

MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP

School Board Public Hearing

Minutes of May 11, 2022

Executive Session: None

Those in Attendance:

Board Members

Mark Parkman
Lynn Wilson
Wayne Hodge
Seth Clinkenbeard

Staff

Dr. Sandra Wood Superintendent

Absent

Karen Jedrysek

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 Mackenzie Couture 6th grade, Makayla Doyle 2nd grade, and Synyster Badman 1st grade.

Mrs. Kneifel read Elementary Good News Report.

Mrs. Schnick presented the Secondary Good News Report with a slideshow.

Mrs. Lancaster spoke on behalf of the Math department. Mrs. Lancaster was joined by 2 seniors, Michael Malloy and Allison Grabarzyk, who spoke briefly about their plans after graduation.

Mrs. Zaiko presented the Health Care Grant, Partners in Prevention. Mrs. Zaiko gave a brief summary over the past 3 years of the grant as well as an overview for the grants last year. She went over the ups and downs with covid, professional development, and how they plan to continue the Too Good for Violence education.

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

Gale Weaver won Employee of the Month for April. Mrs. Weaver is the Elementary School Secretary.

Kendrick Shepard won Teacher of the Month for April. Mr. Shepard is a Middle School Science Teacher.

5) Community Input

None

6) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wood addressed the board with 2 documents. The first document was our budget order. As noted LaPorte County made a mistake with the county property tax. The county issued a new budget order. The county had to go back and assess, however our budget did not change. There however, was a change in our county assessed value, it did decrease roughly about 6 million. With us receiving the same amount as we budgeted, the property tax value will increase about \$0.01.

The second document had to deal with planning for next year. Dr. Wood and the principals have been working hard on a schedule. Dr. Wood will send a copy to the board once complete.

7) Solar Update

The NIPSCO bill hadn't arrived yet, once it does Dr. Wood will inform the board.

Dr. Wood went over the second print out; the document shows the past month's breakdown. So far we are fully operational and has been functioning accurately. Everything is working well. Dr. Wood is in the process of setting up a meeting with NIPSCO, performance services, and Mr. Ott.

8) Approval of April 13, 2022 School Board Minutes

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to approve the April 13, 2022 Board Minutes and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9) Personnel

A. Resignations

- 1. Jessica Nygra – Secondary Principal**
- 2. Virginia Jones – 5th Grade Elementary Teacher**
- 3. Katie Ahnefeld – Cafeteria Worker**

B. Recommendations

1. Amanda Kelly – Cafeteria / Monitor
2. Laura Miller – Name That Book Club Sponsor
3. Sarah Zaiko – Elementary Camp Tecumseh Chaperone
4. Stephanie Irk – Westville Reads (5/6) Sponsor
5. Christine Ton- Challenger Sponsor
6. Samantha Joll – Summer School Middle School Math
7. Kelly Ramer – Kindergarten Jump Start Teacher
8. Amie Rager – Kindergarten Jump Start IA
9. Tabitha Ingram – Kindergarten Jump Start IA
10. Tammy Levendowski – Summer School Elementary IA
11. Wendy Warner – Summer School Elementary Teacher
12. Shaina Hisick – Summer School Elementary Teacher
13. Abigail Wedow – Summer School Elementary Teacher
14. Holly Ellis – Summer School Elementary Teacher
15. Abigail Kneifel – Summer School Elementary Teacher
16. Todd Hutson – HS Biology Teacher
17. Brody Kutch – Summer School HS Online Teacher
18. Jackson Nowatzke – Assistant Baseball Coach

10) Professional Leave Requests

1. Holly Coslet – Math Recovery Workshop
2. John Marshall – Math Recovery Workshop
3. Diane Sittig – Math Recovery Workshop
4. Stephanie Irk – Kendore Kingdom Part 1 Reading and Spelling
5. Amy Boren – Kendore Kingdom Part 1 Reading and Spelling
6. Autumn Scheidt – Kendore Kingdom Part 1 Reading and Spelling

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve Personnel and Professional Leave Requests as presented and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11) Donations

1. \$20 donation to the Cafeteria, by an anonymous parent

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the \$20 donation to the Cafeteria and Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried

12) Approval of Elementary Student Handbook

Mr. Hodge made a motion to approve the Elementary Student Handbook and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried

13) Approval of Elementary Math Textbook and Curricular Materials

Mr. Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the Elementary Math Textbook and Curricular Materials and Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14) Report on Summer Work Projects

- Cafeteria – Carpet off wall, Dry wall put up, and paint
- Interactive Boards
- Capital projects
 - Flooring areas in Elementary and Secondary
 - Second / Third Grade Hallway bathrooms
 - Building Alarm System
 - Exterior / Interior Doors

No Action Needed

15) Approval of Superintendent Contract

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16) Second Reading and Approval of NEOLA Policy Updates 33-1 and 33-2

Mr. Parkman made a motion to approve the NEOLA Policy Updates 33-1 and 33-2 and Mr. Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Mr. Clinkenbeard had a question regarding the term Christmas. He would like the term Christmas stay along with Special Holiday's in NEOLA Policy 32.14. Dr. Wood will make the adjustment and present it to the board at next meeting for approval.

17) Financials

Mr. Hodge made the motion to approve the financials and Mr. Parkman seconded the motion. Motion carried

18) Correspondence

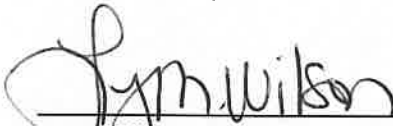
- 1. Thank You to School Board from Middle School / High School – Donation of Lunch for Teacher Appreciation**
- 2. Thank You to Dr. Wood, Administration, and School Board from Mrs. Schnick – School Badges for Teacher Appreciation**
- 3. Thank You to School Board from Christine Ton – Lunch and Badges**
- 4. Thank You to School Board from Bill Kaminski – Donation of Books in his dad's name**
- 5. Thank You to School Board from Ellen Rempala – Donation to library Building a Legacy Program. – A display of books was set up for the board**

19) Adjournment

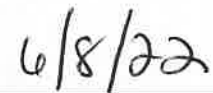
Mr. Parkman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Next Regular Meeting Date:

Wednesday June 8, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center



Lynn Wilson, Secretary



Date