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# Regular Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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, Dr. Barbara Conley, and Dan Duffiney

**Members Absent:** Nancy Peterson

A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Moved by Jeannette Reynolds, supported by Dr. Barbara Conley, to approve the agenda at this November 14, 2022, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

## **Student of the Month**

- Elementary Student of the Month: Patrick Goncalves-Ribeiro, presented by Andrea Burks
- Secondary Student of the Month: Mackenzie Scott, presented by Carrie Wadas

## **Superintendent's Report**

- The millage for school funding passed by an impressive 71%. Our non-homestead property taxes are set for 5.5 years. The Board of Canvassers has not yet announced the results of the Board Member election.
- The building projects are almost complete. Only finishing touches remain.
- Our annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch is back! We are happy to welcome everyone to a Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 18, from 11:30-1:30.
- The school's boiler alarm system went down over the weekend and the air handler had a leak in it, so the system de-pressurized and the boiler shut down. We had the boilers up and running and the temperature normalized by 7:00 this morning.

**Public Comments**

- Chris Bailey reported that the Sherriff’s Office received a complaint regarding a Northport School Bus. The person reported that the bus performed a ‘rolling stop,’ on the corner of Swede and Pierson roads. The driver was identified and spoken with. Deputy Bailey believes the issue is resolved.
- Bruce Carlson identified himself as the person who reported the Northport bus to the police. He noted that he also has concerns about the age of a student who rides a Northport bus. He believes the student is too old to ride.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the October 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$364,820.97

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

**Action Items**

**Annual Summer Tax Resolution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Dr. Barbara Conley, seconded by Jeannette Reynolds, that the Northport Board of Education approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, as presented, permitting Leelanau Township to collect the summer tax levy of 2023.

DISCUSSION: None

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

**1975 Northport Public School Athlete of the Year**

**MOTION:** Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Ryan Blessing: Whereas Richard (Marv) Spears received fourteen varsity letters in soccer, basketball, track, baseball, and cross country, and whereas Richard Spears was nominated for 1975 Northport Public School Athlete of the Year, and whereas no Athlete of the Year was awarded that year, the Northport Public School Board of Education recognizes Richard Spears as the 1975 Northport Public School Athlete of the Year.

DISCUSSION: Board members discussed giving the award to Mr. Spears to right a wrong that was done in 1975.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

**NHS/NJHS Close-Up Trip to Washington, D.C.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Jeannette Wetherbee, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, that the Northport Board of Education approve the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society attend an academic field trip to Washington, D.C. through the Close-Up organization.

DISCUSSION: Board was impressed by the student presentation. Students have applied for a YAC grant to help offset travel costs and the students will fundraise, but the bulk of the trip

would be covered by the school. The students will also come back and present to the Board after the trip.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Board Policy Updates**

- i. po0144.1 – updates policies for nursing mothers
- ii. po6108 – new policy, but not practice. Allows for EFT payments-codifies practice
- iii. po6460 – allows for preferred vendors, do not have to bid every year
- iv. po6700
- v. po7440.03
- vi. po9150

Superintendent Wetherbee reviewed revisions to the policies listed above. The updates are needed to comply with Thrun Law recommended and required policies.

#### **Superintendent Evaluation**

At the request of the Board, the Superintendent Evaluation process is shifting away from the Marzano method and towards a leadership model with 6 domains. Superintendent Wetherbee has been collecting data to present to the Board regarding his performance within the 6 domains. Board members expressed support for the newer evaluation model and appreciated Superintendent Wetherbee's data and examples. The Board will vote on the Superintendent Evaluation at the regular December meeting.

#### **Old Business**

NONE

#### **New Business**

Dr. Barbara Conley asked whether any student has shown interest in joining the Board. Superintendent Wetherbee explained that no one has jumped at this opportunity. Jeannette Reynolds proposed having a Superintendent's Liaison group or perhaps student government could rotate sending a representative to the Board meetings.

#### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Wetherbee noted that we, as a school district, cannot discuss individual students or their transportation. He stated that any student who turns 26 after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be served for the remainder of the school year, in accordance with the law.

#### **Public Comments**

Bruce Carlson raised his concerns, again, about the transportation of a particular student. Board Secretary Jeannette Reynolds reminded the public that there are many things that the school district is legally bound to keep confidential.

Carrie Wadas reminded the Board that the Northport Band & Choral Concert will be held on December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm.

**Board Member Comments**

NONE

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Jeannette Reynolds, seconded by Ryan Blessing to adjourn.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Jeannette Reynolds, Secretary

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Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary