

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, November 18, 2024

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

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

Absent: Ashley Krupp

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 22 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 Adam Green. Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 21, 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 Hunter Birchmeier (4th grade) for his acts of kindness he displayed this past month.

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

Mr. Severn recognized Luke Baker, Lydia Keeler, Carmen Wendling, Madison Schneider and Kaven Unangst who were in attendance this evening as the High School Hornet students of the month.

2023-2024 Audit – Maner Costerisan, Joel Korson

Joel Korson, Senior Auditor of Maner Costerisan presented the 2023-2024 audit to the Board. As of June 30, 2024 the district has a fund balance of 22.83%. Overall, the district is in good financial standing. Joel thanked Sheila Mulcahy for all the time and effort she put into the audit and she was prepared as ever.

Neola First Reading – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright presented the First Reading of the Fall 2024 Neola policies in detail.

Committee Reports

Policy – Joe Henige reported minutes from November 13th

Visitors

Jessica Unangst addressed the board stating it's nice to see everyone. First off, the fog was horrendous this morning. Want to say kudos to Chesaning for delaying. Just something to keep in mind in the future. Secondly, I'm not sure about the change in policy with athletics and food on the buses. She stated she was the Football mom that organized the food for all away events. She worked with Mr. Weese and the

schools that they had away games at to make sure the boys had a space and/or room so they could eat after the game before getting on the bus. We traveled a great distance to some places and will again for basketball. I would love to see us ease into allowing food for Varsity sports. Also, heard from Volleyball the same thing. Just my concerns, if you could please look into.

Mr. Bullard thanked the Board for letting us put the bench in memory of his son Greg Bullard out by the football field. Greg was handicapped and watched every sport he could for over 30 years. One of New Lothrop's biggest fans.

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$950,007.86; school service, \$66,312.69; for a total of \$1,016,320.55.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,512,031.32; receipts, \$957,954.21; expenditures: \$1,016,320.55; for an ending balance of \$1,453,664.98.

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 1st reading of the Neola Fall 2024 policies: 3120.08, 5330.02, 5340, 5500, 7440.03, 7540.09, 8321, 1130, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Severn reported for Mr. Weese this month. Volleyball All-Conference awards: Remington Knieper – 2nd team, Cassie Green – Honorable Mention, Maddy Wendling – Honorable Mention. Golf – Ella Mulcahy, 2nd team All Conference. Football: Ethan Wesener – 1st team, Kaven Unangst – 1st team, Dalton Birchmeier – 2nd team, Hayden Hopkins – 2nd team, Michael Schlachter – Honorable Mention, Stone Elkins – Honorable Mention, Collins Williams – Honorable Mention, Blake Bowns – Honorable Mention, Justin Neubecker – Honorable Mention.

New Lothrop hosted Division 3, Volleyball Regionals last week. On January 5th and 6th New Lothrop will be hosting the Wrestling Hall of Fame, we are expecting over 20 schools to attend. New Lothrop will also be hosting Wrestling Individual District on February 8th and Boys Basketball Districts on February 24 – 28. We have no open coaching positions at this time.

Elementary – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar stated that Parent Teacher conferences took place on October 24th. The elementary had 96% attendance rate. The elementary school also celebrated Kindness week where students wrote notes to all staff thanking them for what they do. Ms. Kuchar gave a shout out to several local food banks for giving out food kits to several families and Farm Bureau for providing thanksgiving dinner to ten families.

High School – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that the Annual Grandparents luncheon is next week. Parent Teacher conferences took place on October 24th. We had 19% attendance rate. We are looking to do scheduled appointments for Spring conferences. Fall cleanup in town is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd for 9th – 12th graders. We have approximately 18 years scheduled right now, this is a great way to give back to our community. The Giving tree begins on Tuesday, November 19th where students and staff are able to pull a tag off the tree and purchase item(s) for students in need in our community. Students made cards for

Veterans during H15 last week. Cards will be dropped off at the Veterans hospital in Saginaw. Mr. Severn also distributed Delta Math Assessment results to all the Board to review.

District – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright stated the state building review plan is complete for the FFA barn construction so Gross Construction can continue to move forward for permits. Gross Construction is planning to start working on this within the next three weeks. The site work will take place for the barn and parking lot area at the same time. Mr. Wright also noted that he went out to see the flag pole which is 6 foot to the east of the old flag pole and a solar light is attached to the top. Also, the Greg Bullard bench is placed at a great location by the football field. The weather was very difficult this morning. Mr. Wright stated that he tried to cancel by 5:30 a.m. but safety is most important. Mr. Wright wanted to Congratulate the newly elected board members who will take office in January: Adam Green, Jen Otter and Joe Toma. The district is working on the 2025-2026 school year calendar, we have put together a draft and will have to the board for approval hopefully by early December.

Closed Session

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke 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 Eustace to adjourn.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment at 7:38 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