



**Northwest Community Schools**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**November 8, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**NEC Board Room - 6900 Rives Junction Rd.**

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<b>Board Members</b>	Brad Wait, Nick Rush, Bob Sayles, Dan Griswold, Katie Pitchford, Libby Conant - Lounds
<b>Absent</b>	Allison Cooper
<b>Administration</b>	Geoff Bontrager, Kelly Grygiel, Kim Carney, Emili Jones, Cari Bushinski , Scott Buchler, Phil Sczykutowicz, Amanda Anspaugh, Dan Brooks, James Upright
<b>Community Members</b>	Approx. 15

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Brad Wait.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Board Communications**

- Michigan Tax Tribunal - SCG Hotel Investors HLDG Reitz 7 (Petitioner) v Township of Blackman (Respondent) – MOAHR Docket NO: 20-0003773

**3. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

- Jackson County Commissioner - gave an update on happenings in Jackson County.
- One community member expressed concerns for district educational ratings.

**4. STORM UPDATE**

Quinatzin Martinez, STORM and Link Crew member, presented NWHS student updates to the NWBOE which included an update on homecoming and upcoming events.

**5. BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

Secondary Principals, Scott Buchler, Dan Brooks and James Upright gave an update on academics and events happening at NWHS, NWMS and NW Connect.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Dan Griswold, that the Board of Education approved the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the October 11, 2021, regular meeting.
- Minutes of the October 18, 2021, special meeting.
- Employment of Caitlin Williams as the 504/Tier 3/ McKinney-Vento Coordinator effective. pending a successful unprofessional conduct check, criminal history records check.
- Employment of Cory Parrott as the Middle School Alternative Coordinator at Northwest Connect, effective November 3, 2021.
- Employment of Michael Knapp as the Computer Teacher at Northwest Kidder Middle School, effective October 29, 2021, pending a successful unprofessional conduct check, criminal history.
- Employment of Matt Snell as the Drama Club Director at Northwest High School, effective October 20, 2021.
- Resignation of Laura Patterson as a Resource Room Teacher at Northwest Early Elementary School, effective November 26, 2021 with appreciation for her 8 years of dedication to NWCS.
- Resignation of Phil Sczykutowicz as a Middle Schools Girls' Basketball coach effective October 25, 2021.
- Resignation of Makendra Krutsch as a Secretary at Northwest Early Elementary School effective November 1, 2021, with appreciation for her 4 years of dedication to NWCS.
- Resignation of Lauren Woodman as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Kidder Middle School effective October 29, 2021, with appreciation for her 4 years of dedication to NWCS.
- Resignation of Andrea Parker as a Guidance Secretary at Northwest Kidder Middle School effective November 30, 2021, with appreciation for her service to NWCS.
- Resignation of Stephanie Breedon as a Supervisory Aide at Northwest High School effective November 12, 2021, with appreciation for her 2 years of dedication to NWCS.
- Retirement of Elesa Ball as an 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Northwest Kidder Middle School effective December 31, 2021, with appreciation for her 13 years of dedication to NWCS.
- Northwest Middle School grades 6-8th grade will implement the following curriculum resources to address the Michigan Social Studies State Standards. Discovering world Geography, History of the World Early Ages, and History of The United States: Early Years by McGraw Hill.

**Motion Carried - 6-0**

7. **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

**NONE**

8. **BUSINESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The Board of Education received the treasurer's report and a recommendation to approve bills for the month of October in the amount of \$ 3,083,451.85

Moved by Dan Griswold, seconded by Katie Pitchford, that the Board of Education approve October checks in the amount of \$ 3,083,451.85

**Motion Carried - 6-0**

9. **REPORTS**

A. **NW Clay Target Team**

Superintendent Bontrager gave the NWBOE information on the proposed NW Clay Target Team for students at NWCS.

10. **CURRICULUM**

A. No Updates

11. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **Approval of the NWCS Clay Target Team**

Superintendent Bontrager presented a proposal to allow the adoption of a NW Clay Target Team at NWCS for student participation.

**Recommendation**

Moved by Libby Conant - Lounds, seconded by Katie Pitchford that the Board of Education approve a Clay Target Team at NWCS for student participation.

**Motion Carried - 6-0**

12. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

A. **Superintendent Update**

Superintendent Bontrager presented an update to the board on current and previous events in the district.

13. **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

None

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Katie Pitchford and seconded by Libby Conant - Lounds, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Grygiel  
NWBOE Liaison



Secretary, Board of Education