

Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on November 1, 2022. Board President Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call

Board Members Present:
Brown McKellar
Carpenter Tank
Fisher

Board Members Absent:
Birgy
Scherrer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Member Brown, supported by Member Tank, to approve the November 1, 2022 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:

Trauma-Informed Practices and Discipline – Lisa Klepper, Supervisor, and Carey Curran, Teacher, Creekside School:

Carey provided an overview of this instructional practice that has improved student outcomes for students at Creekside. This practice is in support of students to provide compassionate instruction and discipline to help build supportive relationships, where students are given choices and share decision making power, which will then influence behavior. Research shows that more than two-thirds of children reported at least one traumatic event before the age of sixteen and those with trauma learn best when they feel safe and supported. Through trauma-informed practices, strategies are developed that address the neurological and attachment needs of students impacted by adversity by educator self-awareness, mindset shift and collaboration across systems in the community. This practice has aligned with positive behavior interventions and support to clearly define school-wide expectations, displayed and explicitly taught with consistent language and then positively reinforced. Another support for students includes using mindfulness each day as we coach and model for well-being and balance. We continue to recognize that behaviors can be a response to traumatic events and is a form of communication, and that students need structure and compassionate responses to feel safe and supported.

SAIL(ORS) On Deck – Organizational Recognition System

Board of Education members recognized this month's SAIL(ORS) On Deck. This month's standout is Andy Wolfe, Senior Technology Support Specialist, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Excellence presented in recognition of responding to the needs of our learning community.

Motion by Board Member Tank, supported by Board Member McKellar, to approve consent grouping items 1-5 as presented.

1. Minutes of October 4, 2022 regular meeting

2. Minutes of October 18, 2022 special meeting
3. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report October 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022. Check Numbers: 191099-191355. Total for Month: \$3,472,399.31
4. Personnel:
 - A. New Positions:
 - Teacher Assistant-Float, effective November, 2022
 - Early On Coordinator, effective November, 2022
 - B. New Employees:
 - Robyn Magee, Teacher Assistant, effective October 17, 2022
 - Elizabeth VanDalsen, school Social Worker, effective October, 2022
 - Keri Puffer, Career Prep Specialist, effective October 17, 2022
 - Cheyenne Dolaskie, Accountant, effective November 11, 2022
 - Susan Oseland, Adult Education Teacher, effective November 1, 2022
 - Amy Saxton, Teacher Assistant, effective November 8, 2022
 - C. Employee Resignations:
 - Crystal Duncan, School Social Worker, effective November 4, 2022
 - Julie Trudel, Teacher Assistant, effective December 31, 2022 (retirement 25 years)
 - Cecilia Galatioto, Teacher Assistant, effective October 7, 2022
 - Maryann Allen, Adult Education Instructor, effective October 27, 2022
 - Hollie Venchenko, Teacher Assistant, effective November 11, 2022
 - Jacob Hines, Medicaid Coordinator, effective November 8, 2022
5. Out of State Travel
 1. Peter Milne, REMC 2 Coordinator, to attend the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Convention and Exposition, January 30 – February 2, 2023, San Antonio, Texas (If scholarship is awarded, remaining expenses are estimated up to \$300.00 from REMC budget)
 2. Jim Corr, School Psychologist, to attend the annual conference for the National Association of School Psychologists' Regional Leadership Meeting, February 5 – 11, 2023, Denver, Colorado. (Most of the costs are anticipated to be covered by NASP and MASP)
 3. Leigh Kennedy, Curriculum Coordinator for Special Education, and Marianne Swank, High Impact Leadership/Professional Learning Specialist, to attend the Thinking Collaborative Symposium, January 18-23, 2023, Denver, Colorado.
 4. Engineering Academy Instructors Deb Menchaca, Michael George, Tim Wheatley, and Deb Oliver, along with 30 students, to attend the National Robotics Challenge, Marion County Fairgrounds, Marion, Ohio, April 12-15, 2023

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

Motion by Board Member McKellar, supported by Board Member Carpenter to approve continuation of a 100% Summer Tax Collection in those districts that implement at 100% summer collection:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the Board invokes for 2023 its previously-adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes,

including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2023 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the governing bodies on or before December 31, 2022.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Revised School Code Section 1613(1), the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under Revised School Code Sections 1611 or 1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are rescinded.

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

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member McKellar to approve Renovation of Creekside Entrance and Arnell IT Space Bid Award to Eckler Building Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$1,423,800. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member McKellar to appoint member district parent representatives to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC): Carrie and Michael Dib, Glen Lake Community Schools; and Geri Valentine, Leland Public Schools. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member McKellar, supported by Board Member Carpenter to approve contract with Resonant Education to support professional development in the amount of \$28,500. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items: Headlee Millage Update – Dr. Ceglarek: We are one week away from the Special Education millage election. The last presentation was an interview with Interlochen Public Radio yesterday.

Discussion Items: There were none.

Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Today was Regional Staff Development Day and he recognized the work from Matt Olson and the entire instructional team, Jennifer Jesse, Nicole Sheehan, Brandi Reynolds and our technology department. We hosted over 1,000 regional educators at Traverse City West Senior High School and West Middle School including national, state and local presenters. He thanked TCAPS for hosting the sites and Chartwell for catering.

2. Wished good luck to candidates in the region seeking board seats in their district including Board Member Brown as well as to all the local district ballot proposals and Headlee overrides next Tuesday.

3. He shared a memorandum of understanding for the Talent Together consortium of 11 ISD's regarding an initiative of a talent pipeline for teachers. There is a crisis in the decrease of individuals going into the teaching profession. The teacher shortage in Michigan and nationally continues to worsen with Michigan experiencing a 66% decline in the number of available new teachers over the past decade. This cost sharing agreement is a collaborative effort to provide additional solutions to alleviate the teacher shortage problem and an attempt to work with MDE to increase that pipeline. We hope that the MDE will approve an alternative certification program.

Board Member Reports/Requests: There were none.

Dates to Remember:

November 8, 2000 Special Education Millage Proposal
December 6, 2022 Board of Education Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Joseph Fisher, President

Rachael Birgy, Secretary