

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 6:00 PM CST

Location: North Central MS/HS Library, Powers, MI 49874

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Fazer at 6:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Jordan St. John, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Craig VanEnkevort, Nathan Fleetwood, Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Dave Florenski, MS/HS Principal/Athletic Director: Donny Bianco, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Maintenance/Transportation: Matt Wells.

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Kelly Plunger

4. Agenda:

A. There were no items to be added or deleted.

B. There were no items to be excluded from the consent agenda to be dealt with individually.

C. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Presentation on hydroponics

A. Brandin Strauss and Jedrick Preaseau gave their presentation

6. Staff in the spotlight

A. Make an impact on someone else

7. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: Mr. Wells gave his report

- ii. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report
- iii. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report
- iv. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Mr. Florenski gave his report
- v. Building & Grounds Committee – Mr. Florenski and the Building & Grounds Committee gave their report

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. January 17, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes
- ii. January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by Bouty to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Approval to pay the bills

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the payment of the January/February bills.
General Fund: \$65,140.80, Activity: \$4,796.80, Lunch: \$16,530.28
Motion carried, 6-0.

9. Action Items

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fleetwood to approve the February amendment to the 2023-2024 school budget. Motion carried, 6-0.
- B. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the resignation of Brooke Granquist as Track & Field Coach for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fazer to approve the hire of Stephanie Malone as Middle School/High School Custodian for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the proposal by Northern Interstate Bank to accept a higher interest rate for Account # xx0070 and xx2095 for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
- E. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Fleetwood to approve the purchase of a new bus from Nelson's Bus Service (Quote 379002). Motion carried, 6-0.

10. Closed Session

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to move into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations at a time of 7:20PM. Roll Call: VanEnkevort-Yes, Fazer-Yes, Fleetwood-Yes, St. John-Yes, Bouty-Yes, Mercier-Yes. Motion carried, 6-0.
- B. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to adjourn from closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations at a time of 7:50PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

11. Board Discussion

- A. Upcoming ISD Board Meeting –February 28,2024 at Belgiumtown.
- B. Sinking Fund Millage Proposal – August 6, 2024

12. Public Comment

- A. None

13. Other Business

- A. St. John – There is grumbling about bullying at the Middle/High School.
- B. Township Clerk is Connie Wells

14. Adjournment

- A. Motion by St. John, supported by VanEnkevort to adjourn from the February 21, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:54PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary