

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education
Monday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

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

Absent: Dr. Heather Luznak

Others Present: Kim Kuchar and 100 visitors

The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The pledge to the flag was said.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting dated April 15, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Action Item

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green that the Board of Education hereby votes to approve the Allen Law Group as the third-part fact-finding investigator to handle an employee matter. The Board also agrees to approve the terms identified in the Allen Law Group engagement agreement and authorizes Board President Richard White to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion carried, 7-0

Visitors

Cindy Gillie – I just have a question on the Allen Law Group we are hiring, are they out of Grand Rapids. When the report is finished will it be made public?

Rich White – at some point it will

Courtney Kimball-Corbin – I have a couple concerns. Why did you bring us together tonight? Why a third-party investigator?

Rich White – a complaint has been made against me by an administrator. It was too late to add to Monday's agenda as we got the request late that day.

Nicole Eagen – so not technically an investigator on my concern.

Ashley Krupp – we are investigating both

Courtney Kimball-Corbin – is there a policy on attendance, how many meetings can you miss.

Cindy Gille – stood up again to talk. Vice President Vincke stated that the board needs stick to our rules, you can speak one time.

Jenny Keeler – my heart goes out to you our Board of Education members. Thank you for being here away from your families and having the district’s best interest. It’s disheartening on some of these people actions and on how they are treating you. I attended all the meeting and interviews for the Superintendent search. You hired a 3rd party to help you with that search. It was a tough choice; I too felt the one you selected was the most qualified candidate. New information has come up. I am trusting you in what you are doing. Transparency is a word used often in our district and know you will be transparent with the community as much as you can within the law. I hope our community can be patient with this. Again, thank you for volunteering your time. God Bless you all.

Barb Orr – performance review, does our Superintendent have one scheduled.

Rich White – yes all district employes do. The Superintendent also has a mid-year review. That is scheduled to start in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vincke, supported by Henige to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 6:13 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be May 20, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm in the High School Library.

Adam Green, Board Secretary
New Lothrop Board of Education