

# **Nottawa Community School**

## **Board Meeting**

July 15, 2019 ~ 7:00 P.M.

## **Minutes**

“Building Better Futures for Children and Communities”

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Rosenbaum

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

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

Mr. Wolff introduced Faith Hopper. Mrs. Hopper is a current employee of Nottawa Community School and serves as a long term substitute teachers and bus driver. Mrs. Hopper, is one of two teachers recommended for hire by our school interview committee.

Mr. Wolff reintroduced project manager Mike Frederick of Frederick Construction.

### **III. Presentations if any**

- A. Correspondence: None
- B.

### **IV. 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 10 and June 17, 2019
- B. Approval of Financial Report
- C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: \$11,888.70 through June 27, 2019.\

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

### **V. Action items**

- A. New Teacher Hires
  - 1. Faith Hopper: Physical Education and 4th/5th Science
  - 2. Jill Pagels: 4th Homeroom, 4th/5th English Language Arts and Social Studies.

Discussion was held. The board reviewed the resumes of the recommended applicants. Mr. Wolff expressed appreciation of both Mrs. Hopper and Mrs. Pagels years of extensive classroom experience in other positions prior completing their programs for teacher education. The interview committee felt that Faith Hopper and Jill Pagels will make an excellent addition to the Nottawa school family.

Motion by Hochstetler, support by Rosenbaum to approve the hire of teachers Faith Hopper (Physical Education and 4th/5th Science) and Jill Pagels (4th Homeroom, 4th/5th English Language Arts and Social Studies (to be on the first step of the collective bargaining agreement for the 2019-2020 school year). Motion Carried 5-0

- B. Sinking Fund Millage: Update
  - 1. Construction Manager
    - a) Eckert Wordell proposal
    - b) Carmi proposal

Thorough discussion was held weighing the particular project needs of the school to the specific strengths of each professional service provider.

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Danberry to accept the construction proposal from Eckert Wordell. Motion carried 5-0.

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

- ☐ Collective Bargaining Strategy
- C. Teacher Negotiations

Motion by Rosenbaum support by Hochstetler to go into closed session to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy. Role call vote: Borkholder- Yes, Brandon- Yes, Danberry- Yes, Hochstetler- Yes, Rosenbaum- Yes Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Rosenbaum and support by Borgert to come out of closed session to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy. Role call vote: Borkholder- Yes, Brandon- Yes, Danberry- Yes, Hochstetler- Yes, Rosenbaum- Yes Motion Carried 5-0.

\*nb for transparency the time for entering and exiting closed session was not recorded. Mr. Wolff notes the approximate amount of time spent in closed session was 45 minutes.

## **VI. Information items**

### **A. Enrollment: Update**

Mr. Wolff reported that we are still enrolling and would have more concrete enrollment figures at the next board meeting.

### **B. Stone School Update: Friends of the Stone School**

Mr. Wolff continues to work on garnering interest and support to form a Friends of the Stone School consortium. Board members expressed an interest in working with other to maintain the property on the historical site.

### **C. Softball Field Update.**

Mr. Wolff reported that excavation had begun on the diamond. He hopes to have the project will be completed by the start of school.

### **D. Bus Update: Gathering bids for potential bus purchase.**

Mr. Wolff will check with the business office, and bus mechanic again to review the steps leading up to the purchase of a school bus. Mr. Wolff will search for used bus quotes of the the goal of obtaining at least three options to present to the school board. Mr. Wolff will also work with Adam Brandon to review bus quotes.

### **E. Sinking Fund: Security Camera and WiFi progress**

Mr. Wolff reported that the WiFi project was nearing completion and the Security Camera installation would soon be underway.

### **F. Support Staff Compensation Review**

The board discussed the need to review compensation of all staff within the budget. Mr. Wolff will work with the business office to review non teacher compensation.

G. 1 Quote Received for Sidewalk in front of School

Board members and Mr. Wolff will work together to find additional quotes for the sidewalk.

H. JDC request to use the gym.

Discussion was held. The board requested more information concerning the request.

**VII. Other**

**VIII. Adjourn**

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Brandon to adjourn 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.”*