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Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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: Tom Wetherbee, Ryan Blessing, Ben Purdy, Jeannette Reynolds, and Dan Duffiney

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Jeannette Reynolds, supported by Daniel Duffiney, to approve the agenda at this September 12, 2022, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 5-0

Superintendent's Report

- The start of the school year has been smooth so far. Staff and students seem excited to be back to a sense of normalcy. Enrollment appears to be about the same as last year.
- Construction is behind schedule. The fencing has been delivered and we are now waiting for the installers. The light fixtures will likely be delivered in October or November. The Pole Barn is coming along, and we are within our contingency budget for the project.
- The HVAC System was tested a few months ago through Aaron Energy. We received over 2 pages of needed updates and suggestions of things to be fixed. Almost everything off that list has been completed. We hope to notice an improvement in the winter months.
- There have been a myriad of difficulties moving forward with the lease agreements for the LCC Children's Center due to the number of parties involved. We have a final version of the lease and are awaiting signatures to that document. The first provider will be Amalia Wack. She hopes to be up and running with 6-12 spots available within a month.
- Principal Burks is heading to Milwaukee for professional development through EL Education.
- We are looking at the possibility of sending our National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members to Washington, DC this spring. The students are working on a

presentation for next month's Board meeting. It would be nice to have some sort of leadership experience for the students each year.

Committee Reports & Goals

- NONE

Public Comments

- Carrie Wadas mentioned that she has heard a lot of public comments about how nice the exterior of the school is looking. She also brought up how great the new school year is going and credited the Board and Administration for all the work they have done in the last few years.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the August 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$124,642.83
- Accept the Resignation of Scott Martin, Science Teacher
- Approval to Hire Susan Sobehrad & Corey Fondaw as Secondary Teachers

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

Action Items

NONE

Discussion Items

COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan

All Federal and State COVID regulations have been relaxed since last year. We continue to do extra cleaning, but all other activities have returned to normal. We must discuss our COVID plan every six months as a requirement of the federal pandemic funds we received.

2022-23 Planning

Superintendent Wetherbee unveiled Northport's new "Portrait of a Graduate: Ethical, Inquisitive, Goal-Oriented, Respectful, Critical Thinker, Responsible," to the Board. This portrait was created by teaching and administrative staff to focus our efforts and frame our direction moving forward.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

NONE

Superintendent's Comments

NONE

Public Comments

NONE

Board Member Comments

Tom Wetherbee noted that interest in the Climbing Wall is back and requested the Board’s permission to open it back up on Tuesday’s from 6:30-9:00pm. Board members expressed support for this idea because it is outside of school hours. Board members discussed allowing other organizations, including Pickleball groups, to use the school outside of school hours as well. All groups would need to work around school-sponsored events. Board members agreed that outside groups should not use the school during school hours.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Jeannette Reynolds to adjourn.

Motion Passed 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Jeannette Reynolds, Secretary

Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary