

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, July 15, 2024

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

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

Absent: Richard White, Tim Birchmeier

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Drew Severn and 10 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wendy Vincke 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 June 17, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0**

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Presentations/Updates**

None

## **Committee Reports**

Policy – Wayne Wright discussed minutes from July 9<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Neola Policy 2264, 2266 which will be on the agenda for approval tonight.

Finance – Jim Eustace reported minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup>

## **Visitors**

Jim Carlson addressed the board stating that he is employed at the New Lothrop Police Department. His reason to address the board tonight is to mention that he didn't like seeing the bad publicity last spring. In his opinion, we have the best school, community, principals, teachers and staff. Jim wanted to propose and offer the police department to help with a background checks on any applicants. Carlson has over 40 years experience and has been involved with multi-background investigations. The search would verify everything – arrests, traffic violations, credit, bankruptcy. Basically showing a good moral character and it will show if the person is who they say they are. They offer on-site visits in the applicants neighborhood. New Lothrop can do better, we deserve better. Thanks for your time.

## **Financial Reports**

Jim Eustace read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$1,363,174.47; school service, \$58,005.02; for a total of \$1,421,179.49.

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

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$2,406,747.09; receipts, \$1,384,570.32; expenditures: \$1,421,179.49; for an ending balance of \$2,370,137.92.

Motion by Henige, supported by Eustace to accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to designate Fifth Third Bank, serving the Michigan Liquid Assets Funds accounts, and Huntington National Bank as the depositories for school funds and the officers of the Board, Superintendent and Director of Finance be authorized as official signatures of record.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to place Thrun Law Firm on retainer as legal counsel for the school district for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Krupp to approve a levy of 6.2700 mills for the 2006 debt retirement, 1.2370 mills for the sinking fund, 0.7600 mills for the 2019 bond, 0.5500 mills for the 2021 bond and 0.9100 for the 2021 refunding bonds as presented for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve a levy of 18 mills of non-homestead properties for the general fund for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

### **Action Items**

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as presented.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Green to approve the resignation of Shelly Indlekofer, one-on-one aide effective June 21, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Krupp to approve the resignation of Ben Butcher, High School Science teacher, effective July 1, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Samantha O'Reilly, payroll/accounting coordinator, effective July 11, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the transfer of Kaylee Kozel to elementary certified teacher aide, effective August 22, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Kendra Gross, elementary certified one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2024 to be reimbursed by the SRESA/State Aide (Special Education).

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Krupp, supported by Henige to approve the hire of Jackie Carnell, high school certified one-on-one aide, effective August 22, 2024 to be reimbursed by the SRESA/State Aide (Special Education).

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

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

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the Girls Basketball team camp overnight trip to Northwood University – Midland, July 16 – 18, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to approve the Girls Volleyball team camp overnight trip to Central Michigan University – Mt. Pleasant, July 18 – 19, 2024.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Krupp to approve the police agreement for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the contract with Wayne Wright, Superintendent of New Lothrop Area Public Schools, effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Krupp to approve the quote from Amplify for PK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) Curriculum in an amount not to exceed \$80,834.88 to be paid out of 35j Literacy PD, Curriculum and Support grant over a two year period from the general fund.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Henige, supported by Krupp to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Title IX Special 2024 Policies: 2264, 2266.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to adjourn.

**Motion carried, 5-0.**

Adjournment at 6:32 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a board workshop on Monday, August 19, 2024 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Adam Green, Board Secretary