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# Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

NPS Board of Education

Board President, Ben Purdy, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

*This meeting was held at 104 S Wing St. Northport, Michigan, in room 300.*

## **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Dan Duffiney, Tom Wetherbee, Ben Purdy, Dr. Barbara Conley, Ryan Blessing, and Danielle Percy

**Members Absent:** Jake Zimmer

A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Moved by Dr. Barbara Conley, seconded by Dan Duffiney, to approve the agenda at this July 8, 2024, regular board meeting.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

## **Superintendent's Report**

- The new boilers are in, and installation is almost complete. The project is on schedule and going well.
- We currently have an opening for a secondary English teacher. One applicant is scheduled to interview next week. We will also need to fill a long-term substitute position for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, likely from the start of the year until Thanksgiving.
- We are working on establishing the framework to measure student progress regarding our 'Habits of Character,' and 'Portraits of a Graduate,' goals. The framework includes implementing standards-based grading and setting grade-level expectations for each habit of character. More details will be presented at the August meeting.

## **Public Comments**

NONE

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of June 10, 2024, Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment for \$104,647.69
- Approval of the 2024 Indian Policies & Procedures
- Approval of a School of Choice Class Size Cap of 18 for Grades K-12

Hearing no objections, these items were approved by consent.

## **Action Items**

### **Kennedy Space Center Student Trip**

**MOTION:** Moved by Danielle Percy, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, that the Northport Board of Education approve the NASA Artemis Club, led by Karen Trolenberg, to attend the 2024 Kennedy Space Center Academic Enrichment Activity in Orlando, Florida from August 12-16, 2024.

DISCUSSION: Karen Trolenberg explained that this trip comes at no cost to the district. NASA is paying for all expenses. Our team was picked out of many from across the nation to attend this enrichment activity.

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

### **Secondary Science Curriculum**

**MOTION:** Moved by Tom Wetherbee, seconded by Dr. Barbara Conley, that the Northport Board of Education approve the adoption of Stemsscopes as the secondary science curriculum.

DISCUSSION: NONE

All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0

## **Discussion Items**

### **Revised Student Handbook**

Superintendent Wetherbee introduced the revisions to the Elementary and Secondary student handbooks. Substantive changes include a change to standards-based grading, transportation misconduct guidelines, and truancy language. There were many other minor and grammatical changes. Dr. Barbara Conley requested that there be a note in the Physical Safety & Mental Wellbeing section regarding the appendix on bullying. She also requested more information be added to the handbook on what a parent should do if they believe their child is being bullied. Dr. Conley noted that we should mention the availability of our mental health specialist.

### **Board Policy Updates**

Policy 2264 is a new policy on how to handle Title IX complaints for events that occur on or after August 1, 2024. This policy is necessary to comply with new Title IX law.

Policy 2266 is our current Title IX policy and will continue to apply to any complaint dating from an event that occurred prior to August 1, 2024.



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**Old Business**

NONE

**New Business**

Dr. Barbara Conley noted that the State has just passed a law providing 2 years of free community college and trade school education to Michigan graduates.

**Superintendent's Comments**

NONE

**Public Comments**

Carrie Wadas told the Board that she has been hearing many positive things about the school all over the community.

**Board Member Comments**

Dr. Barbara Conley asked if there was any update on the childcare center. Superintendent Wetherbee explained that Betsy Shiner is taking over the facility and that the only delay in opening is due to the State licensing agency, LARA.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ryan Blessing, seconded by Danielle Percy, to adjourn.

**Motion Passed 6-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Danielle Percy, Secretary

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Elizabeth Schwind, Recording Secretary