

# **Nottawa Community School**

## Board Meeting

March 9, 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 7:12 PM by President Rosenbaum.

A. Required Reading of PA213.

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

A. Mr Wolff introduced Special Education Teacher, Sarah Bingaman who also serves the district in multiple capacities as 504 coordinator, Catamaran Representative, MICIP, and ELJ team. The board thanked Mrs. Bingaman for her service to the district. Also present was parent and volunteer Olivia Krajian.

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#### **III. Correspondence:**

A. Concerning 31aa

Mr. Wolff shared correspondence concerning 31aa funding.

B. Early Childhood Education Letter

Mr. Wolff shared a letter from Mrs. Beery, Early Childhood Administrator, Rhonda Byler, GSRP Lead Teacher, and Ella Stevens, GSRP Associate Teacher. The letter expressed gratitude for being able to attend the early childhood conference in Grand Rapids and gave a report of the relevant professional development they were able to receive.

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

A. No presentations at this time.

#### **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 February 16, 2026 Board of Education Meetings

B. Approval of Financial Report.

C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$29,146.83 through February 27, 2026.

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

#### **VI. Action items**

#### A. Roof Project, Next Steps, Engineered Drawing Recommendations

Trustees Hochstetler and Brandon presented information from their review and inspection of the roof, interior roof drains, and drywells. Additionally trustees requested Marc Chamberlin, of Ehresman Architects, to provide a professional services consultation for roof replacement. In addition to the consultation, Mr. Chamberlain provided an overview of the meeting and professional services that Ehresman Architects could offer for this project. Board consensus was to seek answers to several specific project questions and request a formal proposal in writing. If necessary, a special board meeting will be called. Mr. Wolff will gather the information and share it with Trustees Brandon and Hochstetler.

#### B. Superintendent Evaluation Part 2: March: Survey and Remainder of Evaluation.

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

- Periodic Personnel Evaluations

Motion by Danberry, support by Hochstetler to go into closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation (Action Item B) and Re-Adoption of the Emergency Operation Plan (Action Item C) at 8:37 PM.

Roll call vote: Borkholder- yes; Brandon- yes; Danberry- yes; Hochstetler- yes; Rosenbaum- yes  
Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to return to open session at 9:49 PM.

Roll call vote: Borkholder- yes; Brandon- yes; Danberry- yes; Hochstetler- yes; Rosenbaum- yes  
Motion Carried 5-0.

#### C. EOP Re-Adoption

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochstetler to accept re-adoption of the Emergency Operation Plan.  
Motion Carried 5-0.

#### D. 31aa Funding Adjustment

There was thorough discussion about the district not receiving the anticipated 31aa funding. As explained by Mr. Wolff, the 31aa application was completed and submitted. MDE officials handling the grant system referred to as MARS/GEMS disagreed. Mr. Wolff provided documentation of the submission, however despite an appeal to the Deputy Superintendent, Diane Golzynski, the appeal did not meet the criteria of MDE. Mr. Wolff will continue to seek 31aa funding

### VII. Information items

#### A. Forgiveness days and make up hours

Having exceeded the 6 days of forgiveness for school cancellations Mr. Wolff reported that he is working on a request for additional days of forgiven time and checking to make sure that instructional hours portion of the additional days of forgiveness is satisfied by the forgiven days.

#### B. Early Elementary Update

Provided early in the correspondence portion of the meeting.

C. Data Gathering/Survey RE: Educational Offerings Part 3

Mr. Wolff read through the results of responses for questions 3 and 4 inquiring about secondary education being offered at Nottawa. Indicating that for a 4 year high school option 24 families were very interested, 12 families were somewhat interested, and 12 families were not interested. With respect to a two year high school equivalency option resulting in a GED 16 families were interested, 12 families were somewhat interested, and 18 families were not interested. Mr. Wolff will pull all three parts of the survey information together into a report for the April and if needed May board meetings.

D. Theresa Danberry: Important Updates to Board Operations

Nothing at this time.

E. Legal Update(s)

Mr. Wolff shared monthly legal highlights provided by THRUN law.

**VIII. Other**

**IX. Adjourn**

Motion by Hochstetler, support by Rosenbaum to adjourn the meeting at 9:5 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.”*