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Regular Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

NPS Board of Education

Board President, Ben Purdy, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was held in Room 300.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ben Purdy, Tom Wetherbee, Ryan Blessing, Danielle Percy, Jake Zimmer, Dr. Barbara Conley

Members Absent: Dan Duffiney

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, supported by Dr. Barbara Conley, to approve the agenda at this April 10, 2023, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Student of the Month

- Elementary: Hazel Wetherbee, presented by Jackie Trof
- Secondary: Laura Christianson, presented by Jen Evans

Superintendent's Report

- There is an Intergovernmental Committee being created for the area and would like to have a representative from the Northport Board of Education.
- The exterior work that was completed last year needs some touch-up. We are working with the builder to fix these issues.
- The parking lot drainage project, funded by Watershed Grand Traverse, is out for bid. This work would resurface most of our parking lot, but not all of it. When the bids come back, we can determine if the school wants to foot the bill for the remainder of the resurfacing.
- The Children's Center project is still happening. The school has done everything necessary, but we are still waiting for licensing from the State.

Public Comments

Laura Cavendish, mother of NPS students, requested that the Board consider some sort of tribute to Nancy Peterson for her many years of service to the school. She noted that the

landscaping project might provide the right opportunity for dedicating a tree or other area to Ms. Peterson.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$127,420.25
- Approval of Addendum to the Agreement with ESS Midwest, Inc. (WillSub)

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

Action Items

Authorize Access to Bank Accounts

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Barbara Conley, seconded by Jake Zimmer, that the Northport Board of Education authorize access to school accounts at MILAF and Huntington National Bank to Braxton Platt, the new accounts manager from Northwest Education Services.

DISCUSSION: NONE

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Approve of Landscape Plans

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Ryan Blessing, that the Northport Board of Education approve the plans for landscaping, as presented, up to the cost of \$10,000.

DISCUSSION: Approximately \$6,000 for materials and \$2,000 for labor

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Change Date of May 2023 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Jake Zimmer, seconded by Danielle Percy, that the Northport Board of Education move the Regular May 2023 Board of Education meeting to Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate voting rules for the 2023 Intermediate School District Biennial Election.

DISCUSSION: Necessary to vote for the ISD Board members.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Consideration of District Electoral Representative

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, that the Northport Board of Education approve the "Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023, Biennial Election," to consider appointing Jake Zimmer as the designated representative and Danielle Percy as an alternate representative.

DISCUSSION: Necessary to vote for the ISD Board members.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion Items

HIV/STI & Sex Education Curriculum

Per last month's discussion, Superintendent Wetherbee obtained temporary licenses for Board members to review HIV/STI & Sex Education curriculum. The licenses just became available today, so the Board has not had a chance to review the contents. Moving this discussion to our May 15 meeting.

Leelanau Investing for Teens (LIFT)

LIFT is a non-profit out of Suttons Bay that works with middle school students in afterschool and summer programs. They appear to be doing great work with kids and removing barriers to participation by providing no-cost activities and transportation options.

They have been serving Suttons Bay students and have recently expanded their services to Northport. They have hired a full-time Northport coordinator. LIFT is requesting part-time office/desk space within the school for the coordinator. Superintendent Wetherbee recommended using the classroom in the Middle School corridor that is currently used by Parenting Communities once a week.

Nancy Peterson Tribute

Board members discussed options to pay tribute to the many years of service Nancy Peterson gave the school as a member of the Board.

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR: Moved by Dr. Barbara Conley, seconded by Danielle Percy, that the Northport Board of Education dedicate one of the planned cherry trees to former Board member Nancy Peterson.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Homeschool Access to School Programming

Old Business

NONE

New Business

NONE

Superintendent's Comments

NONE

Public Comments

Laura Cavendish thanked the Board for honoring Nancy Peterson.

Board Member Comments

NONE

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Danielle Percy, seconded by Jake Zimmer to adjourn.

Motion Passed 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Danielle Percy, Secretary

Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary