



Northwest Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
NEC Board Room - 6900 Rives Junction Rd.

Brad Wait - Present Nick Rush - Present Dan Griwold - Present Bob Sayles - Present	Katie Pitchford - Present Allison Cooper - Present Libby Conant - Lounds - Present
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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

- None

3. COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Joanne Anastasiadis
- Amy Tupper
- Ray Snell
- Kayla Murdock and Faith Strohl

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Dan Bob Sayles, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the February 14, 2022, regular meeting.
- Minutes of the February 28, 2022, special meeting.
- Employment of Lauren Wilson as an Interventionist at Northwest Early Elementary School effective March 7, 2022.
- Employment of Benjamin Wilde as the District Technology Coordinator effective March 21, 2022, pending a successful unprofessional conduct check and criminal history records check.
- Employment of Jenna Sorenson as the NWMS Track Coach effective March 21, 2022.
- Resignation of Leisa Salisbury as a Special Education Aide at Northwest Early Elementary School, effective March 11, 2022 with appreciation for her service to NWCS.
- Resignation of Ashley Vazquez as a Supervisory Aide at Northwest Early Elementary, effective February 25, 2022 with appreciation for her service to NWCS.
- Resignation of Michael as the Freshman Basketball Coach at Northwest High School, effective March 4, 2022 with appreciation for his service to NWCS.

- Resignation of Joe Marken as the Varsity Girls Golf Coach at Northwest High School, effective March 9, 2022 with appreciation for his service to NWCS.
- Resignation of Dan Maes as the 7th Grade Football Coach at Northwest Middle School, effective March 7, 2022 with appreciation for his service to NWCS.
- Retirement of Mary Woodruff, Math Teacher at Northwest Middle School, effective June 10, 2022 with appreciation for her 30+ years of service to NWCS.
- Unpaid Leave of absence of Heidi Salyer, Administrative Assistant. Leave of absence will be approved through June 30, 2022.

Motion Carried - 7-0

5. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

NONE

6. BUSINESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Dan Griswold, seconded by Allsion Cooper, that the Board of Education approve December bills in the amount of \$1,847,073.96, January bills in the amount of \$2,044,118.40 and February bills in the amount of \$1,938,161.76.

Motion Carried - 7-0

7. REPORTS

NONE

8. CURRICULUM

NONE

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Live Streaming of NWBOE Meetings

Information was presented to the NWBOE for the possibility of live streaming board meetings. Discussion was held by the board.

Moved by Katie Pitchford, seconded by Bob Sayles, to move forward in the process to live stream NWBOE meetings.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Pitchford, Griswold, Rush, Wait, Sayles, Conant-Lounds, Cooper

AYES: 1

NAYS: 6

Motion Denied

B. Naming of Depositories and Investment Companies

It is recommended that the Superintendent, or his designee, be authorized to add the following institutions as depositories and investments for school monies:

Athletic Account	County National Bank
Food Service Account	County National Bank
Student Activity Account	County National Bank

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Bob Sayles, to approve the banks listed above as depositories for school monies.

Motion Carried - 7-0

C. Signature Authorization

It is recommended that the Superintendent, or designee, be authorized to sign checks issued on accounts at County National Bank. Further, the use of facsimile signature stamps and plates be approved.

Moved by Dan Griswold, seconded by Allison Cooper, to authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign checks issued on accounts at County National Bank.

Motion Carried - 7-0

Moved by Allison Cooper, seconded by Dan Griswold, that the Superintendent, or designee, be authorized to use facsimile plates for signatures on all accounts listed above.

Motion Carried - 7-0

D. Letter of Agreement - Northwest Education Association

A Letter of Agreement was presented for approval that will modify the Northwest Educational Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement to clarify the language regarding placement on the salary schedule.

Moved by Dan Griswold, seconded by Bob Sayles, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement for the Northwest Educational Association, effective March 14, 2022, as presented.

Motion Carried - 6-0

Nick Rush Abstain

E. Tennis Court Approval

The tennis court project began in the Fall of 2021, when the NWBOE approved an initial \$585,000 investment in the project. The project has experienced challenges, including rising material costs, during construction due to weather and COVID. The administration is requesting an additional \$150,000 to assist in covering the unforeseen costs associated with the project.

Moved by Katie Pitchford, seconded by Dan Griswold, that the Board of Education approve additional funds not to exceed \$150,000 to complete the tennis court project.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Pitchford, Griswold, Rush, Wait, Sayles, Conant-Lounds, Cooper

AYES:7

NAYS:0

10. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. MASB 2022 Board of Directors Election- Results

The following candidate was recently elected to the MASB Region 7 Board of Directors for a three-year term: Guillermo Lopez, Lansing School District.

B. Board Update

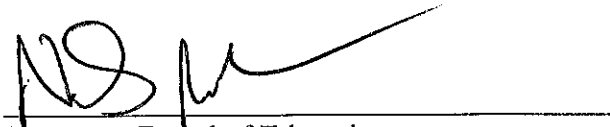
- Thank you for hosting the monthly JCASB meeting in February.

C. Superintendent Update

- Superintendent Bontrager gave updates on COVID-19, Canines for Change program and events and important dates.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nick Rush, seconded by Katie Pitchford, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.



Secretary, Board of Education