

Nottawa Community School

Board Meeting

April 14, 2025 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

"Building Better Futures for Children and Communities"

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item as, "introduction of guests."

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Rosenbaum.

Members Present: Borkholder, Brandon, Danberry, Hochstetler, Rosenbaum

A. Required Reading of PA213.

II. Introduction of guests:

A. Mr. Wolff introduced Stacey Miller, third grade teacher and NEA representative. The board recognized Mrs. Miller and thanked her for her service to the school.

III. Correspondence:

A. Correspondence will be shared with certain agenda items.

IV. Presentations if any:

A. No presentations at this time.

V. Consent Agenda

All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless there is a request from a board member to remove an individual agenda item (or items) from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and possibly voted upon separately. All agenda items pulled from the Consent Agenda will be placed under Action Items.

A. Approval of Minutes for March 10 and March 24, 2025 Board of Education Meetings

B. Approval of Financial Report.

C. Approval of Monthly Board Bills: in the amount of \$22,164.32 through March 27, 2025.

Motion by Danberry, support by Brandon to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.

VI. Action items

A. Operational Budget Renewal Ballot Language

Mr. Wolff read aloud the correspondence from Ryan Nicholuson of THRUN Law concerning the intention to seek a renewal of the operational millage. Mr. Wolff stated that generally speaking all Michigan public schools have an operational operational millage for the general day to day operations of the school, not to be confused with sinking funds or bonds, as those are different. A school operating millage in Michigan is a cost on a second home and businesses to support daily operations of local public school.

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to approve the resolution for the operational renewal ballot language utilizing the Sturgis Journal as the newspaper publication for public notice.

Roll call vote: Borkholder- yes; Brandon- yes; Danberry- yes; Hochstetler- yes; Rosenbaum- yes; Motion Carried 5-0.

B. 2nd Read of Policies 39.2

Motion by Danberry, support by Rosenbaum to approve and adopt the second reading of board policies. Motion Carried 5-0.

C. Title IX Policy Update

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochstetler to recognize that there is a compelling reason to adopt updated Title IX policies that address the recent reversal to the Title IX regulations reverting to the 2020 rule after one reading, under bylaw 0131.1 to ensure that the policies comply with the rule changes that became effective January 31, 2025.

Roll call vote: Borkholder- yes; Brandon- yes; Danberry- yes; Hochstetler- yes; Rosenbaum- yes; Motion Carried 5-0.

D. Internal Placements for Early Childhood Education

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochstetler to approve Amanda Beery as part time Early Childhood Administrator and part time kindergarten teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Borkholder, support by Brandon to approve Ruth Miller as part time Administrative Assistant to Early Childhood Administrator and part time paraprofessional. Motion Carried 5-0.

E. Job Postings for Early Childhood Education

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochstetler to approve job posting for a GSRP and Kindergarten teacher split and a second job posting for a Young 5's Teacher. Motion Carried 5-0.

F. Proposed Calendar for 2025-2026 School Year

Motion by Borkholder, support by Brandon to approve the proposed calendar for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

G. Proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2025 2026 School Year

Motion by Rosenbaum, support by Hochstetler to approve the board meeting calendar for the 2025 - 2025 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

H. WMU Student Teacher Agreement

Mr. Wolff was able to confirm with the board that our liability insurance met and exceeded the minimum liability needed in order to enter into an agreement with Western Michigan University to be a cooperative host site for their student teacher program. Any special agreements as to mentor teacher participation would be a matter

that could only be discussed following the approval, and that participation in the program does not cause a requirement for any teacher to become a mentor of a student teacher mentee.

Motion by Danberry, support by Borkholder to approve the agreement to be willing to work with Western Michigan University's student teacher program. Motion Carried 5-0.

VII. Information items

A. Collective Bargaining NEA MEA

Mr. Wolff reported that the NEA has indicated that they hope to be ready to discuss the contract for the 2025 - 2026 school year by the May board of education meeting or sooner. The board subcommittee is available to discuss the contract with NEA representatives prior to the May board of education meeting if requested.

B. Transportation Request

Mr. Wolff shared a request from the bus drivers concerning wages and time off compensation for the coming school year. The board is grateful to look at all employment groups at the same time.

C. Early Elementary Building (4 Year Old Preschool and Young 5's)

Progress on the new building was shared. The board discussed next steps leading up to inspection and occupancy.

D. Promotional Event for Enrollment GSRP Young 5s Kinder March 21st

The March event for GSRP and Young 5s was well received. We have received a strong positive response, and many requests for information at the event.

E. Kindergarten Round-up April 23rd

Kindergarten and Young 5s roundup is underway. Preparations include communication with school families through postcards and fliers, and communication with every residence in the community through postcards. Promotional in-district yard signs are being shared. On the day of the event Mark's Ark Petting Zoo will be onsite as well as free bus rides and free vision and dental screenings.

F. District Signage (Mock-ups for new signage)

Signworks of Grand Rapids shared Mock-ups for new signage. The board is still waiting for one more design to be shared before making a selection.

G. Bookhouse Update (Lights, Ceiling Tile, Carpet, Internet, Phone, Security Cameras)

Plans are progressing on the needed repairs, infrastructure, and security upgrades to the Book House.

H. GSRP Application Update

Mr. Wolff reported that as soon as the inspections are complete he will be working with the health department and others in order to prepare for a preschool site inspection.

I. Legal Update(s)

A School Law Notes newsletter of legal updates from THRUN was shared with the board.

VIII. Other

IX. Adjourn

Motion by Rosenbuam, support by Hochstetler to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.

VISION

“Nottawa Community School will encourage the involvement of parents and community to embrace a shared purpose in the education of our students to become problem solving, responsible, and contributing members of society.”