

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, December 16, 2024

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

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 27 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 Green, supported by Henige to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 18, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

The board received a thank you from Kenna Bemis for the flowers in remembrance of her father.

Student Section

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

Presentations/Updates

Kindness Squad (Elementary) – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized Harper O'Reilly, Bradley Wenzlick and Malia Unangst for their acts of kindness they displayed this past month.

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

Mr. Severn recognized Gavin Gauger, Julia Dumond, Riley Neubecker, Makenna Gemalsky, Timothy Schmier and Dalton Birchmeier who are the December Hornet students of the month.

Recognize Board of Education Members – Wayne Wright

Wayne Wright recognized the Board of Education Members - Joseph Henige (served 7 years) and James Eustace (served 8 years). Mr. Wright thanked them for their years of service to the Board of Education.

Neola Second Reading – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright asked if any members had any revisions, additions or deletions to the Second Reading of the Fall 2024 Neola policies. Hearing none we will proceed with voting on this action item later on the meeting agenda.

Committee Reports

None

Visitors

Richard Davidson addressed the board stating that he wishes there was a way to retain an incident report that was submitted to the Principals office. He understands FERPA, but how do we go about it to disclose the other child. If a minor and any child is in an incident report, you can't receive a copy because of the other child involved. Therefore, we are never able to receive it. I just want a documents saying that I reported on my child because of her safety. Mr. Davidson stated that his child is in the ocean with sharks and trying to get to shore.

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$923,643.74; school service, \$61,686.12; for a total of \$985,329.86.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,453,664.98; receipts, \$1,203,076.64; expenditures: \$985,329.86; for an ending balance of \$1,671,411.79.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2nd 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, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Krupp to set a date for a Board workshop to plan for the Superintendent Search process and to perform the Superintendent mid-year evaluation. This workshop will take place on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Motion carried, 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Severn reported for Mr. Weese this month. Congratulations to our Varsity Football team for being selected as a Division 7 Academic All-State team and to Kaven Unangst and Dalton Birchmeier for being selected as Academic All State for Division 7. Ethan Wesener received All-Region. Wrestlers recently completed at the Swan Valley Tournament and the following athletes received Most Valuable wrestler for the day Hunter Wolfe (lower weight class) Dalton Birchmeier (upper weight class). Upcoming events: Wrestling will be hosting the Hall of Fame Wrestling Tournament on January 10 & 11 – JV on Friday and Varsity on Saturday. New Lothrop will also be hosting MHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament on February 8th. As well as Boys Basketball Districts on February 24, 26, 28.

Elementary – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar stated that the elementary finished up the sock drive and will be sending six boxes of socks and Christmas cards to the local vets. Grandparents lunch was a huge success and we fed over 595 people and over 1,000 people were in attendance. Ms. Kuchar gave a big shout out to Val and her team, Denny, Mark, Drew and his team of students and Jen Gross who does all the organizing for this lovely event. The Granting Christmas wishes trip took place last week and \$12,390.00 was raised and serviced over 22 families. Shout out to the 6th graders who did a great job shopping also thanks to the parents who helped. Ms. Kuchar completed her 6-7 probationary teachers formal observations. The band concert had a great turnout last Friday. The elementary musical will take place this Wednesday for DK-4th grade and holiday spirit week is underway at the elementary this week. Ms. Kuchar stated the elementary will be welcoming two new students after the holiday break. Ms. Kuchar highlighted New Lothrop High School Alumni – Klara Mulcahy who is a 2024 graduate and is working as a sub 1-1 aide since she is on college break. She is in her first year at SVSU. Maddie Eustace is a 2023 graduate who is also the Shiawassee County Fair Queen and she is visiting the elementary this week to talk to students about exhibiting and getting involved at the local fair. Both these girls are studying to be elementary teachers and both went through the teacher cadet program here at NLHS. Mr. Kuchar wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

High School – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn stated that the second window for Delta Math/i-Ready will open after break. He is excited to see where we have grown this school year and focus on the area to continue to grow. Mr. Severn hopes to have all probationary/initial observations completed after we come back from the break. The

High School shopped for nine families from the Giving Tree. Thanks to all who picked up a tag from the tree and supported those families. On December 13th Mrs. Andres hosted the annual MMAC Student Council meeting at NLHS. Student Council members from all MMAC schools were represented and discussed various topics. A special thanks to Mrs. Andres and the students for bringing those student groups together. On December 6th Student Council and NLHS office assistants helped support the Holly Jolly Eve event by decorating and setting up with the Village. The Band concert was held on Friday, December 13th. Thank you to all of the community members/families that attended to support our band members and to Mr. Clark on his first NLAPS band concert. Mr. Severn took a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

District – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright stated that in June 2026 the Filter First cleaning act will take place, and Mr. Ruddy has someone in the district looking at our fountains. The district will plan together to certify that all fountains get done. Ground was broke for the baseball/softball parking lots and the FFA barn. Dirt was removed for the parking lot area and dirt was cleared. By tomorrow they should be done with the site work. Next comes the poles, which should be done in January. This is the last week prior to the holiday break and our next meeting is January 6th. Mr. Wright wanted to wish everyone a Happy Holidays. The District Christmas luncheon will take place this Friday, December 20th from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. and we would love to see you there.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 6:37 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary