

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education – High School Library  
Regular Meeting/Board Organization  
Monday, February 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Wendy Vincke, Adam Green, Ashley Krupp, Tim Birchmeier, Jenn Otter, Joseph Toma.

Absent: Richard White

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 45 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Vincke at 6:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag was said.

## **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was read by Ashley Krupp. Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to accept the minutes from the board workshop dated January 13, 2025 as presented.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

## **Correspondence**

All board members received an e-mail from Jerry Birchmeier questioning the board whether the superintendent interviews would be able to be recorded and made available for the community once all interviews were completed. Jerry also questioned whether the board could create their own Facebook page or utilize the school's Facebook page to post school board meetings that get placed on the calendar.

## **Student Section**

Student council representative for tonight was Lydia Keeler.

## **Presentations/Updates**

*Spotlight Students of the Month - Participation (Elementary) – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar recognized Axel Birchmeier, Natalie Boggs, Reed Campbell, Vivien Chapman, Craig Costie, Joellena Cox, Owen DeLong, Josie Emmendorfer, Brynnleigh Gasper, Giada Genovese, Brantley Griffin, Cole Gross, Danica Hansen, Kaden Henige, Hayden Henige, Charlee Hosner, Zy'oni Jackson, Evelyn Judd, Nolan Krupp, Maci Long, Brandt Norling, Aubrey O'Dell, Rylan Otter, Kaleb Otter, Kyler Perry, Abigail Poe, Gianna Sharpe, Bentley Taylor, Addison Wenzlick and Trent Yenglin for their acts of participation they displayed this past month.

*February – Hornet of the Month students (High School) – Drew Severn*

Mr. Severn recognized those students in attendance tonight Alec Wendling - 7<sup>th</sup> and Jakob Corrin - 12<sup>th</sup> grade as the February Hornet students of the month.

Not in attendance, but recognized were Ben Birkmeier - 8<sup>th</sup>, Rory Matthews - 9<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Thomas - 10<sup>th</sup> and Tony Ingersoll - 11<sup>th</sup>

*Budget Revision- Wayne Wright*

Mr. Wright presented power point on New Lothrop Area Public Schools 2024-25 Budget Amendment #1

### **Committee Reports**

Finance- Tim Birchmeier reported minutes from February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Facilities- Tim Birchmeier reported minutes from February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

New Committee Assignments- Wendy Vincke reported board members new committee assignments.

### **Visitors**

None

### **Financial Reports**

Adam Green read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$1,147,518.10; school service \$53,180.66; for a total of \$1,200,698.76.

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

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,845,703.09; receipts, \$1,235,784.77; expenditures: \$1,200,698.76; for an ending balance of \$1,880,789.10.

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

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

### **Action Items**

Motion by Green, supported by Toma to approve the February 2025 budget revision as presented.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to approve the retirement of Deborah Lacy, food service worker, effective February 28, 2025.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Toma to approve the resignation of Susan Bishop from her part-time custodial position, effective June 6, 2025.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Toma, supported by Krupp to approve the hire of Steve Gauger, certified one-on-one aide, effective January 7, 2025, to be reimbursed by the SRES D/State Aide (Special Education).

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Steven Filary, full-time custodian, effective January 13, 2025.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the Online, Dual Enrollment and SRES D CTE rosters for the second semester as presented.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Toma to approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar as presented.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the Spring Schedule C appointments for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the Football stadium sound system bid from Advanced Lighting & Sound in an amount not to exceed \$16,257.00 to be paid from donations.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Toma, supported by Birchmeier to approve the wet pipe suppression repair bid from Winninger Fire Protection, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,010.00 to be paid from capital projects.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to approve the FFA State Convention overnight trip to Michigan State University - Lansing, March 5-7, 2025.

