

# **Nottawa Community School**

## **Board Meeting**

*July 10, 2023 ~ 7:00 P.M.*

## **Minutes**

**“Building Better Futures for Children and Communities”**

### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by President Rosenbaum.

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

A. Required Reading of PA213.

### **II. Introduction of guests:**

Mr. Wolff introduced Mr. Bud Krawczak: 7th Grade Homeroom Teacher and President of the NEA/MEA. Mr. K is a longtime Nottawa teacher and an excellent educator.

### **III. Correspondence:**

A. No correspondence to share at this time.

### **IV. Presentations if any:**

A. ECOL: Mr. Wolff presented the board of education with an updated educational continuity of learning plan. The board reviewed the plan including highlighted updates. Mr. Wolff noted that the plan is being reviewed in advance of the six month meaningful consultation meeting which is scheduled for August 14th, 2023.

### **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 June 12 Board of Education Meeting

B. Approval of Financial Report.

C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$37,423.15 through June 30, 2023.

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

### **VI. Action items**

A. Approval of ECOL; Meaningful Consultation scheduled for 7:00 PM August 14th 2023.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Brandon to approve the ECOL as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Standing Sub Committees

Motion by Borkholder support by Rosenbaum to approve sub committees as follows: Curriculum- Audrey Borkholder, Adam Brandon; Collective Bargaining- Theresa Danberry, Ron Rosenbaum; Finance- Theresa Danberry, Ron Rosenbaum; Building and Site- Adam Brandon, John Hochstetler; Electrical- Ron Rosenbaum, Adam Brandon; Communication- Audrey Borkholder, Adam Brandon. Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Student Cognitive Coach; recommendation for hire

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to approve the recommended hire of Brandye Schmitt as Student Cognitive Coach. The position is up to 12 hours per week paid for with 31aa funds. Motion Carried 5-0.

D. Art Teacher Placement

Mr. Wolff informed the board that Mrs. Day accepted the position of Art Teacher at 0.35 FTE. Mr. Wolff will post for the vacancy in the 6th grade classroom.

E. Completion of the PA system.

Many thanks to President Rosenbaum, and Trustee Brandon whose efforts have completed a large portion of the PA installation which presently has partial functionality. Treasurer Danberry inquired about the purchase of the 40w amplifier which Trustee Brandon explained was the final component needed to give the system campus wide range of connectivity. Mr. Wolff suggested that in years to come we would expand the system to include other parts of the campus. Trustee Brandon noted the system signal tested successfully to both the Stone School and the Bookhouse. Mr. Wolff recommends the completion of installation by Visiplex to bring full functionality of the system. Mr Wolff presented a three or four day option for remaining installation and training, both of which were less costly thanks to the efforts of Brandon and Rosenbaum. Motion by Borkholder, support by Danberry to approve Visiplex to install and train PA system for up to 4 days at \$1200/day . Motion Carried 5-0.

F. Repairs to bookhouse bathroom

Mr. Wolff requested consent to gather bids to repair a bathroom and turn water back on in the Bookhouse. Trustee Hochstetler provided consent.

G. Superintendent requests Closed Session for the purpose of: (Roll call vote required)

1. Collective Bargaining Strategy

Motion by Borkholder, support by Hochstetler (Danberry simultaneously offered support) to go into closed session at 8:35 for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Strategy. ROLL CALL: Borkholder- yes, Brandon- yes, Danberry- yes, Hochstetler- yes, Rosenbaum- yes

Motion by Hochstetler and support by Rosenbaum to come out of closed session at 9: 08 ROLL CALL: Borkholder- yes, Brandon- yes, Danberry- yes, Hochstetler- yes, Rosenbaum- yes

Mr. Wolf will forward the request of the NEA MEA to the business office and schedule a meeting of the Collective Bargaining Sub Committee for the purpose of bringing forth a recommendation.

## **VII. Information items**

A. Secure Entrance Office Alteration as owner managed project: permit approval pending onsite review.

Mr. Wolff reported that he sought assistance of someone to guide or assist the owner managed completion of the secure entrance project from the ISD, Sturgis, and retired administrators. He hopes to have a person to either guide or contract the completion of the project.

B. MSP Update

Mr. Wolff reported that the \$50,000 in funds from the 2021-2022 MSP competitive grant for security improvements have been spent and that the 2022 -2023 security funds available to complete the secure entrance project.

### C. Enrollment Based Needs

#### 1. Cubbies and lockers

Mr. Wolff reported that 8 identical cubbies are being constructed by J&D Woodworking, adding that the cubbies will be able to be moved to the 4th grade classroom next year if there is need.

Due to increased enrollment Mr. Wolff urged the need to install additional lockers. Motion by Danberry and support by Rosenbaum to purchase 2 sets of lockers identical to the ones in the east end of the building from lockers.com. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 2. Lunch Tables

Due to increased enrollment Mr. Wolff urged the need to gather bids for new lunch tables. Due to limited space he recommended the pocket tables with safety latches. Motion by Danberry, support by Borkholder to purchase lunch tables up to the amount of \$28,048. Motion Carried 5-0.

#### 3. Temporary Art Room

Mr. Wolff announced that due to the reintroduction of art that it was most beneficial to the building, children, and staff to locate the art room in the present computer lab until such a time that additional space is available for a more permanent art room. This means that technology will be on a cart and push into classrooms.

### D. Enrollment.

Mr. Wolff advised that enrollment projections are higher than expected. This is mixed positive news. Enrollment is adding revenue and it is adding to expenses. Further, while thankful that the passed per pupil funding increase will be slightly more than projected in our approved budget; there is additional cost this year due to payroll tax changes and the unfunded pension liability. Enrollment is projected between 185 - 190.

### E. Legal Update(s)

NEOLA legal updates were shared. Areas of discussion included tort liability versus governmental immunity from tort liability and the exceptions for gross negligence. Another area highlighted was the elimination of A-F comparative grading of districts which Mr. Wolff stated he was supportive of the repeal of A-F as it was demographically unfavorable to Nottawa; noting that the 0-100 index scores will remain in place and that he considered the school index to be a more fair measure of performance for all public districts.

## VIII. Other

## IX. Adjourn

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

## 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."*