

## NORTHPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION – Special Meeting

President, Tom Wetherbee, called the meeting to order on July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Dan Duffiney, Nancy Peterson, Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, Kirk Richards, Tom Wetherbee

A quorum is present.

Members Absent: Kristin Frank, Jeannette Reynolds (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Public in Attendance: Jackie Leyva, Patti Brandt (Leelanau Enterprise)

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Nancy Peterson, to approve the agenda at this July 17, 2017 special meeting. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Superintendents Comments

- County Superintendents attended a board meeting at the Governmental Center regarding the possible elimination of an employee who meets with and counsels students at the area schools. Her position is funded by a grant and the grant was ending. The superintendents voted unanimously to keep her employed.
- Will be speaking at a Rotary meeting this Thursday.
- Working on a Marzano teacher packet for this fall.
- Revising the Discipline Referral process.
- Scott Martin will be returning this fall.
- The Superintendent at the ISD, Mike Hill, has resigned.
- Conflict with the August 14 board meeting.

Public Comments

Jackie Leyva introduced herself. She is on the agenda for employment as an elementary teacher starting this fall.

## Communication and Information

Tom Wetherbee stated that he would be exiting the meeting when they get to Discussion Items and the Superintendent's Evaluation.

In addition, the Village needs the digital sign to be an Action Item at the next meeting requesting a variance.

## Committee Reports & Goals

1. Finance/Personnel – D. Duffiney
  - a. The sinking fund ties in with the Building & Grounds report.
2. Athletics – N. Peterson
  - a. Have not had a meeting, but announced that Dan Stowe will be the boys' basketball coach this coming season.
3. School Improvement – N. Peterson
  - a. Neil reported that we are on a three-year plan.
4. MASB Rep. – T. Wetherbee
  - a. No report.
5. NCAC Rep. – L. Wilcox-Irvine
  - a. No meeting, but reported that ticket sales are down.
6. Northport Promise – D. Duffiney
  - a. Have had the golf outing. The next event is the Northport Follies in September.
7. Building & Grounds – D. Duffiney
  - a. Lobby area flooring, soccer field, and pre-school playground equipment.
8. SEPAC – Teresa Sleder
  - a. No report.

## Consent Agenda

Tom Wetherbee asked if there were any objections to the June 12, 2017 Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 26, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved by consent.

## Action Items

**MOTION:** Moved by Dan Duffiney, supported by Nancy Peterson, to approve the Bills Presented for Payment in the amount of \$102,858.68. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Duffiney, supported by Jeannette Reynolds, to approve the Ratification of the Master Agreement between the Northport Education Association – MEA/NEA and the Northport Board of Education for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 school years. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Peterson, supported by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, to approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Kirk Richards, to approve the employment of Jacqueline Leyva, as an elementary teacher, with a start date of August 28, 2017. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Nancy Peterson, to approve the School Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the Honeywell Contract for energy improvements (lighting and HVAC) as recommended. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

At this time, Tom Wetherbee turned the meeting over to Vice President, Nancy Peterson and exited the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

#### Discussion Items

1. Superintendent's Evaluation
  - a. Using the Marzano model
    - i. Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine was in charge of collecting the data from board members, excluding Tom Wetherbee, and explained the process and gave a summary of the results. Overall, all board members are quite pleased with Neil. Neil was given a rating of 3.35, which is in the "effective" range. Discussed involving the staff and students next year. Neil stated his three top goals:
      1. Community Engagement: Facebook, Quarterly Newsletter
      2. More time in classrooms
      3. To keep improving school culture

This will be an action item at the next board meeting

Superintendent Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Board Comments

Jeannette Reynolds announced that volleyball camp starts tomorrow at Ferris.  
Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine thanked the board members for their thoughtful and immediate responses to the evaluation process and stated again that they are very pleased with Neil.  
Kirk Richards stated he is very happy with the evaluation and feels we will see change in this district in the next few years.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kirk Richards, supported by Dan Duffiney, to adjourn. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0.  
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

---

Jeannette A. Reynolds, Secretary

---

Ellen M. Gibson, Recording Secretary