

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

**School Board Public Hearing**

**Minutes of April 13, 2022**

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**Executive Session: None**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Mark Parkman  
Lynn Wilson  
Karen Jedrysek  
Seth Clinkenbeard

**Staff**

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

**Absent**

Wayne Hodge

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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) Blackhawk Pride/Good News Report**

The Blackhawk pride recipients spoke about why they are proud to be a Blackhawk. Those that attended the meeting are Jonathan Martinez-Ruiz 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Makenzi Fraley 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Bridgette Burdine 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Ryder Ingram 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Brian Ton Thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a part of the IPLI Program.

Mrs. Kneifel read Elementary Good News Report.

Preslie Marshall read the Secondary Good News Report.

Sam Joll spoke on behave of the Science Olympiad team. The Science Olympiad medalist that attended the meeting are Preslie Marshall, Parker Marshall, Maverick Markos, Sophie Ton, Mark Wert, and Madison Caldwell. The Science Olympiad participants spoke about their experiences this season.

## 5) Community Input

None

## 6) Superintendent's Report

No Covid -19 Update. We have nothing to report on Covid.

Brief update on the construction: The one major piece that is not complete is the chiller. You will notice today there isn't any air conditioning. There was a piece damaged during shipping. The piece has been ordered and will be replaced. Until that piece arrives they do not want to turn on the new chiller. They don't want to cause any other problems by turning the new chiller on without that piece. One of the contractors that has been working with us, was able to upgrade our warranty to 5 ½ years instead of the 2 ½ years. We will be covered for an additional 3 years, in case there might be damage we do not see now, that happened during shipping. They are in the process of fine tuning the monitoring system that Todd uses for the different areas of the building. Old chiller isn't operating at all. There was an issue with it a couple months ago. There was a loud noise, a burst and loss of Freon. To order the Freon needed is too much and no longer up to the environmental standards. Cafeteria roof was supposed to start when the weather broke from winter, but there is a supply issue. Still waiting to hear back from Korellis to see if they received the materials and what the time line looks like.

Dr. Wood went over a hand out with the board, regarding our current budget from the construction project. There is about \$530,000 left in the bond: \$200,000 estimated billing through the chiller, \$100,000 estimated cafeteria roof, and that leaves us with an estimated balance of \$ 200,000 at the end of construction. Would like to use the remaining balance for the cafeteria and small projects. In the Cafeteria we would remove the carpeting off the walls, replace the floor, and dry wall. We have a couple quotes and would like to do these projects over the summer.

We would like to do a couple other small projects. 1. Put up some sound panels in the cafeteria, as the carpeting will be coming down, this would address the noise situation. 2. Replace part of the hallway flooring in secondary building that is piling up. Quotes for these projects should be coming in soon and Dr. Wood will be able to share the information with the board as they come in.

We've installed one of the interactive boards for the School Board to look at after the meeting. We currently have 5 teachers trying the interactive boards out for about a month now. During the technology meeting yesterday, it was unanimous no one can say anything negative about them. There is also an app that goes along with the interactive boards. If a teacher were at home, they could log into the app and draw using the app and it will show

up on the board in the classroom. Ray in the process of getting quotes for the boards, and we plan on using the ESSER grant.

## **7) Solar Update**

Consumption was lower for the month of March. The Facility Director from Michigan City was supposed to come out and meet with Todd, however the day he was supposed to come out it rained all day. They are in the process of rescheduling. Dr. Wood contacted NIPSCO after our meeting in March. The first thing is they renewed the investigation into the entire system that was causing the over voltage. As we kept digging into this we had about 5 more incidences with over voltage in which triggered our system to go off. This was in March during the time of warmer temperatures. NIPSCO has been on site multiply times since then adjusting the voltage settings. Hopefully with the current voltage setting it will not trip off our system. They have told us, we are at the max. The technician that was out last week was able to set an auto reset. So when the line trips it should automatically reset and turn back on. Instead of us manually turning it back on. One good thing about all this NIPSCO has been more involved, but we still don't think they know why it is happening. We have a claim in process for \$28,742. This amount is what Performance Services put together for us. The result is based on a similar school in Michigan City. The claim has moved forward to their liability insurance department. It will take about a week to investigate and will follow up with Dr. Wood.

## **8) Approval of February 9, 2022 Board Minutes Approval of March 9, 2022 Board Minutes**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2022 and March 9, 2022 Board Minutes and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **9) Personnel**

### **A. Resignations**

- 1. Terri Stachowiak – Corporation Treasurer**
- 2. Alyssa Stephen – Cafeteria Worker**
- 3. Jocelyn Colburn- Girl's JV/ Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach**
- 4. Virginia Jones – High Ability Coordinator, Westville Reads Sponsor, Challenger Mission Sponsor, and Name That Book Sponsor**
- 5. Mike Mikulich – Assistant Baseball Coach**
- 6. Emily Strudas – Middle School ELA Teacher**

### **B. Recommendations**

- 1. Erin Doyle – Substitute Nurse**
- 2. Samantha Joll – High Ability Coordinator**
- 3. Amber Zdankiewicz – Elementary C.L.A.S.S Ambassador Sponsor**

**4. Patricia Kreighbaum – High Ability Elementary Advocate**

**5. Dierdre Combs - Elementary Secretary**

**C. Contractual**

**1. Gale Weaver – Elementary Secretary**

**D. Other**

**1. Deborah Armstrong**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve personnel as listed and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10) Professional Leave Requests**

\*No action needed as there were 0 Professional Leave Requests

**11) Donations**

**1. Shed for Softball Field, donated by Carpenters Union**

Mrs. Wilson approved the donation of the Shed for the Softball Field, donated by Carpenters Union and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**12) Public Hearing for Superintendent's Contract**

**None**

**13) Approval of 2022 Lawn/Mowing Bids**

\*Signature Lawns – won the bid

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve Signature Lawns 2022 Lawn / Mowing Bid and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**14) Approval of MSD of New Durham Township Wellness Policy**

\*Federal Program

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve MSD of New Durham Township Wellness Policy and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried

**15) Approval of 2022 -2023 School Calendar (Revised)**

\*Pending on DOE Waiver – may have to make adjustments

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar (Revised) and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried

**16) Approval of 2022 NIESC Dietician Contract**

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the 2022 NIESC Dietician Contract and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**17) Approval of Elementary and Secondary Math Textbook and Curricular Materials**

\*Elementary Tabled – Mr. Ton going back and forth with the company

Mrs. Jedrysek made a motion to approve the Secondary Math Textbook and Curricular Materials and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**18) Approval of Elementary Grade Level Fees**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Elementary Grade Level Fees and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**19) Approval of Change of Title and Benefits Structure: Corporation Secretary/Director of Reporting**

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the Change of Title and Benefits Structure: Corporation Secretary/ Director of Reporting and Mrs. Jedrysek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**20) First Reading, NEOLA Policy Updates 33-1 and 33-2**

\*No Action Needed

**21) Financials**

Mr. Parkman approved the Financials and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried

**22) Correspondence**

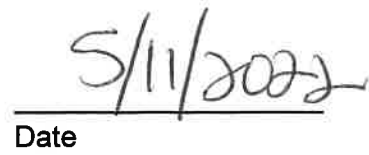
None

**23) Adjournment**

Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

Wednesday May 11, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

  
Lynn Wilson, Secretary  
Date