

Nottawa Community School

Board Meeting

January 10, 2021 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

“Building Better Futures for Children and Communities”

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by president Rosenbaum.

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

II. Introduction of guests:

Mr. Wolff introduced Rick Strawser of Gabridge and Co. Rick is presenting this evening the results of the district audit. Mr. Wolff also introduced Kelli Dechnik, District CFO. The board expressed appreciation for the work that Kelli and her team from the ISD perform on behalf of the district. Amy Falkenstein, Physical Education and Health Teacher was also introduced. Amy presented the Board of Education with small gifts on behalf of the staff and on behalf of the staff expressed appreciation for the work the board has done on behalf of the staff and students of Nottawa.

III. Correspondence:

- A. No Correspondence to report.

IV. Presentations if any:

- A. Audit Presentation by Gabridge and Co.

President Rosenbaum advanced to action item A on the Agenda. Mr. Strawser presented the Annual Financial Report with no modifications; this is the highest report an auditor can issue. Further Rick highlighted that the government auditing standard was applied and the district showed a strong fund balance position. Fund balance was a respectable \$646,725, a net change in fund balance at \$227,667 dollars, which was greater than expected with positive revenues over expenditures totaling \$63,000.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Brandon to accept the 2021 Annual Financial Report/Audit as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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 December 6th, Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Financial Report.
- C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$28,704.18 through January 3, 2022.

Motion by Danberry, support by Hochstetler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Action items

- A. Audit Presentation by Gabridge and Co.

See presentations

B. NEOLA Policies (Set 36.1) (First Reading Delayed due to Covid 19).

Mr. Wolff reported that he and the NEOLA representative have rescheduled their meeting for this week and to anticipate the first read of policy set 36.1 at the February board meeting.

C. Appoint Negotiation Sub Committee for Long Range Planning

Mr. Wolff recommended in preparation for next year's budget that a sub committee be again formed to review the collective bargaining agreement with the NEA, as well as all wages for hourly workers, and other salaried positions. Motion by Hochstetler, support by Borkholder to appoint Theresa Danberry and Ron Rosenbaum and Adam Brandon (as alternate) to the Negotiation Sub Committee for Long Range Planning. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Disposition of Macbook Minis

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to authorize Jerome Wolff to dispose of the Macbook Minis by recycling at the Apple Store. In the event that is not an option, Jerome is authorized to recycle as he sees fit. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Information items

A. MASB Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Wolff presented the board with an outline of the MASB superintendent evaluation tool. Mr. Wolff advised that the board again hold the evaluation across two months. The board should expect a staff survey. For section G the board goals are:

1. District goal of 80% of pupils making one years growth in one year as well as improved small group tier 1 instruction.
2. campus management and improvements to facility and grounds

B. Welding at Glen Oaks/ CTE

Mr. Wolff will be meeting with CTE Director, Tommy Cameron, to discuss costs and logistics for 8th grade welding before meeting with Kelli Dechnik review a prospective budget/

C. Update on building projects

Project manager Greg Dedes contacted Mr. Wolff and reported on plans for electric service upgrades and reviewed details about LED lighting.

D. Update on Tree Replacement

Nothing new to report.

E. Enrollment 152

F. EOP Update for February

Updated EOP will be presented in February. Areas of improvement were highlighted and the board will go into closed session to review sensitive components of the plan.

G. Website Update

Mr. Wolff provided mock-ups of the website update. This update will better serve the district with improved layout and better mobile device functionality.

H. Directory for Businesses

Mr. Wolff presented the plan for a district business directory highlighted in the last edition of the Constellation.

I. Legal Update

1. OSHA/MIOSHA

The board discussed the present status of the OSHA and MIOSHA temporary standard. It was advised that while the temporary standard is not expected to change present requirements for the district, it will impact our relationship and potentially staffing levels of third party district vendors.

VIII. Other

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Borkholder to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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.”