

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education – High School Library
Regular Meeting/Board Organization
Monday, March 17th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: none

Others Present: Wayne Wright, Kim Kuchar and 75 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 for the board workshop held on March 4, 2025 as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Thanks, from Larry Dumond Jr, Nicole Demeter & families for the beautiful plants in remembrance of their father, Larry Dumond.

Student Section

Student Council Representative for tonight was Lydia Keeler.

Presentation/Updates

Spotlight Students of the Month (Elementary) - Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized Austin Anguilm, Brooks Bannon, Jonathan Birkmeier, Abigail Bishop, Paul Bishop, Madilyn Buterakos, Noelle Church, Allison Demeter, Camren Eickholt, Kaia Grigonis, Maci Hollerback, George Johnson, Nicholas Knieper, Noah Knieper, Brylee Krupp, Addison Lacy, Amelia Leftwich, Emma Long, Sammy Lucius, Liam Miller, Maverick Morgan, Allison Newman, Otto Parker, Christopher Redburn, Emilia Rico, Skye Roeske, Scarlett Ryan, Eliana Seely, Autumn Servello and Wren Wickerham for their acts of respect they displayed this past month.

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

Mr. Severn recognized Barrett Crawley, Zoey Thomas, Jacey Kline, Logan Judd, Meredith Knieper and Madison Wendling as the high school Hornet of the Month recipients.

Committee Reports

Facilities - Tim Birchmeier reported minutes from March 4th.

Visitors

Chris Eveleth, who is the retired mayor of Owosso addressed the board introducing himself as the new Community relations and grand manager for the Shiawassee Health and Wellness.

Financial Report/Fiscal Organization

Adam Green read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund: \$839,099.56; school service: \$46, 839.38; for a total of \$885, 938.94

Motion by Krupp, seconded by Birchmeier to approve the payment of bills.

Motion carried 7-0.

The monthly financial report read as follows: beginning balance: \$1,880,789.10; receipts: \$1,449,382.28; expenditures: \$-885,938.94; for an ending balance of \$2,444,232.44.

Motion by Birchmeier, seconded by Toma, to accept the monthly financial report as submitted.

Motion carried 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Toma, supported by Krupp to approve the resignation of Mike Matsumiya, bus driver, effective February 25th, 2025.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Birchmeier to approve the resignation of Steve Filary, full-time custodian, effective March 15th, 2025.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, seconded by Toma to approve the resignation of Keith Villano, elementary Social Studies teacher, effective May 31, 2025.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by White , seconded by Birchmeier to approve the FFA overnight trip to D-Bar A Scout Ranch-Lapeer MI, April 28-29, 2025.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, seconded by Krupp to approve the purchase of a truck and plow from Berger Chevrolet, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$62,407.00 under the MiDeal program to be purchased from the general fund.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Green, seconded by Birchmeier to accept the donations for the football stadium sound system from New Lothrop Football Club (Youth Football) \$4,000.00 and Gross Construction Inc. \$6,000.00.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Krupp, seconded by Toma to approve participation in the Schools of Choice program under Section 105 and 105c of the Revised School Code for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried 7-0.

District Updates

Elementary – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that the elementary school had a lot of celebrations in March including a literacy night and the Pre-K art show, which were both great turnouts and successes. March is Reading Month which includes lunchtime drawings, guest readers in classrooms, and national joke day. Ms. Kuchar then went over the Fall/Winter Reading and Math data - 65% proficient/grade level. Professional development day was on March 14th with a shout out to Mrs. Cervoni, Mrs. Gillet/Mrs. Severn, Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Knieper for presenting on data analysis and M-Step Proctor training. Upcoming events include the Parent Kindergarten meeting on March 19th, PTO talent show on March 20th, T2 Pride Assembly on March 27th with Pride drawings thanks to the PTO, boys vs. staff basketball game. The book vending machine launch, those who went to literacy night received a token for the machine.

