

NORTH MUSKEGON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
MS/HS Library
October 28, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

President, Steve Bliss, called the Regular Board meeting of the North Muskegon Board of Education to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: S. Bliss, L. Winter, B. Scheerer, L. Potts, C. Nedeau, K. Senkow, and S. Burmeister

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT

Curt Babcock, Kristie Hall, Jenn Schultz, Jonathan Allen, Ashley Westerlund, Paul Henderson, Terri Fortmeyer, Melanie Wymer, Khim Rossiter, Cecelia Londo, Roman Budzinskiy, Nolan Caauwe, Evia Potts, Liz Londo, and Jill Metz.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by L. Winter, supported by B. Scheerer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

Public Comments

None

Committee Reports

Financial Committee – The committee met to discuss September payables and financials, credit card, budget balance sheets, State aide and parking lot on Fleming and Insulin Litigation Resolution.

Personnel Committee – The committee met to discuss audit and 2 new hires through grants and comprehensive school safety plan.

Policy Committee – The committee met to discuss updates and review baseball complex, new hires and project in the works.

Presentation

Mrs. Fortmeyer's students: Evie Potts, Nolan Caauwe, Roman Budzinskiy and Cecelia Londo attended to talk to the board about their STEM club and show off their Ozobots, Sphero Bolt and Lego Spike robots, pretty great stuff. The kids are learning more every day and are so excited to continue to learn this year about STEM.

New Business

10.28.24 – 630 – Approval of Hiring Director of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports – Mrs. Julie VanBergen

It was moved by B. Scheerer, supported by L. Winter to approve the hiring Director of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports – Mrs. Julie VanBergen as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 631 – Approval of Hiring School-Based Mental Health Coordinator- Mrs. Susan Gerstweiler

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by L. Winter to approve the hiring of School-Based Mental Health Coordinator- Mrs. Susan Gerstweiler as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 632 – Approval of Shared Business Services with Fruitport Community Schools

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by B. Scheerer to approve the Shared Business Services with Fruitport Community Schools as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 633 – Approval of Insulin Litigation Resolution

It was moved by B. Scheerer, supported by C. Nedeau to approve the Insulin Litigation Resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Scheerer: Aye Bliss: Aye Burmeister: Aye Winter: Aye Nedeau: Aye Potts: Aye
Senkow: Aye

Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 634 – Approval of Hiring Special Education Teacher Jill Metz

It was moved by S. Burmeister, supported by C. Nedeau to approve the hiring of Special Education Teacher Jill Metz as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 635 – Approval of Teacher Resignation Heidi Houseman

It was moved with regret by C. Nedeau, supported by L. Winter to approve the resignation of Heidi Houseman as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

10.28.24 - 636 – Approval of Retirement of Kristina Gallo

It was moved by S. Burmeister, supported by B. Scheerer to approve retirement of Kristina Gallo as presented. Motion approved by all board members.

Board Comments

S. Burmeister – Sue reminded everyone of the Veteran’s breakfast event on November 11.

B. Scheerer – Ben welcomed the new Norsemen staff, sent best wishes to our staff resigning and retiring and thanked Mark and Jessica for the continues Fruitport partnership. The improvements to the Auditorium were very noticeable during the recent concerts, well done team! Go Norse and Happy Halloween.

S. Bliss – Steve sent best wishes to our resigning and retiring staff. Welcome Jill, Sue and Julie.

L. Winter – Lisa welcomed all the new Norsemen. Thank you so much for the students that presented from the STEM Club, so awesome. Best wishes to Mrs. Houseman and Mrs. Gallo.

L. Potts – Lisa welcomed Jill, great things are happening at NM. Good luck to Mrs. Houseman and Mrs. Gallo. So awesome to have my daughter as one of the STEM student presenters, thank you Mrs. Fortmeyer for spearheading this wonderful program.

C. Nedeau – Carolyn welcomed all the new Norsemen and sends best wishes to Mrs. Houseman and Mrs. Gallo. Thank you, Mrs. Fortmeyer, for your robotics work, it was great seeing the kids demonstrate their robots.

K. Senkow – Kim welcomed Jill and thanked Mrs. Fortmeyer and students for their STEM/Robotic presentation. The Orchestra and Choir concerts last week were awesome, thank you Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Slimko.

C. Babcock – Curt thanked everyone who attended the first Norse Advocates group. 16 parents/community members were in attendance and we plan to meet 4 times a year. Thank you to Community United Methodist Church, great partnership and wonderful opportunities for our NM Students.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before the Board of Education, Steve Bliss, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie Hall, Recording Secretary

Lisa Winter, Secretary Board of Education