

# NORTHPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

President, Tom Wetherbee, called the meeting to order on September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Dan Duffiney, Nancy Peterson, Jeannette Reynolds, Kirk Richards, Tom Wetherbee

A quorum is present.

Members Absent: Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine

Public in Attendance: Dan Somero, Ben Purdy

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Jeannette Reynolds, supported by Nancy Peterson to approve the agenda at this September 11, 2017 regular meeting. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Appointment of New Board Member

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Peterson, supported by Dan Duffiney, to interview and review applicants in accordance with Board Policy Bylaw #0140 and nominate and make appointment of new school board member.

Ben Purdy was the only applicant. He was not interviewed because he had served on the Board previously.

MOTION: Moved by Dan Duffiney, supported by Nancy Peterson to appoint Ben Purdy as the new school board member to fill the vacancy of Kristin Frank who resigned August 14, 2017. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Signing of Documents:

- Acceptance of Office
- Oath of Office
- New Board Member is Seated
- Welcome back Ben!

## Public Comments

None

## Superintendents Report

- We are always striving to find ways to reach all of our students and to challenge them. We have had an increase in on-line students (20 enrolled) that are taking high achievement classes this year.
- Students are still signing up for Honors classes, so I do not have those numbers yet.
- The Enrichment/Intervention block has gone as well, if not better than we expected.
- Student Council is now back. Ashley Howe, the Spanish teacher, is in charge of this. They are meeting twice a week.

## Communication and Information

None

## Committee Reports & Goals

1. Finance/Personnel – D. Duffiney
  - a. No report.
2. Athletics – N. Peterson
  - a. They had a meeting on August 22, 2017. Everything is going well. Discussed a rotation schedule for uniforms.
3. School Improvement – N. Peterson
  - a. No date has been set for S.I. meetings. Since we put a three-year plan in place last year, this year should not be as intense.
4. MASB Rep. – T. Wetherbee
  - a. No report.
5. NCAC Rep. – L. Wilcox-Irvine
  - a. The fall play has been canceled.
6. Northport Promise – D. Duffiney
  - a. Follies are this Friday September 15, 2017.
7. Building & Grounds – D. Duffiney
  - a. Things are looking good at the soccer field.
8. SEPAC – Teresa Sleder
  - a. No report.

## Consent Agenda

Tom Wetherbee asked if there were any objections to the August 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved by consent.

## Action Items

MOTION: Moved by Kirk Richards, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of \$46,214.57. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

### Discussion:

- J. Reynolds
  - Fiber Project (page 1)
- D. Duffiney
  - Volleyballs
  - T184 Calculators (page 5)

MOTION: Moved by Kirk Richards, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the employment of Julianne Holmes, full-time Music Teacher, for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Nancy Peterson, supported by Dan Duffiney, to approve the employment of Brittany Adams, as a full-time Aide and Aftercare Teacher, for the 2017-2018 school year. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION: Moved by Jeannette Reynolds, supported by Nancy Peterson, to approve Tom Wetherbee as the Official Voting Delegate and Lynelle Wilcox-Irvine, as the Voting Alternate to represent the Northport Board of Education at the MASB 2017 Delegate Assembly on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., at The Lansing Center. Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

## Discussion Items

1. Middle School Passing Expectations
  - a. Neil explained that when a middle school student fails a class or classes, they don't have the option to retake the class. What's the Board's expectations for passing? Suggestions: Summer School or On-line Classes. Consequences: Detention after school or Saturday School? The decision was made to discuss this further at a work session.

2. Home Schooling Policy #9270
  - a. Neil explained that we have a family that would like to homeschool and have their student take art and Spanish here at NPS. A majority of the board was not in favor of this.
3. Credit Recovery
  - a. This can be done through Michigan Virtual (on-line classes) at half the cost.

#### Unfinished Business/New Business

Kirk Richards asked that a purchase order be approved and sent to Stewart Signs so we can get on their schedule. He stated that Stewart Signs would rescind the purchase order if the Village doesn't approve the sign project.

#### Superintendent Comments

None

#### Board Member Comments

Kirk Richards asked if we had a school newspaper and if the community newsletter could be done on a monthly basis.

Jeannette Reynolds asked if there were any struggles with Senior Project since we have 17 seniors. She also stated that she thinks Erin Anderson, school counselor, has done a nice job keeping parents and students informed.

Dan Duffiney asked about M-Step Results. He also stated he's not a fan of the school picture company we currently use and asked if we could go back to the company we originally were with.

Tom Wetherbee stated that he would like to start transitioning into a long-term plan.

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.

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Jeannette A. Reynolds, Secretary

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Ellen M. Gibson, Recording Secretary