and why to use. Interest in topic: students appreciate when teachers model use, provide clear and consistent guidelines, transparency from teachers about own use of AI, student choice in using it. Staff learning about AI on Institute Days: Magic School, Gemini and Notebook LM. All are protected within school ecosystem.
- February 11 - District presentation

Meeting Adjourned

Urmi made a motion to adjourn and Jena seconded. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Upcoming NCHS H&S meeting dates: (all meetings are on Fridays and start at 9:00 am)

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8