High School- Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported on FFA State competition updates, Junior High Conduct of Meetings-6th place silver; Parliamentary procedure- 4th place gold; Greenhand Speaking-Brooklyn Bowns - 2nd place gold runner up; Greenhand conduct of meetings- state winner gold; Ag Science Fair-Alexis Andres - state winner; Proficiency Award-Sara Dammann- state winner; Proficiency Award-Alexis Andres - state winner; Academic Excellence - 3 gold awards; Outstanding Jr Award- 9 students; State FFA degree - 7 students; Washington Leadership Scholarship-Sean Dammann; National Chapter gold award (top ten in state); Crop contest- state runner up; and 3 students served as delegates. Mr. Severn then reported a robotics update- congratulations to our New Lothrop Stingers who competed at Wayne State University in Detroit over the weekend in the First Robotics Competition. The Stingers took 3rd place overall and claimed the Industrial Design Award. FFA labor auction raised \$34,000, special thanks to all involved. Mr. Severn presented the data for i-READY/EWIMS. The high school is preparing for the upcoming PSAT/SAT state assessment, testing window will begin April 9th. All the test proctors trained during March PD. Upcoming events include Mock Rock (celebrating 40 years) on March 21st, NHS Induction March 26th at 7pm, FFA Spring Skills Contest April 11th, Honors luncheon April 22nd, FFA banquet April 27th and Spring band concert on April 30th.

Athletics - Marty Weese

Mr. Weese reported our March Tri County Athlete of the Month was Kevin Heslip. The Kiwanis Athlete of the month for the month of February was Dalton Birchmeier, Dalton will be voted upon by the Kiwanis Club for Athlete of the Year and announced in May Kiwanis Banquet. The Varsity individual regional tournament took place at St. Louis HS, Blake Wendling at 113# earned 3rd place; Hunter Wolfe at 126# earned 2nd place; Kyler Campbell at 144# earned 4th place and Dalton Birchmeier at 150# was regional champion. State finals Blake Wendling at 113# earned 7th place and Dalton Birchmeier at 150# earned 2nd place. Boys and Girls bowling individual regionals included: Dominick Dilts finished 4th, Roxanne Eickholt finished 3rd and Victoria Johnson finished 6th. Boys and Girls bowling individual finals included: Dominick Dilts finished the qualifying round in 9th place, lost in first place of championship round, finishing in the top 16 in division 4 and Victoria Johnson and Roxanne Eickholt competed in the qualifying round but did not make the top 16. The Girls Varsity basketball team were district champions beating both Bath and Laingsburg, they then beat Hemlock but lost in regional finals against Jackson Lumen Christi. MMAC All-Conference Awards: Bowling - Dominick Dilts- first team; Lincoln Godin - 2nd team; Cohl Brodock - 2nd team; Victoria Johnson - 2nd team and Roxanne Eickholt - 2nd team. Girls varsity basketball: Katelyn Wendling - Unanimous 1st Team, MMAC player of the year; Kelsey Kohlmann - 1st team; Ashlyn Orr - 1st team; Laina Yates - 2nd team; Lexy Andres - honorable mention and Madyson Schnieder - honorable mention. Boys varsity basketball: Brady Kohlmann - 2nd team; Alex Gross- honorable mention; Stone Elkins - honorable mention and Michael Schlachter - honorable mention. Wrestling: Blake Wendling - 1st team; Hunter Wolfe - honorable mention; Kyler Campbell - honorable mention; Dalton Birchmeier - 1st team and Tony Ingersoll - honorable mention. Upcoming events: Varsity Softball Tournament - 5/10; Varsity Baseball Tournament - 5/17 and MHSAA Baseball District tournament - 5/27 and 5/31. Currently all coaching positions are full.

District- Wayne Wright

Mr. Wright reported that the district has a lot going on with Academics and Athletics. The district is looking to change lights out at the elementary, currently are all fluorescent and will be going to LED. A bid will be sent out later this week. The Governor & house has presented school budgets at the recent revenue conference. The FFA barn is moving along quickly. The state has approved our pre-Labor Day start for the next three years for Shiawassee County. Mr. Wright stated that he was amazed at the recent FFA State Convention and what are students are doing. We have a wonderful program here at New Lothrop and it's great for the kids and they will use these skills for the rest of the life. He also

stated that because of testing our April 21st Board meeting will take place in the High School Auditorium.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0

Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Ashley Krupp, Board Secretary