

Nottawa Community School

Board Meeting

April 13, 2026 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

“Building Better Futures for Children and Communities”

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item as, "introduction of guests."

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President Rosenbaum.

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

A. Required Reading of PA213.

II. Introduction of guests:

A. Mr. Wolff introduced Jill Pagels, 4th grade teacher and MEA-NEA President.

III. Correspondence:

A. Marc Chamberlain, Ehresman Architects. Mr. Wolff shared recent correspondence about the roof project and design with the board. Of note, was the prompt communication received by Mr. Chamberlain resulting in a timeline for bid and review for the proposed roof replacement.

IV. Presentations if any:

A. Mrs. Pagels shared a letter of understanding concerning 271 outlining that the union is in favor of the board of education dividing the 271 funds evenly among all direct hire employees. President Pagels also shared the NEA MEA collective bargaining proposal for the 2026-2027 school year. The board and Mrs. Pagels discussed the items listed on the proposal and thanked the NEA-MEA for presenting their requests, noting appreciation that this proposal was earlier than in past years.

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 9, and March 18, 2026 Board of Education Meetings

B. Approval of Financial Report.

C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$29,298.06 through March 25, 2026.

Motion by Brandon, support by Danberry to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.

VI. Action items

A. First Read of Policies 40.2 Spring 2026

Motion by Borkholder, support buy Danberry to accept the first read of policies 40.2 for Spring of 2026 with exception of 5336 and 7540.09, and rescinding of policies 2418, 3120.09, and 4120.09. Motion Carried 5-0.

B. Linewise Approval

Mr. Wolff presented the board with the annual review of the Linewise internet filter.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Danberry to approve using Linewise to filter internet content as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Bus Replacement

An emergency replacement of bus 17 is needed following the accident of March 23, 2026. Holland Bus company was able to provide a choice of 4 buses that were comparable to Bus 17.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Danberry to use insurance money from Bus 17 to buy a replacement bus, (a used 2021 Bluebird from Holland Bus Company) at a cost of \$55,000. Motion Carried 5-0.

D. Metal Chair Replacement

As previously discussed, with reorganizing storage it may be more advantageous to replace the current metal folding chairs. The chairs are in decent condition, but tend to catch clothing and are cumbersome to move. Currently the district is renting chairs for graduation at a cost of \$600 per year. Following discussion it was recommended to consider selling the current metal chairs and replace them with compact metal frame plastic seat folding chairs. A local community member, Sam Bontrager has expressed interest in purchasing the current metal chairs for his auction business. Mr. Wolff will return with recommendations in May.

E. Michigan Merit Electives for Grade 8

1. Personal Finance
2. Algebra 1
3. English 9

After discussing the addition of Michigan Merit Elective Courses for 8th grade students the board would like to see costs from the various online providers of these courses. Costs should include any added cost to staffing, curriculum, and online expenses.

F. Proposed Calendar for 2026 2027 school year

The proposed calendar was reviewed for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Motion by Borkholder, support by Danberry to approve the calendar for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

G. Consent of engineering services for roof gable

Mr. Wolff presented the proposal for an addition to the professional services agreement to include engineering for a proposed gable to be added to the roof. This was a low cost time sensitive addition to the project. Mr. Wolff reported that he already approved the request and was on the basis of prior discussion with the board at large and the roof sub committee, and that seeking board consent.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochtetler to approve with consent \$2,780 to cover the design amendment to the engineering of the parapet/gable wall. Motion Carried 5-0.

H. Authorization to approve change orders for roof project.

A question was raised by Ehresman Architects about the inclusion within the bid description of a \$50,000 contingency allowance. After board discussion it was suggested that while it was best to budget for the contingency, it would be better not to place it into the bid description, but rather to have the board make timely authorization as necessary. Further the board discussed the timeline at large and the need to call a special board meeting per the correspondence with Ehresman Architects

Motion by Hochstetler, support by Brandon to approve contingency work up to \$50,000 on the roof project with Mr. Wolff reporting to Building (roof) Sub Committee members. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Borkholder to call a special board meeting May 19th for the purpose of selecting a bid for the roof project. Motion Carried 5-0.

VII. Information items

A. Roof Project, Next Steps

Continuing from action item H the board discussed the timeline for various aspects of the roof project. Mr. Wolff will put together a calendar. In addition to the posting in the local newspaper, SIGMA site, school website, and professional services; Mr. Wolff encouraged board members to make local commercial roofing businesses aware of the upcoming opportunity to present a bid.

B. Bus Accident

Mr. Wolff reported that we are awaiting further information prior to making more decisions regarding the accident of March 23rd.

C. Railings for Stone School

President Rosenbaum recommended that the school complete the railing for the accessibility ramp located at the front entrance to the Stone School. The building committee will gather information and return with recommendations.

D. Kindergarten and Pre K Round-up

Mr. Wolff reported that the anticipated Kindergarten enrollment for the coming school year was already at 19 which is much higher than in previous years, noting that often the enrollment in kindergarten is large than the projection by the time the school year starts. Additionally, we do not know yet what we may expect for Preschool (GSRP) enrollment, but we have heard positive feedback from the community concerning this new early education program.

E. Planning for 2026 2027

Mr. Wolff reported that he and Fiscal Services Manager, Karen Bojanich met to review preliminary budget plans for the coming school year. A meeting will be set up soon for Treasurer Danberry, Mrs. Bojanich, and Mr. Wolff to review budget projections and in order to prepare a future budget proposal for the Board of Education.

F. Staff Appreciation May 4 to May 8, 2026

Staff appreciation week will be May 4 through May 8th. Rather than having a teacher appreciation week, as a smaller district, Nottawa combines all employee appreciation days/weeks into one week-long event for all staff. It is a fun and unifying experience with much appreciation to live and work in a supportive community.

G. Theresa Danberry: Important Updates to Board Operations

Nothing new to share at this time.

H. Legal Update(s)

Legal updates were discussed within the first read of Policies 40.2 Spring.

VIII. Other

Motion by Hochstetler, support by Danberry to approve rental of tent and 600 chairs from Rouch World for the 8th grade graduation at a cost of \$3,105. Motion Carried 5-0.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.

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“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.”