

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, October 15, 2018

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

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle, Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 18 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 Adam Green. Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 17, 2018.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

None

Presentations/Updates

Hornet Hot Shot Students and Employee of the Month – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar recognized the Hornet Hot Shots for the month of October.

Junior High Hornet Hot Shot, Samantha Wendling (8th grade); High School Hornet Hot Shot, Jayson Tunstall (12th grade) and Staff Hornet Hot Shot Sue Bishop (Teacher).

Marketing Campaign – Andrew Brashaw presented to the Board of Education several statistics from the recent “tell our district story” marketing campaign that took place over the summer months. Andrew provided to the board the number of impressions, number of people the ads reached, how many people engaged in the ads. The numbers were outstanding!!

Principals Month – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume recognized Mrs. Barrett, Ms. Kuchar and Mr. Severn for their dedication and service to the school district.

Committee Reports

Personnel/Curriculum – Jim Eustace reported the minutes from October 3, 2018.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$633,659.45; school service, \$35,220.03; for a total of \$668,879.48.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,174,639.86; receipts, \$64,443.39; expenditures: \$668,879.48; for an ending balance of \$570,203.77.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the hire of Jill Severn, 7th grade girls volleyball coach, effective September 25, 2018.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Nate Browning, junior high wrestling coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve hiring Rondalee Beardslee, 8th grade girls volleyball coach as a contracted employee of PCMI for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Ruddy to approve hiring Tom Kohlmann, 8th grade boys basketball coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Unangst to approve New Lothrop High School Course Guide for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Green to approve the purchase of lightning for the elementary exterior parking lot from McNaughton-McKay at a cost not to exceed \$14,866.50.

Motion carried, 7-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that at the recent Mid-Michigan Academic Conference (MMAC) league meeting the athletic directors discussed the MMAC league scholar-athlete site for this spring and decided that it would take place at Flushing Valley Golf Club. The league also discussed that the location for the JV/Varsity football seasons will flip for next year. Aiden Harrison was selected as the fall sport Kiwanis Athlete of the Month, which is selected by the MMAC. Cross Country – New Lothrop guys finished 2nd in the league. Carson Hersch and Drew Kohlmann earned 1st team honors, Thomas Heslip and Micah Poletti earned 2nd team honors and Aaron Vincke earned honorable mention. In the girls race New Lothrop girls finished 2nd in the league. Clara Krupp finished 2nd overall and earned 1st team honors, Chloe Krupp and Alana Beckman each earned 2nd team honors; Julia Martin, Lindsey Wendling and Joely Angst each earned honorable mention in the league. Both New Lothrop boys and girls middle school teams finished 1st at their league final with Ally Andres winning the middle school girls race overall. The fall MMAC league all-conference meeting is set for Sunday, October 21st for football, cross country and soccer and October 28th for volleyball. Junior high wrestling begins on Monday, October 22nd, junior high volleyball begins on Monday, October 29th. Coach evaluations for parents and players will go out this week for all fall sports. Currently, we have an open coaching position for junior high boys basketball and girls junior high softball.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett reported that Carol Amsterburg, our literacy coach, met with K-6 ELA teachers to review data, ask needs and set goals. Friday's professional development day went really well. Teachers met and discussed iReady, attended a staff potluck, attended committee meetings as a building, discussed writing samples and 1st/2nd grade ELA alignment. Krista Ketterer, Title I teacher, hosted a Title I parent meeting. This weekend the elementary school will host a vendor/craft show event supporting Braden "Buddy" Miller. Several local vendors will be in attendance. The elementary staff will

participate in casual for a cause once per month. Each month, if staff chooses to participate they can pay \$5 and wear jeans. All money raised will be sent to the organization that was the focus that month. This month was to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness and over \$250 was raised to support this organization.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that the high school had a successful homecoming week. Our senior/sophomore girls won the powderpuff game. Proceeds that were collected went to the VFW to support scholarships for the children of veterans to attend Camp Trotter, a summer camp near Muskegon. Our girls also went on to play Chesaning girls for the first annual powder puff game between the two schools. The money raised from that game was given to help support veteran suicide. On Friday, October 12th we had a successful pink out at the football game, which included selling pink #HornetProud t-shirts, a 60-second fundraiser, which included releasing pink balloons. All proceeds and funds raised were donated back to McLaren Imaging. The high school had a very successful PSAT day, in which 100% of students were in attendance. We had MMAC student council advisors in the building today. We will team up with MMAC student council for a day of service on March 12. On Friday, October 5th the high school had its first ever Career Fair, grades 7-12 participated and we had 80 vendors in attendance. Several of those vendors were former graduates of New Lothrop High School. Instructionally, Ms. Kuchar reported that she met with all instructional staff on their yearly goals for their evaluation. We had a team of teachers, one from each core area, and Drew that attended SAT data analysis training, those staff led and trained the rest of the high school staff on Friday's professional development day. The high school had a great professional development day last Friday. Staff took a portion of the SAT, analyzed our data, each department developed a plan PITFALLS: stamina, pacing, more rigorous assessment. Justin Knull worked with our staff to input their classroom writing assessments into illuminate. Department meetings focused on instructional changes to better prep students to be college and career ready. Science teachers are out tomorrow working on aligning their curriculum. The district has four teachers attending the Michigan Council of Teachers of English (MCTE) fall conference this coming Friday. Update on the ELA curriculum: Kim contacted several local districts and heard back from a few that their ELA teams are "piecing" their curriculum. Curriculum money is invested in developing staff as reading/writing teachers. We are sending a team to Macomb in December and they will be coming back to train our staff for the January professional development day. The high school will be setting aside money/time for ELA staff to write their own curriculum beginning with summer 2019 for 5 days.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume reported that he sent out the district culture and climate survey to all staff in early October, thus far 39 staff members have responded and overall 95% stated that it's been a very positive start to the school year. Dr. Berthiaume stated that K-12 enrollment is at 916 from the projected 895 students. This is great news and we have the right people in the right place. Our programs are solid and the focus is on the kids. Dr. Berthiaume stated that the administrative group met with Christman, our construction manager, to discuss needs/wants with the upcoming bond. A team also went for a site visit to a local school and a local business. The next community forum will take place tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Friday's professional development day was very positive. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that he will continue to look at the bee problem we have at the elementary building and if necessary call in an exterminator so students can continue to be provided a positive learning environment. Dr. Berthiaume also mentioned that the media campaign that we launched this past summer was a huge success, he thanked Mr. Andrew Brashaw as well as the Board of Education.

Closed Session

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to enter closed session for the review of the superintendent's evaluation.

Motion carried, 7-0

Closed Session was entered at 7:15 p.m. and exited at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Ruddy to approve the completed 2017-2018 year-end evaluation for the Superintendent.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Unangst to adjourn.
Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be Monday, November 19, 2018 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary