

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education – High School Library

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 19th, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: none.

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 95 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 Krupp, supported by Green to accept the minutes from the special meeting held on May 19th as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

None.

Student Section

Student council representative for tonight was Lydia Keeler.

Presentations/Updates

Spotlight Students of the Month -Determination (April) (Elementary) – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized Emma Baldwin, Carson Birchmeier, Brianna Birchmeier, Emma Bishop, Estella Burks, Anna Cooper, Francisco Espinoza, Charlie Goss, Brooke Harris, Buck Hemenway, Brooklyn Henige, Seth Hiltts, Callie Hollerback, Lillian Holley, Beverly Kneale, Bryce Knieper, Elin Kondel, Martin Kurney, Quinn Lisznia, Brinley Long, Quinn Meadors, Brooks Molaski, Theodore Morrison, Benjamin Murlick, Lincoln Nelson, Jack Reinhardt, Noxlyn Taylor, Julianna Toma, Harper Ustishen, and Ryder Walker for their acts of determination they displayed this past month.

Spotlight Students of the Month -Excellence (May) (Elementary) – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized Bron Birchmeier, Leah Birchmeier, Lexa Birchmeier, Anna Blaine, Caleb Carson, Sam Cramer, Natalie Ebenhoeh, Leo Harris, Ben Heslip, Henry Hosner, Colton Hunt, Kate Jenrow, Allyson Keeler, Owen Krupp, Christine Lorenz, Peter Martin, Lucas McBride, Gannon Mills, Otto Parker, Emily Peterson, Ella Plumb, Victoria Roberts, Aden Salavics, Oliver Summers, Dawson Tithof, Emerson Vincke, Alex Wenzlick, Hailey Willson and Annabelle Wilson for their acts of excellence they displayed this past month.

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

Mr. Severn recognized those students in attendance tonight Lily Wendling- 7th grade, Eli O'Dell- 8th grade, Knox Severn- 9th grade, Joe Jacobs- 10th grade, Meredith Knieper- 11th grade and Reyna Saldana- 12th grade.

MITES (Mich. Industrial & Technology Education Society) State Competition- John Long

May 2025 students competed in a classroom project competition, each project was judged by a panel for quality and the top 6 projects were chosen to be entered into the annual MITES competition. The results for the MITES region 8 project competition with 68 projects being entered: 25-1st place, 8-2nd place, 6-3rd place, 4-4th place, 2-5th place, 2-6th place, 4- best of division awards, best of show, and 46 of the projects moved onto states. The state competition results: 9-1st place, 4-2nd place, 7-3rd place, 4-4th place, 2-5th place, 4-6th place, 1-7th place, 3-8th place, 2-9th place, 1-10th place, 9-honorable mentions, 3 division grand awards: Wm-b, Op-b and El-a, 2 grand awards: OP, WM; ASBE foundation best of show.

Neola Second Reading- Wayne Wright

Committee Reports

Finance- Tim Birchmeier reported minutes from May 6th.

Policy- Joe Toma reported minutes from May 13th.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Adam Green read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$833,707.77; school service \$52,381.32; for a total of \$886,089.09

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$2,473,404.89; receipts, \$1,289,672.95; expenditures: \$886,089.09; for an ending balance of \$2,876,988.75.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2025-2026 SRES D budget as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by White to appoint Ashley Krupp as the designated representative of the district for the electoral body of the SRES D biennial election to be held on June 2, 2025, and Jenn Otter as an alternate representative in the events the designated representative is unable to attend. The designated representative, or the alternate, is further directed to cast a vote on behalf of this board for Dr. Timothy Atkinson (a six-year term), Margaret Sayles (a six-year term), and Janice Ray (a two-year partial term).

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Krupp to approve the following as elementary summer enrichment program teachers for the summer of 2025: Patty Pattee (kindergarten), Emily McCollom (2nd grade), Meghan Bobrowski (3rd grade), Brianna Cervoni (4th grade), Justin Skinner (5/6th grade).

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Otter, supported by Toma to approve the following teachers as i-Ready summer school learning program mentors: Sarah Devota (K-2) and Patty Pattee (3-6).

