

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, May 20, 2019

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

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Michelle Barrett, Kim Kuchar, Drew Severn and 24 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 Eustace, supported by Green to accept the minutes from the special board meeting held on May 20, 2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Student Section**

No student observers for tonight's meeting.

## **Presentations/Updates**

*Service Year Recognitions – Anthony Berthiaume*

Employees of New Lothrop Area Public Schools were recognized tonight for years of service. Dr. Anthony Berthiaume presented service year awards. All staff members were thanked for their hard work and dedication to the district.

*Hornet Hot Shots Student and Employee of the Month – Kim Kuchar*

Quintin Newman (10<sup>th</sup> grader) and Melodie Burgess (Social Worker).

## **Committee Reports**

Facilities/Transportation/Extra-Curricular Committee – Adam Green reported the minutes from April 29, 2019.

## **Visitors**

*Amber Whitman, Kindergarten teacher*

Mrs. Whitman sent a special thank you to the administration and board members who took the time to come in and read to her classroom, during "March is Reading month."

*Lisa Williams,*

Mrs. Williams commented that she thought the elementary gym bleachers were tested last spring.

## **Financial Reports**

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$710,632.32; school service, \$29,866.32; for a total of \$740,498.64.

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

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$1,240,315.28; receipts, \$797,374.48; expenditures: \$740,498.64; for an ending balance of \$1,297,191.12.

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

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

### **Action Items**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Green to approve the 2019-2020 SRES D budgets as presented.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Henige to approve the resolution designating the district's election representative for the RESD election.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Ruddy to approve the resignation of Emily Frank, preschool teacher effective June 10, 2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to accept the retirement of Cindy Forsythe, bus driver effective June 30, 2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Vincke, supported by Green to approve the hire of Megan Roggow, lead preschool teacher effective August 19, 2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve the hire of Tara Shorey, part-time preschool teacher effective August 19, 2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Vincke to approve Noah Wenzlick to proceed with his Eagle Scout project.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Green, supported by Eustace to approve the purchase of a single head wide belt sander from JKL Machinery at a cost not to exceed \$14,710.00 to be paid out of CTE 61c equipment grant funds for 2018-2019.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Vincke to approve participation in the Schools of Choice program under Section 105 and 105c of the Revised School Code for the 2019-2020 school year except for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade which will be capped for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Unangst, supported by Henige to approve the secured entry way bid at the High School and Elementary School from Perrin Construction Co. in an amount not to exceed \$168,700.00 to be paid out of the Competitive School Safety Grant Program that is awarded by the State of Michigan and administered by the Michigan State Police, as presented.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Eustace, supported by Unangst to approve the toilet room renovations bid at the High School from Perrin Construction Co. in an amount not to exceed \$144,424.00 to be paid out of the Bond.

**Motion carried, 7-0.**

Jessica Unangst left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

### **District Updates**

#### *Athletics – Drew Severn*

Mr. Severn reported that Mr. Aaron Beach has been interning as Athletic Director with him. Mr. Severn is now the boys golf and wrestling representative for the MMAC Conference. The boys golf team ended the season 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the MMAC. Bowling just competed in a Middle School Single Championship Tournament on May 19 and had a strong showing, even though they only started competing a few weeks ago. The Pixellot system will be installed this summer and will not be ready for the 2019 high school graduation. Junior high scoreboard foundations are in and we are hoping to have the scoreboards up and running by the end of the week. All winter coaching evaluations have been completed. Several discussions have taken place in the MMAC league about incorporating a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> boys' and girls' basketball program. A final discussion will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, we may be adding 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> flag football in the spring of 2020. More discussion will take place on this as well at the June 11<sup>th</sup> MMAC Athletic Directors meeting. Some schools will not be participating in spring and are focusing on doing a fall league. The Scholar-Athlete of the year awards banquet took place on May 14, 2019. We had three representatives from New Lothrop. They included: Charleigh Birchmeier, Austin Wolford and Aiden Harrison. Congrats to those three for representing New Lothrop proudly. The MMAC end of the year coaches meeting will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the Flushing Country Club on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The MMAC track meet will take place tomorrow May 21<sup>st</sup> at Chesaning High School. The boys team broke five New Lothrop school records last Friday evening at Regionals in Bath. We are setting up a committee meeting to discuss the possibility of incorporating dual sports in our district.

