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# Regular Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022

NPS Board of Education

Board President, Ben Purdy, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*This meeting was held in Room 300.*

## **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Daniel Duffiney, Tom Wetherbee, Ryan Blessing, Ben Purdy, and Jeannette Reynolds

**Members Absent:** Nancy Peterson and Dr. Barbara Conley  
A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Moved by Tom Wetherbee, supported by Daniel Duffiney, to approve the agenda at this July 11, 2022, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 5-0

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Construction is moving along well and on schedule
- Northport Village agrees to fine-tuning the lease for the Children's Center to address all our concerns. The goal is to have the childcare center open in September for up to 12 children.
- NPS utilizes four main assessment tools annually for our students. Two measure academic growth and two measure social emotional skills. These tests allow the school to assess individual growth and areas of need. Teachers can then provide differentiated instruction for students within the same classroom, as appropriate.

## **Committee Reports & Goals**

- NONE

## **Public Comments**

- NONE

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the June 13, 2022, Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$82,041.06

- Approval of the resignation of James Bell, Bus Driver

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

### **Action Items**

#### **Operating Millage Renewal Resolution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Jeannette Reynolds, that the Northport Board of Education approve the Operating Millage Renewal Resolution as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** Nadia Hoover, Business Manager, presented the proposed “straight renewal,” to the Board. The 5-year millage renewal is for the same amount we are currently collecting. This millage is for non-homestead property taxpayers only.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 5-0

#### **School of Choice Class Size Limits**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ryan Blessing, seconded by Daniel Duffiney, that the Northport Board of Education approve the class size limit of 18 for grades K-12. This cap would only affect new students who are out-of-district.

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Wetherbee explained that this limit can be adjusted each year, as needed. Having consistent class sizes makes our budget easier to manage. Our current limit is 16, a lower amount that was set during the pandemic.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 5-0

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Incentive Pay for Substitute Teachers**

Superintendent Wetherbee detailed a proposed longevity bonus for substitute teachers who are consistently in our building. The bonus would be \$250 per 10 days worked (not prorated). This would reward loyalty to the school and incentivize substitutes to pick up more shifts.

#### **Student Handbook Revisions**

Superintendent Wetherbee proposed a few changes to the student handbook:

1. Simplifying the dress code
2. Highlighting personal electronic device use language and clarifying rules for in-classroom use.
3. Changing from “Points of Pride,” to “Portrait of a Northport Graduate.”

#### **Course Catalog Updates**

Superintendent Wetherbee explained that any changes in the Course Catalog must be approved by the Board each year. The proposed updates do not change any curriculum. The changes create the flexibility needed to combine grades when needed in certain classes.

**Old Business**

NONE

**New Business**

NONE

**Superintendent's Comments**

NONE

**Public Comments**

Carrie Wadas commented that she loves the idea of combining grades and changing the classroom dynamic.

**Board Member Comments**

NONE

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Daniel Duffiney, seconded by Ryan Blessing to adjourn.

**Motion Passed 5-0**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Jeannette Reynolds, Secretary

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Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary