



**Northwest Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
NEC Board Room - 6900 Rives Junction Rd.**

<p>Brad Wait - Present Nick Rush - Present Dan Griwold - Absent Bob Sayles - Present</p>	<p>Katie Pitchford - Present Allison Cooper - Absent Libby Conant - Lounds - Present</p>
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Brad Wait. The audience was recognized and the pledge of allegiance was completed.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **Board Communications**
 - a. Thank you from Becky Baum’s family for the arrangement sent.
 - b. Thank you from the NW Equestrian Team for support through their 2021 season.

3. **COMMUNITY COMMENT**
 - Ray Snell
 - Nancy Thorpe
 - Deb Benn
 - Jennifer Biddinger

4. **BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS’ UPDATE**
 The NWEBOE welcomed Administrators from NWMS, NWHS and NW Connect to present updates in their buildings.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Libby Conant-Lounds, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda.
 - Minutes of the March 14, 2022, regular meeting.
 - Employment of Ryan Blackmore at the Northwest Middle School Track coach effective immediately.
 - Resignation of Brian Draper as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Elementary, effective March 24, 2022 with appreciation for his service to NWCS.
 - Resignation of Susan Mullins as a Supervisory Aide at Northwest Early Elementary, effective April 4, 2022 with appreciation for her service to NWCS.
 - Resignation of Morgan Tesch as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Elementary, effective April 8, 2022 with appreciation for her service to NWCS.
 - Retirement of Tina Delbridge, Life Science Teacher at Northwest Middle School, effective June 30, 2022 with appreciation for her 28 years of service to NWCS.

Motion Carried - 5-0

6. **FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

A. **NWHS Math and Science Chicago Trip**

Brian Klinger, Teacher at Northwest High School, requested to take approximately 50-53 students and 3 chaperones to Chicago, IL for a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. Students will leave on May 5, 2022, at approximately 6:30 am and will return on May 5, 2022, at approximately 9:00 p.m. Students and chaperones will be transported by Dean Transportation.

Moved by Katie Pitchford, seconded by Bob Sayles, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to Chicago, IL to the Museum of Science and Industry for NWHS Math and Science students on May 5, 2022.

Motion Carried - 5-0

7. **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 March in the amount of \$1,965,113.09.

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Libby Conant-Lounds, that the Board of Education approve March checks in the amount of \$1,965,113.09.

Motion Carried - 5-0

8. **REPORTS**

NONE

9. **CURRICULUM**

NONE

10. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Superintendent's Goals Review/Evaluation/ Contract Extension

MCL 380.1249b states that when a Superintendent is rated as "Highly Effective" for three consecutive annual evaluations, the Board of Education may choose to conduct an evaluation bi-annually. In 2019, 2020 and 2021, Superintendent Bontrager received "Highly Effective" ratings for each of the annual goal reviews and evaluations from the NWBOE.

The NWBOE is recommending that due to Superintendent Bontrager's three consecutive ratings of "Highly Effective" that the NWBOE extend his contract for one (1) additional year, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Pursuant to MCL 380.1249b, Superintendent Bontrager's goals will be reviewed and evaluated prior to June 30, 2023.

Moved by Libby Conant - Lounds, seconded by Nick rush, that the renewal for Superintendent Geoff Bontrager's contract be extended for one (1) additional year, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Pursuant to MCL 380.1249b, Superintendent Bontrager's goals will be reviewed and evaluated prior to June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Katie Pitchford, Nick Rush, Brad Wait, Bob Sayles, Libby Conant-Lounds

Nays: None

B. Operating Millage Renewal

A resolution was presented to the NWBOE calling for a special election on August 2, 2022, to allow the school district to renew the current authorized 21.8938 mills for a period of 10 years and levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18.0000 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law. The approval is required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Moved by Bob Sayles, seconded by Nick Rush, that the NWBOE approve the resolution calling for a special election on August 2, 2022 to allow the district to renew the current authorized 21.8938 mills for a period of 10 years and to levy the 18.0000 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, allowing the district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Katie Pitchford, Nick Rush, Brad Wait, Bob Sayles, Libby Conant-Lounds

Nays: None

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Board Update

- No updates

B. Superintendent Update

- Superintendent Bontrager gave updates on kindergarten roundup, upcoming events, Canines for Change and facility updates.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Katie Pitchford, seconded by Libby Conant-Lounds, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.



Secretary, Board of Education