

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of July 22, 2021

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Wayne Hodge
Karen Jedrysek
Lynn Wilson

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

Mark Parkman
Vicki Hannon

1) Call to Order

Mr. Hodge, Board Deputy Secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

4) Community Input

Katy Ronnebaum: shared her concerns with children wearing masks and carbon dioxide.

5) Presentation from Boys and Girls Club of LaPorte County – Westville Chapter

Michelle Shirk shared a presentation as we are working to partner with Boys and Girls Club of LaPorte County and the town of Westville.

6) Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Schnick principal of the Middle/High School introduced Jessica Nygra, new Middle/High School Assistant Principal.

Dr. Wood gave an update on our county Covid metric. Our county is currently blue, which is the lowest level.

Construction Update: Dr. Wood added updated progress pictures to the website for the community to see. Roof is on schedule. The roofers are working extended hours to keep on schedule. There were a few rooms with water damage due to heavy rain. We are submitting

all that to the construction company. They are taking care of all of it. The next progress meeting is in two weeks. Administration offices are also on schedule and to be completed by the end of the month. Paint, carpet, and baseboards are in progress. Dr. Wood invited the board members to take a look at the offices after the meeting. Parking lot work started today. Starting next week, we are closing both parking lots because of the short time line. Alerts were sent out to the community to inform everyone that starting next week our parking lots will be closed. We will be directing traffic to drive on East Main Street. The far west side of the building will be open to those needing to enter the building. All the structural work for the chiller is complete. Waiting on actually chiller, possibly being installed in the fall.

Dr. Wood shared the budget calendar. We do request 1 additional board meeting in September to meet the requirements set in law for us to pass the budget. As of right now we have it set for September 22, 2021. There is some wiggle room if the meeting date needs to change.

7) Solar Update

Dr. Wood went over the NIPSCO report, consumption was high. Most likely due to construction going on as well as the water issue and other devices being plugged in. The second document shared is a color coded bar graph of all of our converters for comparison as well as snap shots of the weather on the lowest days. The exception being June 21st that was the day the system kicked off and had to reset. Few times the system kicked off was related to weather other times has not been related to weather. This is happening about twice a month we go offline. Latest conversation with the contractor was it could be something NIPSCO does or something down the line to force a kick off. Good news we are catching it when it kicks off.

- 8) Approval of June 9, 2021 School Board Minutes**
- Approval of June 9, 2021 Work Session Minutes**
- Approval of June 14, 2021 Special Session Minutes**
- Approval of June 21, 2021 Special Session Minutes**

*Tabled

9) Personnel

A. Resignations

- **Geni Hisick – Varsity Poms Coach**
- **Cynthia Kovach – HS Math Teacher**
- **William Akers – Custodial/Maintenance**
- **Jensen Berke – Kindergarten Teacher**

B. Recommendations

- Cynthia Toth – Co-Sponsor for Senior Class
- Samantha Joll – Co-Sponsor for Senior Class
- Roxanne Witherspoon – Art maternity Leave Position/Substitute
- Natily Meyers- Middle School ELA/Substitute
- Bryce Barton – Director of Student Support Services
- Kent Miller – High School Math Teacher
- Shaina Hisick – Elementary Teacher
- Mark Dineen – Middle School Softball Coach
- Kimberly Rager – Substitute Teacher
- Kim Klein – Middle School Math Teacher

C. Volunteers**None**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approval Personnel Resignations and Recommendations and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10) Professional Leave Requests**None****11) Donations****None****12) Approval of Human Resources Policies and Adjustments**

- Classified Handbook
- Classified Staff Wage Adjustments
- Comp-Time Adjustments
- 403 (b) rates and retro pay

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Human Resources Policies and Adjustments as posted on the Agenda and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13) Approval of Job Title Change-Director of Student Support Services

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Job Title Change – Director of Student Support Services and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Approval of Return to Learn Plan (Update July 2021)

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Return to Learn Plan and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15) Operation Agreement for AK Smith

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Operation Agreement for AK Smith and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16) ESSER II and ESSER III Updates

*Information only – no action was required

17) Financials

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Financials and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18) Correspondence

None

19) Adjournment

Mr. Hodge adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday August 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center


Lynn Wilson, Secretary

Wayne Hodge, Deputy Secretary


Date