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to approve Courtney Jordan, Junior High Summer School teacher, effective June 9, 2025.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Toma, supported by Otter to approve Laura Andres, High School Summer School monitor, effective June 9th-June 26th, 2025.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve Chuck Henige, High School Summer School teacher, effective July 7th-July 18th, 2025.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier supported by Toma to approve the 2025-2026 elementary handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Otter to approve the 2025-2026 Latchkey handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Otter, supported by Toma to approve the 2025-2026 preschool handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the 2025-2026 high school handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Toma, supported by Krupp to approve the 2025-2026 athletic code of conduct as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by White to approve the 2nd reading of the Neola Spring 2025 policies: 0131.1, 1430, 2266, 2340, 3430, 4430, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5460, 8320, 8500, 8510.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by White, supported by Toma to approve the FFA officer camp trip to East Tawas MI, June 16-18, 2025.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Otter to approve the Table and Chair bid from Global Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$21,763.90 to be paid from general funds, FAFSA Grant.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by White, supported by Birchmeier to approve the Electrical to FFA barn bid from Symons Electric in an amount not to exceed \$15,615 to be paid from sinking fund for \$1000, and general fund \$14,615.

Motion carried, 7-0.

District Updates

Elementary – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported the iReady/Acadience testing is complete and will share the results at the June board meeting. Ms. Kuchar reported that she did teacher interviews for the 6th grade opening, 1st round last week, 2nd round tomorrow, reference check on Wednesday, and recommendations to Wayne

by the end of the week. Shout outs to the PTO for the daddy daughter dance, the mother/son event, and teacher appreciation week. A shout out to the Hazelton township fire department for helping with the 6th grade send off and all the 6th grade moms that helped. Upcoming events for this week included celebrating Keith Villano's retirement, preschool graduation celebration 5/21, spring music concert on 5/22, and Food for America on 5/23.

High School – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that special ed/at-risk met on Tuesday/Wednesday, May 6th-7th to discuss current 504/IEP/At-risk numbers, planning for the 25-26 school year with current students. They looked at what they need to possibly change for next year and look at implementing intervention/support where we need to beef up and where the master schedule would potentially be impacted. Summer positions are being finalized, there will be credit recovery options for 7th/8th students and 9-12th students. The 7th/8th grade students will be teacher led and 9-12th will be through Edgenuity. This will begin for all students when the school year ends. Follow-up letters are being sent out to students who need credit recovery and confirm that they will be attending in a couple of weeks. Delta Math/iready Window 3 will begin May 3rd and complete May 23rd. Mr. Severn presented on the EWIMS Q3 update reporting there will be a meeting on 5/28 with EWIMS team to finalize 3rd window data to prepare for the 25-26th school year with a focus being on growing and building a systematic approach to intervention in JR/SR. high building. Upcoming events include the 6th grade tour on May 27th, end of year celebrations on June 2nd, June 4th final exams 3rd/6th hour, June 5th 4th/5th hour and June 6th 1st/2nd hour. The awards assembly will be June 6th during 3rd hour.

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Severn reported the Athletics report. Congratulations to the April Tri-County Athlete of the month Jameson Kopschitz, May Tri-County Athlete of the month Ava Thorsby. Congratulations to the April Kiwanis Club MMAC athlete of the month Ashlyn Orr and May's nominee Victoria Henige. The following students were recognized at the Kiwanis Club Banquet on May 15th Laina Yates- September female athlete of the month, Kaven Unangst- November male athlete of the month, Dalton Birchmeier- February male athlete of the month, Ashlyn Orr- April female athlete of the month, Victoria Henige- May female athlete of the month. The High School track competed in their regional at Vassar HS on Friday, the girls' team was regional champs, they will be staying overnight near Kent City for State finals. Individual placers for states included Katelyn Wendling- 100m, 200m regional champ, 400m regional champ; 4x200m relay Zoie Buterakos, Laina Yates, Ashley Krupp and Cassie Green; 4x800m relay Oliva Gillet, Lexy Andres, Allie Andres and Ava Wenzlick; high jump Katelyn Wendling. Upcoming events include: MMAC track League championship May 20th, MHSAA softball districts May 27 and 31st at New Lothrop, MHSAA baseball districts May 27 and 31st at New Lothrop and MHSAA regional golf for the boys' golf team will take place on May 28th at Mt. Pleasant country club.

District – Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright stated the revenue consensus hearing was held on May 16th. It was stated that the funds in the school Aid Fund are in better shape than the General Fund. The school aid funds have increased between 2.1% to 2.6% while the General Fund showed a decrease. Economists are saying that there is a 45% chance of a possible recession in the next 12 months. We are hearing that there will be an increase in the School Aid foundation grant, but it will be countered by an increase in retirement. Mr. Wright stated he thought the graduation ceremony went very well and wanted to congratulate all graduates. He received an e-mail about the safe routes to school and spoke with Pat Turner and John Maksimchuk on this.

Closed Session

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to approve the board enter Closed Session for negotiations- Section 8c.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Consensus to come back into Open Metting.

Motion by White, supported by Toma to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 16th, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Ashley Krupp, Board Secretary