

## NORTHPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

President, Tom Wetherbee, called the meeting to order on August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Dan Duffiney, Nancy Peterson, Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, Jeannette Reynolds, Tom Wetherbee

A quorum is present.

Members Absent: Kirk Richards (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

Public in Attendance: Dan Stowe

Nancy Peterson questioned Superintendent Wetherbees absence tonight and ex-pressed her disappointment because this will be the last business meeting before the new school year begins. She requested this be recorded in the minutes.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Jeannette Reynolds, to approve the agenda at this August 14, 2017 regular meeting. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

None

Communication and Information

None

## Committee Reports & Goals

1. Finance/Personnel – D. Duffiney
  - a. No report.
2. Athletics – N. Peterson
  - a. A meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine reported that she had attended a soccer meeting earlier and Suttons Bay questioned whether the co-op would be affected since their super-intendent has resigned.
3. School Improvement – N. Peterson
  - a. No report.
4. MASB Rep. – T. Wetherbee
  - a. No report.
5. NCAC Rep. – L. Wilcox-Irvine
  - a. The NCAC is struggling right now. No one has auditioned for their upcoming play. They have an emergency meeting scheduled.
6. Northport Promise – D. Duffiney
  - a. Dan has stepped down from the Promise board, but will still be the liaison between the two boards.
7. Building & Grounds – D. Duffiney
  - a. New flooring is being installed.
8. SEPAC – Teresa Sleder
  - a. No report.

## Action Items

MOTION: Moved by Dan Duffiney, supported by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, to approve the Bills Presented for Payment in the amount of \$38,760.58. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

### Discussion:

J. Reynolds:

Soccer field mowing  
Google Management License  
HP Pro Books and Turn Key System

D. Duffiney:

Mesh Security Cart  
Athletic Supplies

MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the Performance Evaluation of Superintendent, Neil Wetherbee, for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Ayes: 5; Abstain: 1 (T. Wetherbee); Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Peterson, supported by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, to approve filing an appeal to the Village of Northport regarding the Digital Sign Zoning. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

#### Discussion Items

1. High School Exams – Dan Stowe
  - a. Mr. Stowe proposed letting juniors and seniors “opt out” of the second Semester Exams in June if they have a B+ or better grade point average and they have three (3) or less absences. Everyone would take first semester exams. Mr. Stowe will meet with the high school staff to discuss this and possible other options.
2. Eliminating Buses 03, 04, 05, and 06
  - a. The Board reviewed the recommendation from bus mechanic, Tom Bumgardner, to sell buses 03, 04, 05, and 06, to Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers (KMR Sales) for scrap. It was recommended that the Board approve this tonight so the buses can be removed next week.
    - i. MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the sale of buses 03, 04, 05, and 06, to KMR Sales. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
3. Purchase New Bus
  - a. There is a quote from Zarembo Equipment for either a 71-passenger bus or a 65-passenger bus. This will be an Action Item at the next business meeting.
4. School Board Vacancy
  - a. Tom Wetherbee announced that Kristin Frank has resigned due to moving out of the district. This vacancy will be posted in the Leelanau Enterprise. Since Kristin was the Board Secretary, the following motion was made:
    - i. MOTION: Moved by Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, supported by Nancy Peterson, to nominate Jeannette Reynolds as Board Secretary. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
5. Tom Wetherbee announced that Allison Wodek, our music teacher, has submitted a letter of resignation as of Friday, August 11, 2017. A copy of the letter will be emailed to the Board. A job posting has been posted in the T.C. Record Eagle, as well as, the ISD website and Northport’s website.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comments

None

Board Member Comments

Nancy Peterson stated she would like more communication between the school and board; bus routes looked at, and start doing "Exit Interviews" when teachers/staff leave our district.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Jeannette A. Reynolds, Secretary

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Ellen M. Gibson, Recording Secretary