

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of October 12, 2022**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Mark Parkman  
Karen Jedrysek  
Wayne Hodge  
Lynn Wilson

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

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**1) Call to Order**

Mr. Parkman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

**4) Good News Report**

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Nick Glanz and Matt Coulter read the Elementary Good News Report. Blackhawk Pride winners that attended the meeting were Lilly Orlowski 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Eleanor Burdine Kindergarten, and Kadie Wagner 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They presented to the board why they are proud to be a Blackhawk.

Haylee Sommer, Jayden Couture, Mackenzie Couture, Olive DeHaven, Ben Rouse, and Alex Rouse presented the Secondary Good News Report. They presented their upcoming Middle School Fundraiser, Walk-a Thon, to raise money for their class incentive trips.

Employee of the Month was Agnes Thompson, she is a Middle School Paraprofessional. Teacher of the Month was Ashley Kuhn, she the Secondary Ag Teacher.

**6) Community Input**

None

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The mission of MSD of New Durham Township is to ***Inspire, Challenge, and Educate!***

## 7) Superintendent's Report

First item of discussion, Dr. Wood provided an updated ADM / enrollment count. She mentioned to the board that in their file online there are more details provided to them. The print out Dr. Wood went over was a summary by school and the district as a whole. The principals provided the information for Dr. Wood, she then separated the students by move ins (those students that moved into our district) and open enrollment (those students that transferred from another school district). There are 127 new students (does not include Kindergarten) 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 12 grade only. We had 61 students that withdrew from our corporation between last year to this year. Total corporation numbers, there is almost a 50/50 split between move ins and open enrollment. With only 3 more student move ins than open enrollment. If we break it down by building. Elementary has slightly more move ins than open enrollment students with a total of 35% move ins and 24% open enrollment. High School is the opposite with slightly more open enrollment than move ins, with a total of 25% open enrollment and 16% move ins. This is a typical trend for a lot of districts. Elementary is at the highest enrollment we have ever had.

Second item Dr. Wood touched on was the timeline for the selection of a new board member. It will be posted tomorrow in the newspaper, school website, and social media. The letters of interest will come through until October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Monday after Fall Break. The schedule would allow us to recommend a new member at the November 9, 2022 School Board Meeting. The timeline is about 30 days.

ISBA regional meeting, there are 2 meetings to pick from. There locations are Schererville or Plymouth depending on the date we pick.

## 8) Solar Update

No NIPSCO bill, Dr. Wood will update the board once it comes in. We have not had any incidences of the system tripping. Dr. Wood shared with the board a copy of an email from our account manager from Performance Services. He mentions he hasn't seen any other incidences either. He did mention inverter number 33 isn't communicating, but still producing. They also notice a cracked module. The second reason why Dr. Wood wanted to share this email with the board, is Performance Services is now stating, moving forward they will start charging a service fees with any issue. Dr. Wood had a question for the board, now that they will have a service fee we need to make a decision to either stay with Performance Services or obtain another service provider.

Mr. Parkman asked a question regarding the cracked module: Is this something we can swap out on our own?

Dr. Wood plans to look more into the cracked module issue.

Mr. Parkman asked a question: Communication issue with Inverter number 33 is this something we can fix in house?

Dr. Wood responded: Communication issues not really, they have computers they plug in, we might be able to contact the individual at Michigan City that we reached out to before.

Mrs. Wilson asked a question: In looking into another company, is there another company we have in mind?

Dr. Wood responded: At one point Todd reached out to the sanitation department in LaPorte that had some panels installed. We can follow up to see who they use. Performance Services also mentioned a company out of Bloomington.

Mrs. Jedrysek asked a question: When looking into a company can we get what their service agreement amount and their service call amount so we have options?

Dr. Wood responded: absolutely

**9) Approval of September 13, 2022 Regular Session Board Minutes  
Approval of September 27, 2022 Special Session Board Minutes**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve September 13 and September 27 School Board Minutes and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10) Personnel**

**A. Resignations**

**1. Seth Clinkenbeard – School Board Member**

**B. Recommendations**

**None**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Personnel as presented and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**11) Professional Leave Request**

**1. Abby Wedow - Maternity Leave**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Professional Leave Request and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**12) Donation**

**None**

**13) Approval of 2023 Budget**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**14) Approval of Contract for Snow Removal Services for 2022-2023**

**\*Signature Lawns**

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Signature Lawns Contract for Snow Removal Services for 2022-2023 and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**15) Approval of South Central Bus Route Driver Rates**

\*Only for this school year

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the South Central Bus Route Driver Rates and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**16) First Reading, NEOLA Policy update 34-2 / Miscellaneous Updates**

No motion Needed

**17) Financials**

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the financials and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**18) Correspondence**

None


**19) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, December 12, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
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Lynn Wilson, Secretary

  
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