

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, July 16, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Rich White, Jessica Unangst, Jim Eustace, Kevin Birchmeier and Joseph Henige.

Absent: Adam Green and Greg Ruddy

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume and 6 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by President Rich White at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Joseph Henige. Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to accept the minutes from the special board meeting held on June 19, 2018.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Correspondence

A thank you from Tom & Collen Bishop for the districts support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A thank you from Ellen Kasik for the remembrance stone given to her in memory of her father.

Presentations/Updates

None

Committee Reports

Facilities/Transportation/Extra-Curricular – Rich White reported the Facilities/Transportation and Extra-Curricular Committee minutes.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$911,974.21; school service, \$45,817.78; for a total of \$957,791.99

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,227,119.84; receipts, \$887,274.65; expenditures: \$957,791.99; for an ending balance of \$1,156,602.50.

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier 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 Birchmeier, supported by Henige to place Thrun Law Firm on retainer as legal counsel for the school district for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve a levy of 18 mills of non-homestead properties for the general fund for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to approve a levy of 7.24 mills for debt retirement and 0.73 mills for the Technology Bond for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Action Items

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

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Eustace, supported by Birchmeier to approve the purchase of i-Ready K-8 Diagnostic Tool, for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost not to exceed \$24,300.00, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the tentative transportation staff contract agreement for 2018-19 and 2019-20 as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Samantha Bonner as the high school science/math teacher at Step 5 MA, effective August 20, 2018.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to approve hiring Leah Joynt as the junior high English teacher at Step 0, BA, effective August 20, 2018.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Kayla Knieper, J.V. girls' basketball coach, as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Eustace to approve hiring Kayla Knieper, 7th grade girls' basketball coach, as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve hiring Kevin Clark, junior high football coach, as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 4-1

Roll call:

Ayes: White, Unangst, Birchmeier, Henige;

Nays: Eustace;

Absent: Ruddy, Green.

Andrew Severn, updated the board that currently the district has collected \$23,400.00 for funds toward the football scoreboard. At this time, we will need to collect \$25,000.00 by the end of this week to lock in the new scoreboard. If we stay on that track, the scoreboard will be installed week #1 while we are on the road for our away game and will be up and running for our home game in New Lothrop on week #2.

Closed Session

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to enter closed session for negotiations.

Motion carried, 5-0

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the tentative agreement between the New Lothrop Board of Education and the MEA Teachers Association for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 4-0

Henige abstained.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment at 7:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 20, 2018 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary