

Nottawa Community School

Board Meeting

April 10, 2023 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

“Building Better Futures for Children and Communities”

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Rosenbaum.

Members Present: Borkholder, Brandon, Danberry, Hochstetler, Rosenbaum

A. Required Reading of PA213.

II. Introduction of guests:

Mr. Wolff introduced Mrs. Miller, 3rd grade teacher, highlighting her helpfulness and skill with third grade students.

III. Correspondence:

IV. Presentations if any:

A. Comprehensive Needs Assessment

V. Consent Agenda

All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless there is a request from a board member to remove an individual agenda item (or items) from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and possibly voted upon separately. All agenda items pulled from the Consent Agenda will be placed under Action Items.

A. Approval of Minutes for March 13 Board of Education Meeting

B. Approval of Financial Report.

C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$80,230.34 through March 29, 2023.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Brandon to approve the consent agenda and March 13th minutes. Motion Carried 5-0.

VI. Action items

A. ARP Grant: Nottawa Stone School

1. Bids for Tuck pointing

Motion by Hochstetler, support by Danberry to accept Gabriel Alvez's verbal proposal of \$3500 to complete the tuck pointing and brick replacement where necessary for the Nottawa Stone School and if needed include up to \$1000 contingency for additional masonry repairs with the expectation that the bid will be formalized in writing. Motion Carried 5-0.

2. Bids for Painting

Motion by Borkholder, support by Rosenbaum to accept the painting bid for the Nottawa Stone School from Jacob Cline in the amount of \$7800. Motion Carried 5-0.

B. ISD Budget Resolution (Expect in May)

This resolution will be presented by Mr. Wolff at the regular board of education meeting in May.

C. Policy Update 37.2 First Read

Motion by Danberry, support by Hochsetetler to approve the first reading of NEOLA Policies 37.2.

VII. Information items

A. Progress on building project

We are nearing completion of final payments for the summer projects carried out by Frederick construction.

B. Development of Future Programming Considerations

1. Preschool Exploration/Research

a) Facility

Mr. Wolff shared preliminary cost projections from Vesta Modular for the potential addition of two classrooms, and shared that preliminary figures for site preparation and engineering are being put together.

b) Installment purchase agreement: legal requirements

Mr. Wolff reported the results of the legal consultation provided by THRUN to apply the current sinking for an allowable use by means of an installment purchase agreement.

c) Financial review

Danberry spoke to the practice of setting aside funds for a designated use explaining that other districts do this for special projects and this could be done by the Nottawa District through board action.

2. Programming Considerations

a) Art Teacher

Mr. Wolff advised the board that he would be asking for permission to add a part time art teacher for the coming school year. The benefits would be the enhancement of education for the children and the addition of a 5th planning for teachers.

b) Athletics

There was discussion about the pros and cons of resuming district sponsored sports, and possibly for the coming school year. Community acceptance, budget implications, the need for volunteers, and the importance of reviewing policy were all discussed.

(1) Cross Country

(2) Basketball

c) Hunter Safety Study Group

Hochstetler spoke to the progress being made for the implementation of the Hunter Safety Study group. He reported on a number of details including that 28 children are signed up and that the group will be led by a certified instructor. The study group will be held three times in May, and those participating will have an opportunity to participate in a field day at the Crow's Nest in Mendon.

d) School Bus Update

Mr. Wolff reported the used bus approved for purchase at the March meeting should be ready and state inspected in the next couple of weeks.

3. ARP Grant: Cooperative Park Trail Update

Brandon spoke to the selection made by the subcommittee for the excavation of the new walking/biking trail. Discussion was held about the design of the trail and the elements that led to the selection of Kelley Excavating to be awarded the project. It was noted that both excavators offered excellent bids and that it was a difficult decision between two very good options.

4. Full Occupancy and Fire Permits

Mr. Wolff reported that the district was no longer operating under a temporary permit, but was now fully approved for full/permanent occupancy by both the state and the fire marshal.

C. Rummage Sale May 19/20th

D. Enrollment 175

E. Legal Update(s)

1. NEOLA: School Handbook

Mr. Wolff discussed the benefits of the NEOLA sample handbook and elements that could be used to enhance the existing handbook with the main benefit being the correlation between handbook language and policy.

2. Roles of a Board Member (pt 2)

VIII. Other

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Danberry, support by Borkholder to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

VISION

“Nottawa Community School will encourage the involvement of parents and community to embrace a shared purpose in the education of our students to become problem solving, responsible, and contributing members of society.”