#### *Elementary – Michelle Barrett*

Mrs. Barrett reported that the elementary sent home family surveys asking parents to report their plans for next year, if they plan to return to New Lothrop or will be moving. We had 60 students that attended kindergarten round-up. We have 19 students that are signed up for developmental kindergarten next fall. The preschool slots for 2019-2020 are all full. Mrs. Barrett has reviewed the preschool program and our current goal was a bigger classroom, next year we will be implementing a full-day program; with a part time teacher to cover the AM classes and the following year we will be looking to implement a full-day and full-time teacher to run AM classes and 3-4 PM classes. M-Step testing is complete at the elementary. Upcoming events at the elementary include: Science fair, track and field day, school picnic, preschool graduation, 6<sup>th</sup> grade send-off, 4<sup>th</sup> grade recorder and band concert and the kindergarten celebration.

#### *High School – Kim Kuchar*

Ms. Kuchar reported that all testing has been completed. The district had a great turn out of parents for the Internet Safety with Trooper Kramer. Ms. Kuchar attended several events with seniors this spring including: Shiawassee Scholarship Awards night, Top Ten luncheon and CTE banquet. The Outreach Group at the High School volunteered at the soup kitchen. Mrs. Bemis took a group of students to our local food pantry to sort food. Mrs. Marcet took a group of students to the Special Olympics. Mr. Long took a group of students to the Howell Construction Days where students met with university/trade union reps and participated in brick laying, tin kicking, residential wiring and operating heavy equipment. Other activities that took place this month include: the FFA banquet and awards night, senior exit interviews, spring drama performances, spring music concert, prom, MITES competition, art show, Food for America and teacher appreciation week. The seniors last day is this Friday, May 24. Baccalaureate and Honors Night will take place Wednesday evening. Ms. Kuchar will begin interviews for the ELA/social studies position and the science position the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Administration is also attending a job fair at Saginaw Valley State University on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bemis has been awarded a tech grant geared toward Global Awareness and Mrs. Jacobs has been awarded a STEM grant. New Lothrop FFA was also nominated and received \$2500 from Bayer (formerly Monsanto), to fund rural/farming communities/programs. Ms. Kuchar is proud to announce that New Lothrop High School has been recognized as one of the best high schools in Michigan and nationwide according to US News and World Report. This group conducted a study of graduation rates, college readiness, AP courses offered and students passing exam, SAT, and M-Step scores. Out of 1,040 high

schools in Michigan only 660 made the rankings and New Lothrop High School ranked #181, putting us in the top 25% best high schools in Michigan.

*District – Anthony Berthiaume*

Dr. Berthiaume started off by saying it's been a two-year process surrounding our Bond/Sinking Fund and the community has made it happen. Dr. Berthiaume thanked David Wenzlick and Ethan for the excellent videos that they produced. Dr. Berthiaume stated it's like starting a new season, now we need to make sure we are transparent with the community. After the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting we will be holding a Board Facilities Workshop with Christman Co. and THA to discuss the timeline of upcoming projects over the next couple of years. The expectations of the superintendent, committee and board as a whole, and making decisions on the next phase of the process. This summer we will be starting the renovations to the high school bathrooms and the drainage project. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the administration team as this process included several meetings. Dr. Berthiaume also noted several committee meetings that will be taking place the month of June. Dr. Berthiaume stated that he didn't know if the district would have the budget numbers from the state for the 2019-2020 school year, which leads up to negotiations with the support staff, teachers, etc. Dr. Berthiaume mentioned that we haven't heard of our last day of school yet, we did not have to re-apply for the waiver. We would like to get the confirmation from the state before we communicate with parents our last day of school. Lastly, the staff picnic will take place on the last day of school.

Motion by Green, supported by Henige to adjourn.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be Monday, June 17, 2019 in the High School Library beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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Adam Green, Board Secretary