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

### **District Updates**

#### *Elementary – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar reported the iReady Reading Data for 2024-2025 for each grade comparing the percentage of students who are reading at grade level or above from the Fall Semester to the Winter Semester. All grades increased the percentage of students at/above grade level. Acadience testing from Fall to Winter- 6/7 grade levels increased the number of students at/above grade level. Ms. Kuchar educated the board on DRI (Daily reading intervention). Our 3 instructional aides pull very small groups of students for 20 minutes daily for intensive reading intervention. An update was given on the Book Vending Machine, which is being donated by the NLES PTO and Local Businesses is going to be located outside the elementary library door and should be placed in approximately 2-3 weeks. The design for the vending machine was created by Kelsey Kohlmann Class of 2026. The kindergarten classes - CKLA unit - was farming (animals, crops, harvesting and farm to table) - culminating activity brought a farm to campus, special thanks to Bruce/Stephanie Wenzlick of Wenzlick Farms, Carter Birchmeier and Brayden Cesal who brought baby pigs, cows, rabbits, goats and chickens for the classes to enjoy. The kindergarten class also celebrated 100 days/challenge to collect 100 personal care items - over 750 personal care items were collected. The students went to the local Methodist Church and helped sort the items and learned where the items were stored. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual preschool art show is Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event is open to the community, families, and stakeholders. It will showcase artwork from all preschool classrooms and provide an opportunity to learn about the curriculum, assessment tool, and literacy initiatives. Information about preschool registration will also be available. Christy Pratt, PreK Director, invites everyone to attend. We are also preparing for Family Literacy Night on February 26<sup>th</sup> which coincides with the Book Fair. Parent teacher conferences are on Thursday and Professional Development is on Friday.

#### *High School – Drew Severn*

Mr. Severn reported that parent teacher conferences are Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. I-READY/EWIMS/SAEBRS Data- the second window is in, data review day is February 11<sup>th</sup>, will update board in March. The high school is preparing for the upcoming PSAT/SAT state assessment, testing will begin April 9<sup>th</sup>. The snow-coming dance was a big success, thank you to the student council, Mrs. Andres, and Mr. Clark for your help. Upcoming events include the Drama performance on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m., NHS Blood Drive March 5<sup>th</sup>, FFA regionals Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, FFA state convention March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, FFA Labor Auction March 12<sup>th</sup>, Mock Rock (celebrating 40 years) March 21<sup>st</sup> and NHS Induction March 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Athletics – Marty Weese*

Mr. Severn reported the Athletics report. Congratulations to Ashlyn Orr for being selected as an MHSAA Class C finalist (Top 12 in Class C girls). Congratulations to Stone Elkins for being the January Tri-County Athlete of the month. Congratulations to Kaven Unangst, the MMAC's conference representative for Kiwanis Athlete of the Month for November, recognized in January. Varsity wrestling competed in Wrestling Individual Districts hosted at home on Saturday, we are sending 8 wrestlers to individual regionals at St. Louis. District champions: Dalton Birchmeier and Blake Wendling, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tony

Ingersoll, Cameron Naessens, Hunter Wolfe, and Kyler Campbell, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Micah Kisser and 4<sup>th</sup> place Knox Severn. Upcoming events include Boys basketball districts at New Lothrop on February 24, 26 & 28<sup>th</sup> times TBD, Girl's basketball districts at Laingsburg March 3, 5, and 7<sup>th</sup> times TBD. Individual Wrestling Regionals at St. Louis High School on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Team Bowling regionals at B's Bowling Center in Flint on February 21<sup>st</sup> and individual regionals at B's Bowling Center on February 22. There is currently no open coaching positions.

*District – Wayne Wright*

Mr. Wright stated we have some bad weather scheduled for the end of the week, will see how it affects the operations this week. There is a professional development day for Friday, with no school for students. The building materials for the FFA barn were delivered last week. He expects them to start construction soon.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the board enter 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 Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to adjourn.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Adjournment at 7:16 p.m.

The next meeting/workshop will be held on February 12, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

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Ashley Krupp, Board Secretary