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Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

NPS Board of Education

Board President, Ben Purdy, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting was held at 104 S Wing St. Northport, MI in room 300.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ryan Blessing, Tom Wetherbee, Ben Purdy, Dr. Barbara Conley, Jake Zimmer, and Danielle Percy

Members Absent: Dan Duffiney

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Danielle Percy, supported by Jake Zimmer, to approve the agenda at this May 13, 2024, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Students of the Month

- Elementary: Declan Draper, presented by Beth Stowe
- Secondary: Cora Speer, presented by Carrie Wadas

STEM Student of the Year

- Laila Stoffel, grade 3, presented by Karen Trolenberg

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Wetherbee highlighted the many upcoming school events, including the spring concert, art show, and graduation.

Public Comments

Laura Cavendish gave an update from the recent PTO meeting. The group has set bylaws and a mission statement and have set regular meetings for the first Monday of each month at 6pm. Upcoming activities include the Book Fair and Literacy Night, including a potluck and 'read-in,' on May 28 from 4 to 7pm. The PTO is coordinating with interested Middle School students to plan a dance in the fall next year. The first PTO fundraiser will be a baking class followed by a

bake sale on July 5 at Music in the Park. The PTO would also like to increase afterschool clubs, including golfing and e-sports and has created an ongoing list of interested volunteers for school activities.

Carrie Wadas noted that the Senior Class fishing trip was that morning and was very successful. She also reminded everyone that the spring concert would be held on May 22 at 6pm.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of April 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$59,666.78

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

Action Items

2024-25 Academic Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Barbara Conley, seconded by Danielle Percy, that the Northport Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 academic calendar, as presented.

DISCUSSION: The calendar has not had a substantive change since last month’s meeting and discussion.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Northwest Ed General Fund Operating Budget

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, that the Northport Board of Education approve the Northwest Education Services General Fund Operating Budget Resolution, approving the 2024-2025 budget, as presented.

DISCUSSION: The approval is a technicality, NPS does not have a say in the Intermediate School District budget.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Board Policy Updates

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Jake Zimmer, that the Northport Board of Education approve the policy updates, as presented, to the following policies:

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| • po1240 | • po3220 | • po6350 |
| • po2410 | • po6320 | • po6520 |
| • po2414 | • po6321 | • po8390 |
| • po2418 | • po6325 | • po8800 |

DISCUSSION: NONE

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Graduating Class of 2024

MOTION: Moved by Jake Zimmer, seconded by Danielle Percy, that the Northport Board of Education approve the graduating class of 2024, as follows: Dasher Courson, Nayeli Martinelli, and Grace Oskaboose.

DISCUSSION: NONE

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion Items

Mastery Transcript Consortium

Superintendent Wetherbee introduced the concept of a Mastery Transcript. The Mastery Transcript Consortium is an organization focused on changing the way high school students are evaluated academically. A mastery-based transcript emphasizes mastery of specific competencies, rather than class completion and performance, in an effort to better represent student ability. Superintendent Wetherbee discussed the changes NPS can make to shift towards these ideals. He noted three primary ideas: competency-based grading, differentiating between academics and behavior in our grading, and focusing on a portfolio and product driven approach. He noted that there is software we can implement that would broaden our transcript to include a detailed portfolio of student achievement. This transcript is called a Master Learning Record (MLR) and combines a traditional transcript with a portfolio. Board members expressed support for adopting the MLR and utilizing the new software.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

NONE

Superintendent's Comments

NONE

Public Comments

Laura Cavendish commended the Board and Administration for their efforts to move forward with educational practices and technology. She wants to ensure that parents know of all the progress the school is making with project-based learning. She is proud and excited that her children attend Northport.

Karen Trolenberg noted that Northport has some wonderful programs, including the STEM kits available for check-out in the school library, science club, and the current project our students are participating in, in collaboration with NASA.

Board Member Comments

Dr. Barbara Conley asked that the Board present information to the PTO, as needed, to keep them informed of school initiatives and they can be ambassadors to the public.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Jake Zimmer, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, to adjourn.

Motion Passed 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Danielle Percy, Secretary

Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary