



Regular Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

NPS Board of Education

Board Vice-President, Dr. Barbara Conley, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

This meeting was held in Room 300.

Roll Call

Members Present: Tom Wetherbee, Dr. Barbara Conley, Ryan Blessing, Dan Duffiney

Members Absent: Ben Purdy, Jake Zimmer, Danielle Percy

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, supported by Daniel Duffiney, to approve the agenda at this August 14, 2023, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 4-0

Superintendent's Report

- School staff return next Tuesday.
- Our PA system has been updated and is functioning properly. Our new fire panel is back-ordered and likely will not be installed until Christmas. The outdoor basketball court has been resurfaced and pickleball lines added.
- We are fully staffed for teachers. We have an applicant for bus driver. The only position not filled is for a mental health professional.
- NPS Homecoming is on the same day as Leelanau Uncaged this year (last Saturday in September). We are hoping that we will get great alumni participation and may be able to put up a stage on the field to combine events.
- It looks like we will have two exchange students, one from Germany and one from South Korea.

Public Comments

- Carrie Wadas noted that the exterior improvements to the building and grounds look amazing and are a great reflection of the good work we do inside the school.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$49,090.91
- Accept the Resignation of Corey Fondaw
- Approval for the Hiring of Brenda Heckl as Special Education Teacher and Brad Morton as Spanish Teacher

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

Action Items

Course Catalog Update

MOTION: Moved by Ryan Blessing, seconded by Dan Duffiney, that the Northport Board of Education approve the course catalog updates, as presented.”

DISCUSSION: The only changes were highlighted in yellow in packet. Two big changes- we are listing out each subject for elementary so that our teachers can grade in OTUS and have it also exist in PowerSchool, auditor requires it listed in course catalog. Adding middle school Spanish exploratory as an elective that focuses on culture and basic vocabulary prior to reaching Spanish 1. We are also adding a work-study course, as required by the state, due to a student requesting it.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 4-0

Athletic Co-Op with Suttons Bay

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Ryan Blessing, that the Northport Board of Education approve the athletic 2023-2025 Cooperative Program Agreement with Suttons Bay.”

DISCUSSION: We have been co-oping with Suttons Bay for about 10 years. This agreement looks a little different, but the new document follows MHSAAA rules and details the payment structure. Nothing here changes how we have been doing business, it is just a more complete document.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 4-0

Board Policy Updates

MOTION: Moved by Dan Duffiney, seconded by Ryan Blessing, that the Northport Board of Education approve the changes to the following Board policies, as presented:

- PO 1615 – Use of Tobacco by Administrators
- PO 2623 – Student Assessment
- PO 3215 - Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff
- PO 4215 - Use of Tobacco by Support Staff
- PO 5512 - Use of Tobacco by Students
- PO 6325 – Procurement
- PO 7434 - Use of Tobacco on School Premises
- PO 7540.02 – Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services
- PO 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- PO 7540.04 - Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety

- PO 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan
- PO 8305 – Information Safety
- PO 8315 – Information Management
- PO 8390 – Animals on District Property
- PO 8400 – School Safety
- PO 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events
- PO 9700.01 – Advertising and Commercial Activities.”

DISCUSSION: None.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 4-0

Discussion Items

NONE

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Ryan Blessing inquired about options for more after-school activities for middle school students. Superintendent Wetherbee noted that LIFT will have a larger presence at NPS this year and may be the right avenue for after-school activity expansion.

Superintendent’s Comments

NONE

Public Comments

NONE

Board Member Comments

NONE

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Dan Duffiney, seconded by Tom Wetherbee to adjourn.

Motion Passed 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Danielle Percy, Secretary

Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary