

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Monday, July 20, 2020

6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium & Via Zoom

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Berthiaume, Andrew Severn, 11 visitors in person and 4 visitors via Zoom.

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 June 15, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0

Correspondence

None

Presentations/Updates

Recognition of Retiree Randy Bishop

Dr. Berthiaume recognized retiree Randy Bishop for his 42 years of service to the district as a custodian.

Construction Update – Christman Company, Rob Crowe

Rob Crowe updated the Board on the construction projects that have taken place at the high school this summer. The lockers will be installed the first week of August. All of the ceiling replacements in the classrooms have been completed. Mr. Crowe stated that a few items have been impacted by Covid. The gym bleachers will be shipped on August 17 and are scheduled to be completed by August 28. The elementary bleachers will not be disrupted until the high school bleachers are completed. The science desks will be installed and completed by labor day weekend. Mr. Crowe stated that overall we are doing well with the construction budget and it looks like we will have some contingency money left to use in next year's phase of projects.

Fall Re-opening Plan Discussion – Dr. Anthony Berthiaume

Dr. Berthiaume discussed in detail the re-opening of school for this coming fall. Dr. Berthiaume also mentioned that he will be presenting this same information to staff, students and parents at a Community Forum this coming Thursday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. on Hornet field.

Committee Reports

Facilities/Transportation/Extra-Curricular – Greg Ruddy reported the minutes from June 15, 2020.

Visitors

None

Financial Reports

Jessica Unangst read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$852,068.19; school service, \$37,461.56; for a total of \$889,529.75.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

The monthly financial report was read as follows: beginning balance, \$980,738.00; receipts, \$757,939.73; expenditures: \$889,529.75; for an ending balance of \$849,147.98.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace 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, 7-0.

Motion by Henige, supported by Vincke to place Thrun Law Firm on retainer as legal counsel for the school district for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Eustace to approve a levy of 18 mills of non-homestead properties for the general fund for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve a levy of 7.10 mills for the 2006 debt retirement, 0.78 mills for the technology bond, 1.25 mills for the sinking fund and 1.39 mills for the 2019 bond, as presented for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Unangst to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Eustace to approve the resignation of Randy Bishop, elementary custodian, effective July 31, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Green, supported by Vincke to approve hiring Lynn Bishop, high school secretary, effective July 6, 2020.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Ruddy, supported by Henige to approve the cabling project bid for the high school from Challenger Technology, LLC. in the amount of \$50,353.86 to be paid out of the bond.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Unangst, supported by Vincke to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment at 7:08 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a special board workshop on Thursday, August 6, 2020 in the High School Auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adam Green, Board Secretary