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Regular Meeting Minutes NPS Board of Education

Date: November 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Location: Room 300, Northport Public School

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Ben Purdy.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Tom Wetherbee, Ryan Blessing, Ben Purdy, Danielle Percy, Benjamin Hale, Jamie Scripps

Members Absent: Dan Duffiney

A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Ryan Blessing, supported by Danielle Percy, to approve the agenda for the November 10, 2025, regular board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Students of the Month

Elementary: Tabled until next month due to student absence.

Secondary: Lilly Gmoser-Duhamel, presented by Corrine Wetherbee.

V. Superintendent's Report

- Presented the School Board Handbook draft, including the Michigan Association of School Board's new member orientation. Requested recommendations from the Board on content.
- Website has a Board interest page for individuals interested in serving on the Board.
- RSDD Day provided professional development for the entire region with expert speakers.
- 31aa funding: mental health and school safety funds. Districts may file a lawsuit against the State due to some of the requirements tied to the funding.
- LIFT: working with attorneys to create an agreement.

VI. Public Comments

Laura Cavendish (PTO): Shared success of recent clothing drive, cooking club, and Halloween activities. Upcoming potential movie night in December.

VII. Consent Agenda

- Approval of October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment: \$241,570.54
- Approval of Hiring of Patrick LaFlamme as Custodian

Approved by consent.

VIII. Action Items

None.

IX. Discussion Items

- Board Policy Updates: Two sections of updates: non-discrimination and general updates. Superintendent Wetherbee presented an overview of these changes, noting that most were either consolidating existing policies or making technical changes that do not affect how we do business.
- Update of Wireless Access Points through E-Rate: E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts on telecommunications services. Northport is allotted \$30,175 for the 2026–2030 period. Technology Director recommends updating wireless access points.
- Superintendent Evaluation: Evaluation occurs annually in December. Superintendent Wetherbee reviewed his goals and performance for the year and discussed goals for the year ahead.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Superintendent's Comments

None.

XIII. Public Comments

Kali Dignan: Commended efforts to include native food in the menu and recognition of Day of the Dead. Appreciated AP science program and Mrs. Conley's outreach efforts.

Disapproved of district spending on Hanover Research project.

XIV. Board Member Comments

- Benjamin Hale: Requested the framework for the Hanover Research project for review.
- Ben Purdy: Noted Superintendent Wetherbee's contract and certified staff contract negotiations due by June 30 and suggested beginning early.

XV. Adjournment

Moved by Ryan Blessing, supported by Danielle Percy. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.