

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, October 21, 2024

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

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

Absent: Adam Green

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 32 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 6:01 p.m. in the high school library. The pledge to the flag said.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Joe Henige. Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 16, 2024.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

Student Council Representatives – Lydia Keeler was the Student Council Representative.

Presentations/Updates

Kindness Squad (Elementary) – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized Elanor Vincke (3rd grade) and Tyler Gross (4th grade) and the acts of kindness they displayed this past month.

October - Hornet of the Month students (High School) – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn recognized Ellie Beardslee, Emma Hitts, Ehtan Weisener who were in attendance this evening as the High School Hornet students of the month.

Principals Month – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright recognized and congratulated the principal for their leadership.

Mr. Wright stated that the Board Election is coming up, we have three open seats that are four-year terms. There are seven individuals that are running in the election.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Tim Birchmeier reported minutes from October 3rd

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$967,929.47; school service, \$57,540.67; for a total of \$1,025,470.14.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$2,473,780.90; receipts, \$63,720.56; expenditures: \$1,025,470.14; for an ending balance of \$1,512,031.32.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the hire of Kourtney Bishop, elementary playground aide position effective September 19, 2024.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve Justin Agnew, Junior High Basketball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI, for the 2024-2025 season.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to approve Jeff Campbell, Junior High Wrestling coach, for the 2024-2025 season.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the transfer of Gail Sigmund to the 6.5 hour Food Service position, effective October 14, 2024.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to approve the Winter Schedule C appointments for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the Baseball/Softball overflow parking lot bid from Gross Construction, Inc. in an amount of \$ 56,150.00 to be paid from capital projects.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the donation of the granite bench from the Greg Bullard family to be placed by the football field.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Krupp to approve the donation of the flag pole from VFW Post 6559 to be placed by the baseball field.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Krupp to approve the potential athletic team overnight trips during the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Weese stated that the Cross Country regular season recently ended, Girls' Golf ended on October 7th, Volleyball ends next week and Football's last regular season game is this Friday. Volleyball Districts will take place in Vassar and New Lothrop will be hosting Regionals for Volleyball. Cross Country Regionals will take place this Friday. We have no open coaching positions at this time.

Elementary – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar stated that she met with the PTO in August to propose purchasing a book vending machine (\$7,000.00 cost estimate) and we are hoping to have for March is reading month.

High School – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reports that SWINMS intervention gave a quick review of EWIMS (JH/HS approach to MTSS) the group looked at the seven indicators. Our target is 60, for each indicator area. Action plan is to put together to improve areas that we are trying to close the gaps with skill sets. The Lego league received funds donated by 3M to purchase supplies for Lego League (\$635.00). Parent Teacher Conferences are this Thursday, October 24th. College and Career Fair will take place on Thursday, October 24th which is done by Mrs. Andres and AP class.

District – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright stated the FFA barn construction is expected to begin this fall and a reminder to all to vote on November 5th.

Closed Session

Motion by Vincke, supported by Birchmeier to approve the Board enters Closed Session, Section 8 (1) (e) of the Open Meetings Act, for pending litigation Case #AAA01-24-0006-1692 and in connection with Section 13 (1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, to consider attorney-client privileged correspondence.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to adjourn.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment at 7:23 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, November 18, 2024 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary