

Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on February 6, 2024. Board Vice President Scherrer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call

Board Members Present:

Birgy
Brown
Scherrer

Lajko
Thomas

Board Members Absent:

Fisher
Petrella

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Birgy, to approve the February 9, 2024 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none

Student/Staff/Local District Highlights/Presentations/Recognitions:

SAIL(ORS) On Deck – Organizational Recognition System

Board of Education members recognized this month's SAIL(ORS) On Deck. This month's standout is Kaitlyn Larabee, School Psychologist, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Equity, presented in recognition of meeting the varying needs of all.

Career Tech Month & Presentation –

Aviation Maintenance Instructor Scott O'Dell and ELA Instructor, Raquel Torres provided information around the new Aviation Maintenance Program that started this fall at full capacity for both morning and afternoon sessions. With the excitement of a new program, images were displayed of students setting up the classroom lab including workbenches, and cleaning tools. Students have been on several field trips including one hosted by the local Experimental Aviation Association. Another great partnership is tied with Legacy Aviation who has donated aircraft components to the program, along with presentations from the Federal Aviation Administration, airline safety inspectors, a pilot from United Airlines, Giving Wings and the Air Force. Students are learning business communications with their career exploration units, reviewing top career choices and schools for a career outlook. We are fortunate to have Sara Larsen as the program paraprofessional with a background in Coast Guard helicopter maintenance. Cherry Capital Airport has also extended a work experience program to aviation maintenance students starting this week.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Thomas, to approve consent grouping items 1-4 as presented.

1. Minutes of January 9, 2024 regular meeting
2. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024. Check Numbers: 195221-195487. Total for Month: \$4,619,675.65
3. Personnel:
 - a. New Employees:

- Dana Dixon, Teacher Consultant, effective August 28, 2024
 - Kelsey Dean, Job Coach, effective January 29, 2024
 - Ashley Pinkelman, Adaptive PE Teacher, effective February 28, 2024
 - Shari Nicholls, Teacher Assistant, effective February 12, 2024
 - Beth VanHouten, Secretary, effective February 12, 2024
 - Kenneth Sedlacek, Paraprofessional, effective February 26, 2024
- b. Employee Resignations:
- Claire Cassidy, School Social Worker, effective February 23, 2024
 - Sarah Bullard, Instructor, Health Science, effective June 10, 2024
 - Madalyne Harrelson, Teacher Assistant, effective January 30, 2024

4. Out of State Travel:

1. Lisa Klepper, Supervisor, Amy Smith, School Social Worker, to attend Classroom 180 Live, (Trauma-Informed Classrooms), June 25-27, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. Brian Matchett, Agriscience Instructor, to attend National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Convention, December 3-7, 2024, San Antonio, Texas (Delegate for the Michigan Association of Agricultural Educators)
3. Brian Matchett, Agriscience Instructor and up to 10 students from the Agriscience Program, to attend the 97th National FFA (Future Farms of America) Convention, October 23-26, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana
4. Tonya Davis, Sign Language Interpreter, to accompany a student from Traverse City Christian on a school trip to Washington, D.C., March 11-15, 2024

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Brown to approve Contract for Virtual Certified Interpreter in the amount of \$38,760. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Birgy to approve AECOM Purchase Order Request in the amount of \$87,198.80. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Lajko to approved the Professional Staff Board Policy update for the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, following recent legislative changes, the Board identified a need to review its current Board policies for corresponding updates; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Education Services administration (“Administration”) has reviewed the Thrun Law Firm Policy Manual Updates (“Policy Manual Updates”) and recommends the Policy Manual Updates for consideration, in the form presented for Board review and approval, to replace the Board’s existing policies listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed any and all legal settlements and resolution agreements between the Northwest Education Services and any state or federal agency, as applicable, that address the modification or agency review of existing Board policy and the Board has considered the impact of those settlements or agreements when recommending adoption of the Policy Manual Updates; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the Board adopt the Policy Manual Update as outlined below; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the Policy Manual Updates collectively and as individual Board members and the Administration’s recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board accepts the Administration’s recommendation to adopt the Policy Manual Updates.
2. The following existing Board policies are hereby repealed and replaced with the corresponding Policy Manual Updates: Policies 4108, 4207, 4404, 4407, 4408, and 4504.
3. The Board hereby adopts the Policy Manual Updates that correspond with the Board policies listed in Paragraph 2 in the form presented and recommended by the Administration as new policies for the purpose of governing the Northwest Education Services.
4. The following existing Board policies are hereby repealed, effective June 30, 2024, and replaced with the corresponding Policy Manual Updates: Policies 4402, 4403, 4405, 4409, and 4503.
5. The Board hereby adopts, effective July 1, 2024, the following Policy Manual Updates in the form presented and recommended by the Administration as new policies for the purpose of governing the Northwest Education Services: Policies 4402-R, 4403-R, 4405-R, 4409-R, and 4503-R.
6. The Administration shall promptly review Northwest Education Services publications and forms that may reference the now-repealed Board policies and revise those publications and forms as necessary to align them with the newly adopted Policy Manual within 30 calendar days after this resolution.
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items:

There were none

Discussion Items:

There were none

Updates:

Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Congratulated Jared Diephouse, Power Equipment instructor at Career Tech, for being selected as 2024's Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Association of Career and Technical Education.

2. Career Tech is the recipient of two 2024 Excellence in Practice awards from the Michigan Department of Education. The awards recognize Career Tech's efforts to implement evidence-based reporting throughout its programs and its support for the regional Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program.
3. Congratulated Marshall Collins, Instructional Services Specialist and regional health and DEIB coordinator, was appointed to serve on Governor Whitmer's Black Leadership Advisory Council.
4. We received positive feedback from the Regional Board Workshop held in January.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

There were none

Dates to Remember:

March 5, 2024 Board of Education meeting 5:30 p.m., ISD Conference Center

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Joseph Fisher, President

Rachael Birgy, Secretary