

Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on March 7, 2023. Board Vice President Scherrer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call

Board Members Present:

Birgy McKellar
Brown Scherrer
Carpenter Tank

Board Members Absent:

Fisher

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member McKellar, to approve the March 7, 2023 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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 Jill Dillon, Speech Pathologist, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Excellence, presented in recognition of responding to the needs of our learning community.

Special Recognition of Career Tech Student in the Public Safety Program

Superintendent Dr. Ceglarek read a letter from Public Safety Instructor Tom Lennox about one of his morning students, Isaac Gray. "Isaac came into the classroom and said that his CPR training from last year's class really paid off. Isaac had arrived at the Cherry Capital Airport where he works at the Cherry Capital Café when a woman went into full cardiac arrest. He remembered his training from last year, told others to call 911 and bring an AED, and he was part of a team in saving a woman's life." The Board of Education presented Isaac with a medal and a certificate to honor and recognize his efforts that day and also recognized the efforts of Tom Lennox for his role in training students at Career Tech.

Special Education Transportation Update – MartyAnn Guiney, Supervisor of Special Education, Systems Improvement, Transportation, and Low Incidence

Marty provided an overview of the special education transportation consortium with Dean Transportation that started in 2007. The consortium has 12-member districts with Leelanau County districts providing their own transportation. Dean staffing levels have improved but are still not at the desired level. We currently have 25 regular yellow buses and 3 smaller white buses running. Our goal would be 29 regular yellow buses and 5 smaller buses providing our students with shorter ride times. We are seeing progress

in the decline of behavior incidents since the start of the school year for Creekside students and overall behavior management strategies using activities on the bus routes, i.e. bus activity bags, technology devices and continued staff training. In addition to ride time, staffing, and behavior challenges, we are also working through student health issues, routing, communication workflow, and staff training expectations. We continue to hold monthly meetings with Dean and the transportation support nurse to address all of these concerns that come up throughout the year.

Motion by Board Member Carpenter, supported by Board Member Birgy, to approve consent grouping items 1-3 as presented.

1. Minutes of February 7, 2023 regular meeting
2. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2023. Check Numbers: 192188-192403. Total for Month: \$6,096,762.21
3. Personnel:
 - A. New Employees:
 - Jerica Gillett, Teacher Assistant, effective February 20, 2023
 - Corie Layton, Teacher Assistant, effective February 27, 2023
 - Michael Libby, MOCI Teacher, effective February, 2023
 - Ashlynn Klocko, Speech Pathologist, effective May 1, 2023
 - Chasidity Shimko, Teacher Assistant, effective March 14, 2023
 - B. Employee Resignations:
 - Emma Stenke, Teacher Assistant, effective February 17, 2023
 - Marie Huffman, Technology Support Specialist, effective February 20, 2023
 - Tom Mills, Instructor, Film & New Media, effective June 30, 2023 (Retirement 12 years)

Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member McKellar, supported by Board Member Carpenter to approve extension of Supervisor/Director contracts for 2023-24 for the following: Paul Bauer, Shawn Biddle, Amy Branco, John Breithaupt, Kristen Deering, Riley Denison, Yvonne Donohoe McCool, Rebecca Goodwin, Julie Gordon, Matthew Griesinger, Marty Guiney, Christopher Haines, Michael Hartman, Ryan Jarvi, Leigh Kennedy, Lisa Klepper, Brooke Laurent, Jennifer Morgenstern, Matthew Nausadis, Emily Quinn, Brandi Reynolds, Corianne Street, Ashley Troy, and Marc Wills. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member McKellar to approve Crisis Prevention Institution Training contract in the amount of \$35,733. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member McKellar to appoint Stacey Wilcox, Elk Rapids Public Schools, as a member of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: There were none

Information Items: There were none

Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. In honor of School Social Worker Week recognized our 29 School Social Workers currently on staff in supporting our local districts and students for providing a valuable resource. We are in the process of hiring another School Social Worker for next year.
2. Thanked the Board of Education for their vision and support for fulfilling our commitment to the community to find a space for our Early Childhood team who have been housed at several locations. We have half the building now and will lease back the other half for a period of time until they find an alternative location.

Board Member Reports/Requests: There were none.

Dates to Remember:

March 15, 2023 Career Tech NTHS Induction Ceremony 6:00 p.m. Milliken Auditorium

March 27 – March 31, 2023 Spring Recess

April 4, 2023 Board of Education Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Board Member Carpenter, supported by Board Member Brown to enter into closed session under Section 8c of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0. Motion carried. Board members went into closed session at 6:20 p.m.

Board Member Carpenter left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Tank to move back into open session. Board members returned to open session at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Joseph Fisher, President

Rachael Birgy, Secretary