

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
New Lothrop Board of Education
Monday, May 20, 2024
6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

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, Marty Weese and 50 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich 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 special meeting dated May 17, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

Student Section

None

Presentations/Updates

Hornet Pride Students – April (Determination)

Mr. Severn highlighted all the students who have shown Determination in the Elementary school this month.

State MITES Competition – John Long

Mr. Long presented the success his students had this year at the MITES competition here at New Lothrop and the State competition that took place in Gaylor a few weeks ago. A talented group of students that brought home several awards.

District Service Awards – Wayne Wright

Employees of New Lothrop Area Public Schools were recognized tonight for their years of service. Mr. Wright presented service year awards. All staff members were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the district.

Cindy Gillie – Neola Policy 9130

Cindy Gillie stated that she is confused with the policy at this point. The district probably needs to think about adjusting. The Superintendent ignored me and I'm still waiting for my hearing with the board. As a taxpayer and parent of a student in the building I should be able to make a complaint. You have a third-party investigator doing an investigation on a Board Member and Administrator. The attorney of Thrun is a major contributor to MASB. They are the ones who did the search. I feel it may be a conflict of interest. Educational status – what is the method for checking beforehand how do we check? Did anyone actually check the transcripts? Seems like you were warned to check the educational background and your policy needs to be changed. The policy of employee behaviors discussion between school

board member spends a good amount of time in talking to the Superintendent. I'm not dismissing my complaint, I do expect my hearing to take place.

Committee Reports

Finance – Jim Eustace reported the minutes from May 20, 2024

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$903,012.01; school service, \$39,252.37; for a total of \$942,64.38.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Birchmeier to approve the payment of bills.

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,877,136.03; receipts, \$1,283,340.76; expenditures: \$942,264.38; for an ending balance of \$2,218,212.41.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the 2024-2025 SRES D budget as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Tina Lebourdais, certified teacher aide, effective May 102, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Lindsey Peterman, one-on-one aide, effective May 10, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve the resignation of Katie Wendling, payroll/accounting clerk, effective May 17, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to accept the retirement of Annette Brooks, certified teacher aide, June 8, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Melanie Pappenheimer, Food service Worker, effective May 6, 2024.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Audrey McCullough, Kindergarten teacher at BA – Step 1, effective April 22, 2204.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Vincke to approve the following as elementary summer enrichment program teachers for the summer of 2024: Audrey McCullough (1st grade), Emily McCollom (2nd grade), Meghan Bobrowski (4th grade), Justin Skinner (5th grade), Cassie Pajtas (Title), Jill Severn (At-Risk), Patty Pattee (Special Education)

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to approve the following teachers as i-Ready summer school learning program mentors: Patty Pattee (K-2) and DeeDee Brunet (3-6).

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the audio controls system bid for High School Gym from Allcomm in an amount not to exceed \$19,105.3 to be paid from general fund.

Motion carried, 7-0.

District Updates

Elementary – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported the third window of i-Ready/Acadience data will close on May 22. Met with Special Ed/At-Risk/Title I to discuss current 504's/IEP/At-Risk and Title numbers. Mr. Severn will make a recommendation as far as limited spacing and capping at the June meeting. The PreK Director position is open, Ms. Smith will be stepping down but will still be teaching with us next year. We are looking to continue piloting CKLA for the 24-25 school year. Kindergarten Roundup was a huge success, thanks to all the staff that were involved. The elementary has several events coming up as the school year approaches those include: Hartley, Preschool Celebration, 6th grade tour, Track and Field day, School Picnic, Kindergarten Celebration and several field trips.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar stated she continues to work on the master schedule for the 2024-2025 school year and work on handbook changes. The High School recently had several events that took place including: the New Lothrop Showcase, Prom, Baccalaureate, Senior Interviews/Awards, Senior Sunrise. The Spring band concert took place last week with such a great turnout. Shout out to Ms. Sudduth for a great performance. Thanks to Mr. Wyrick and his Zoology class for all the time they put into the school Landscaping. The high school has several events still to take place before the school year is over. Those include: Food for America, 6th grade tour, Drama performances, Therapy dogs and ice cream truck and underclassman awards ceremony which is set for June 6th.

Athletics – Marty Weese

Mr. Weese stated that eleven students were recognized at the Kiwanis Club banquet on May 14th. Bryce Kuchar was the April Tri-County Athlete of the Month. Marissa Rombach is the MMAC nominee for Kiwanis Athlete of the Month for April. The Middle School Track competed at Regionals last week. Boys finished 7 of 17 teams and girls 9 of 17 teams. Several school records were broke that evening. High School Track competed at Regionals this past Friday at Vassar High School. Several girls on the Girls team qualified for States. MHSAA Softball districts will take place on May 28 and June 1, Baseball Regionals on June 5th and Golf Regionals will take place on May 29th.

District – Wayne Wright

Wayne Wright reported today was his first day back. He started as Interim Superintendent this school year and left in November. Today consisted of a lot of meetings as the end of year a lot is going on. Schools are extremely busy this time of year and he will be holding a meeting this week with all Administration to discuss the end of the school year activities. Mr. Wright stated he is familiar with the district is glad to be back.

Motion by Vincke, supported by Krupp to adjourn.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Adjournment at 6:58 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, June 17, 2024 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary