



Northwest Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
NEC Board Room - 6900 Rives Junction Rd.

Board Members	Brad Wait, Nick Rush, Bob Sayles, Dan Griswold, Katie Pitchford, Allison Cooper
Absent	Libby Conant- Lounds
Administration	Geoff Bontrager, Kelly Grygiel, Kim Carney, Emili Jones, Paula Louagie, Mark Short, Aaron Bush, Colleen Anderson, Cari Bushinski
Community Members	Approx. 19

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Communications

- Invitation to the NWCS 2021- Trunk and Treat on October 30, 2021 from 1-2:30 pm.

3. COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Jackson County Commissioner - gave an update on the county's stance regarding vaccines and masks mandates in school districts.
- One community member expressed support for the school board, district and teachers.

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

Elementary Principals, Mark Short, Paula Louagie, Aaron Bush and Colleen Anderson gave an update on academics and events happening at the Elementary complex.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Minutes of the September 13, 2021, regular meeting.
- Employment of Jessica Banister as the Athletic Dept. Secretary at Northwest High School effective September 21, 2021.
- Employment of James Loughlin as a 2nd Grade Teacher at Northwest Early Elementary effective October 18, 2021, pending a successful unprofessional conduct check, criminal history records check.
- Resignation of Jessica Banister as a Special Education Aide at the Northwest High School, effective September 20, 2021.
- Resignation of Ashley Prater as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Kidder Middle School, effective September 24, 2021, with appreciation for her four years of service to Northwest Community Schools.
- Resignation of Jennifer Hause as a 4th grade Teacher at Northwest Elementary School, effective August 18, 2021, with appreciation for her one year of service to Northwest Community Schools.
- Resignation of Stephanie Warneck as a Media Center Aide at Northwest High School, effective September 14, 2021.
- Resignation of Erica Waldron as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Kidder Middle School, effective October 1, 2021.
- Extended resignation date of Patricia Hale as a Secretary at Northwest Kidder Middle School. Ms. Hale's original resignation date was October 1, 2021. She has extended her date of resignation to October 15, 2021.
- Resignation of Andrea Heiser as a Guidance Secretary at Northwest Kidder Middle School, effective October 6, 2021.

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 September in the amount of \$2,002,569.90.

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Dan Griswold, that the Board of Education approve September checks in the amount of \$2,002,569.90.

Motion Carried - 6-0

9. REPORTS

A. 2020-2021 Audit Presentation

Paul Matz from Rehman Robson, the district's auditing firm, presented the 2020-2021 audit for information and discussion.

B. NWHS Building Addition

Superintendent Bontrager presented the board with information on the proposed building addition to Northwest High School for robotics and storage.

10. CURRICULUM

- Director of Instruction, Cari Bushinski, presented an update on the district's attendance policy.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2020-2021 Audit Report Approval

The district's annual audit report was presented to the Board of Education. It is recommended that the Board accept the district's annual audit report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as presented.

Moved by Allison Cooper, seconded by Dan Griswold, that the Board of Education accept the district's annual audit report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, as presented.

Motion Carried - 6-0

B. NWHS Building Addition

The NWHS building addition project was presented by Superintendent Bontrager and it is the recommendation of the Administration to approve funds from the Capital Improvement Fund not to exceed \$475,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a building addition at NWHS for robotics and storage.

Moved by Katie Pitchford, seconded by Bob Sayles, that the Board of Education approve the construction of the addition at Northwest High School not to exceed \$475,000.00.

Motion Carried - 6-0

12. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. National Principals Month

The month of October is recognized as National Principals Month. Superintendent Geoff Bontrager and the Board of Education would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Building Administrators for all the great things they do and to recognize the importance of their school leadership so that every child has access to a high-quality education, even in these most challenging times. A celebration for the building Principals will take place at the upcoming Administrators meeting, scheduled for October 12, 2021.

B. Superintendent Update

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

13. **COMMUNITY COMMENT**

One community member expressed support for the school board and district for not mandating masks.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Nick Rush and seconded by Katie Pitchford, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Grygiel
NWBOE Liaison



Secretary, Board of Education