

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, November 19, 2018

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

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

Absent: Greg Ruddy

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle, Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 15 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 Eustace to accept the minutes from the special board meeting held on November 5, 2018.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

Student observers for tonight were Kayla Clark and Brooke Albert.

Presentations/Updates

2017-2018 Audit – Steve Kirinovic

Steve Kirinovic from Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker (SKT) presented the 2017-2018 audit to the Board. Overall, the district is in good financial standings.

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

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

Junior High Hornet Hot Shot, Sara Dammann (7th grade) and High School Hornet Hot Shot, Ryan Burtch (11th grade).

Recognition – Barb Schaar

Dr. Berthiaume recognized Barb Schaar for her 50 years of service as a substitute teacher for New Lothrop Area Public Schools.

Art Vlahon, Memorial Dedication Discussion

Dr. Berthiaume asked the board to consider a possible memorial dedication to Mr. Art Vlahon, who's celebration of life will take place here at the school this Saturday, November 24th. The board agreed to dedicate a spot on one of our walls to Mr. Vlahon.

Committee Reports

Facilities/Transportation/Extra-Curricular – Adam Green 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, \$637,162.47; school service, \$39,303.83; for a total of \$676,466.30.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$570,203.77; receipts, \$717,027.29; expenditures: \$676,466.30; for an ending balance of \$610,764.76.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Greg Brunner, 7th grade girls softball coach, effective October 16, 2018.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that at the recent Mid-Michigan Academic Conference (MMAC) league meeting the athletic directors discussed assignor issues with leagues as well as increasing officials pay. Cross Country: had two runners qualify for state. Carson Hersch, whom broke the school record and ran 16:41 at Regionals. Clara Krupp ran 19:43, which is the best Freshmen time in New Lothrop history. Both Carson and Clara finished in the top 60. Varsity Volleyball: our girls' made it to district finals versus Millington, they fought a tough battle in the final district game but did loose. Varsity Football: Beat Lake City in the semi-final game last Saturday and advance to the State Championship final game at Ford Field this Saturday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. Jr. High Wrestling: have had two competitions already and are wrestling in Mt. Morris tomorrow evening. Jr. High Volleyball: have competed in two matches thus far. Mr. Severn is looking to finalize evaluations for fall coaches before we leave on Christmas break. Looking ahead for future projects, we are hoping to partner with Slam Dunk to install Varsity softball scoreboard/sound system for the crow's nest and scoreboard for Jr. High/J.V. fields. Science: Mr. Severn has been working with the science department on prioritizing standard and curriculum maps currently for 6th-12th grade levels. On October 16th the science group had a curriculum work day for 7th – 12th grade including Ag classes. Discussion took place on the current course progression, identified which Michigan Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) we were hitting a lot and which standards we were hitting very little. The science department is meeting again on December 6th to continue to work and incorporate 6th grade teachers in the process. Our district goal is to have K-12 progression. Mr. Severn handed out to the board members a quick read on NGSS, which included an overview of what it should look like in the classroom.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett reported that report cards will be sent home on Monday, December 3rd. Those students that participated in the recent fundraiser did very well and the elementary made over \$10,000 profit. Students who sold over 20 items were given behind the scene tickets to Ford Field in Detroit. We have over 570 grandparents sign up to come the annual grandparent's luncheon tomorrow. This is the highest number we have ever had. Mrs. Barrett has been striving to complete her 3 formal observations a week. The elementary has started collecting money for granting Christmas wishes. We have 27 families who we will be supporting this year and the students are excited to go shopping.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that at the recent School Improvement meeting Parent Teacher conferences dominated the discussion. The group discussed meeting with parents at the upcoming meeting in November. Ms. Kuchar has spent some time analyzing the number of parents and students that we have accessing PowerSchool. Since the beginning of the school year for the Jr. High/High School level we have had 4,786 parents access PowerSchool, 18,393 students who access it for a total of \$23,179. About 79% of our students access PowerSchool. We had 50% of our parents attend the Fall Parent Teacher Conference. We have had several students take field trips, which included: Juniors to Baker College Career fair, seniors attended U of M Flint and Kettering. We also hosted a financial aid workshop, dual enrollment meeting with parents. Seniors had a college/career workday where they

were able to work on college applications, logged in Parchment College. The drama performance this past weekend was very successful and they had a great turnout. Our Varsity Quiz bowl is undefeated and they have a big meet next week against Swartz Creek, Flushing and Grand Blanc. Ms. Kuchar, Dr. Berthiaume and Mrs. Robison attended the VFW dinner where we had 75 students attend and listened to a guest speaker. Jerry Burns from the VFW will be here next week to award four of our students Patriot's Pens and one student Voice of Democracy. Justin Knull from the RESD came out and worked with staff during their conference hour to follow up on Illuminate training. Social Studies Curriculum Council: Ms. Kuchar updated the team on the timeline for Social Studies standards to be approved by the State Board of Education next June adoption so testing this year will continue to be on the current standards. Ms. Kuchar and Mr. Severn have been working together on SAT prep (ZAPS training through Doorway to College Foundation) looking to send a team of our teachers to a training. SRES staff is writing SAT style questions/assessments. Ms. Kuchar has completed 80 learning walks over the past 12 weeks and also has 3 formal observations scheduled next month with probationary staff. Upcoming events include: ABC12 School Spirit, Junior High Family night and Book Fair, Ms. Robinson's class will be traveling to Wayne State to see "A Christmas Carol" and we have several students attending a business fair at the Detroit Lions stadium at the end of December.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that the district recently received a \$250,000.00 School Safety Grant. This grant will be used to install secure single entry ways to both the elementary and high school buildings, special protective glass and door levers for classrooms in the district. Dr. Berthiaume recently met with the math curriculum council to talk about resources for classrooms. The group will be researching different companies and the district will look at possibly purchasing new textbooks at the end of the year. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that each building will be looking to individualize the Professional Development day in February to each building's needs. Dr. Berthiaume will be starting to have the conversation with union leadership on the school calendar for 2019-2020 by February. He also stated that the district will be having another workshop to finalize the project list for the upcoming Bond/Sinking Fund that will take place in May 2019. Dr. Berthiaume took a minute to welcome new board member, Wendy Vincke. Wendy will official start on the board in January 2019. Dr. Berthiaume also thanked Kevin Birchmeier for the time he has served on the Board of Education. Lastly, Dr. Berthiaume wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

5-Minute Recess

Recessed at 7:17 pm – 7:25 p.m.

Workshop

Motion by Eustace, supported by Green that the New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to proceed with completing the Michigan Department of Treasury Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds with the intention of asking voters to consider a millage proposal in May of 2019. The application shall be based on a millage increase of 1.25 mills to generate an expected \$5,955,000 for the purposes of building and remodeling school facilities and amenities in the district.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Henige that the New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to develop ballot language to establish a 1.25 mills Sinking Fund tax levy for building and site renovation. The intention is to ask voters to consider this millage proposal in May of 2019.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Unangst to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

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

Adam Green, Board Secretary