

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, April 15, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Greg Ruddy, Adam Green, Jessica Unangst, Jim Eustace, Joseph Henige and Wendy Vincke.

Absent: Rich White

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 8 visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Greg Ruddy 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 March 18, 2019.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence

None

Student Section

No student observers for tonight's meeting.

Presentations/Updates

Eagle Scout Presentation – Noah Wenzlick

Noah Wenzlick, sophomore at New Lothrop High School, presented to the board of education his eagle scout project. Noah would like to install two gaga ball pits at the elementary school.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Jim Eustace reported the minutes from April 10, 2019.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$641,899.62; school service, \$39,695.66; for a total of \$681,595.28.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,055,082.25; receipts, \$866,828.31; expenditures: \$681,595.28; for an ending balance of \$1,240,315.28.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

Action Items

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Josh Scott, custodian effective April 9, 2019.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Eustace, supported by Vincke to approve the resignation of Bruce Bradley, custodian effective June 26, 2019.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the resignation of Angie Elgie, bus driver effective August 16, 2019.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Green to approve the Designation of Representative Resolution for the proposed general fund operating budget of the Shiawassee R.E.S.D. for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve Jr. High Bowling as a club sport.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to approve the second reading of the February, 2019 NEOLA policy updates (new, revised, replacement) and guidelines as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

District Updates

Athletics – Drew Severn

Mr. Severn reported that Coach Walling, bowling coach, has been named coach of the year for the girls' teams of the MMAC conference. She was also named coach of the year for Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association for Division 4. New Lothrop boosters helped support the purchase of the Pixellot system, which the district will be able to stream sporting events live in our gymnasium. It is our hope to have it up and running before the graduation ceremony on June 2. The varsity softball scoreboard is up and running. We are waiting for the ground to firm up and decent weather to install the other two signs. Winter coach evaluations will be completed by the beginning of the week. The MMAC has had several discussions of incorporating a 3rd/4th, 5th/6th boys' and girls' basketball league. Also, adding 3rd/4th, 5th/6th flag football in the spring. Discussion and voting will take place tomorrow. Mr. Severn has had several discussions with coaches and has gained input and insight from them. The scholar athlete awards banquet will be held on April 24, 2019. Those students that will be honored include: Caitlyn Bruff, Charleigh Birchmeier, Alyssa Schnell, Elissa Henige, Samantha Kulhanek, Brooke Birchmeier, Kollin Lienau, Emma Muron, Malary Thorsby and Braden Sovis.

Elementary – Michelle Barrett

Mrs. Barrett reported that the mother-son event took place this past Friday, the PTO sponsored the nerf war. Our fourth graders left for Hartley today. Preschool registration is coming up and Kindergarten Round-up is set for May 6th. Mrs. Barrett gave an update on next year's 5th/6th grade schedule. There will be four sections of classes, and five academic hours in the day. Mrs. Barrett has worked with the 5th/6th grade team to see what that would like: one hour of ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies for each student, lunch and then a specialty hour at the end of the day. The specialty hour – writing, math projects/writing/catch-up, STEM, Second Step and on Friday it would be an intervention/enrichment day. This day could also be used for study hall, catching up on assignments, game day, extra recess, etc. If we missed a day for a snow day, we could alter the schedule so they don't miss the other specialty classes. And specials would take place at the end of the day.

High School – Kim Kuchar

Ms. Kuchar reported that M-Step testing is completed with the exception of a few make-ups. Preliminary student results are back, but we are still waiting on our Special Education students to finish but results look promising. Our Varsity Quiz Bowl team competed this past weekend at Michigan State University in the State Quiz bowl tournament. Twenty-two teams were in the Class C/D bracket. New Lothrop made it to the 3rd round and fell to Pewamo Westphalia. This was such a great opportunity for our students. Mrs. Marcet has applied and has been accepted to participate in the 2019 Math-Science Manufacturing Experience (MSME) through Delta College. She will spend five

to eight days interning with a manufacturing company in the Great Lakes Bay Region learning about the necessary Math/Science skills the manufacturing world deems necessary. She will then work with other teachers experiencing the internship and they will work together to write lesson plans for skills necessary for a manufacturing work experience. This is a paid internship and she will receive two college credits through Delta College. Ms. Kuchar and Dr. Berthiaume attended a job fair at Michigan State University last week to market our two full-time teaching positions that we have posted. Ms. Kuchar has recommended Mr. Wagner as the temporary long term sub for Chemistry/Physics for the remainder of the school year. A letter has been sent to parents communicating with them that Mr. Wagner would indeed be the lead teacher for the remainder of the year. Ms. Kuchar informed Mr. Wagner that he would be doing all the planning, instructing, and grading. Mr. Wagner would be available for tutoring on Thursdays after school. Ms. Kuchar gave a shout out to the PTO who sponsored the 7th grade field trip to the Native American Museum in Mt. Pleasant and the 9th grade field trip to the Lebowsky Center in Owosso. The National Honor Society will be inducting 34 new members on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The student handbook committee met before Spring Break, we have another meeting scheduled for Wednesday to finish up our work. Ms. Kuchar met with department chairs as well as the SIP chair to give a first glimpse of tentative schedule. Ms. Kuchar will be meeting with each staff member to inform them of their tentative teaching assignment for next school year. Ms. Kuchar will be down to three teachers left for formal observations by tomorrow. The Michigan State Police is coming out on Wednesday evening to speak with 6-12 grade parents about the presentation on Thursday (cyber safety and vaping). Several events will be taking place this spring some of those include: scholarship awards night, top-ten honors luncheon, MMAC Scholar Athlete Banquet, FFA banquet, spring music concert, prom, art show, we will be hosting the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society - MITES competition on May 3 and May 4 here at the elementary school.

District – Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume started off by noting that we have 22 days and counting until our Bond/Sinking Fund election. He expressed that he can't thank his campaign committee enough for all the time and commitment they have put forth. Dr. Berthiaume reported that he recently attended a township and village meeting and will be attending another township meeting tonight right after this meeting. On Tuesday, April 16 a walk-through will take place at the high school for those people interested. On May 4th, the "Breakfast with the Superintendent" will take place along with the alumni banquet that same evening. Dr. Berthiaume noted that the second bond/sinking fund video has been released on Facebook to inform the community. It is Dr. Berthiaume's hope to hear very soon about what the legislature will be doing in regards to making up snow days from this past winter. As soon as the district receives word a parent communication will be sent home informing parents of the last day of school for this school year. The district is also very excited that we will be offering a full-day preschool for the 2019-2020 school year and also a construction trades program. Dr. Berthiaume commented that we need to promote our teachers as much as possible going forward, they are the ones teaching our younger kids. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that a Facilities Committee meeting will be taking place in the early part of May to discuss boilers, drainage, irrigation and elementary bleachers. We have contacted the bleacher company representative and it is our hope that they will come to our committee and give us some explanations of why so many of our bleachers at the elementary have broken after 13 short years.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment at 6:58 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 20, 2019 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary