

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 6:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central Elementary – Hermansville, MI 49847

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Kelly Plunger, Nathan Fleetwood, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John

Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Donny Bianco - MS/HS Principal/Athletic Director, Wendy Granquist - Board Appointed Secretary, Amanda Norkoli - Director of Online Learning

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Craig VanEnkevort

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 St. John, supported by Mercier to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: None

ii. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.

iii. Director of Online Learning Report: Ms. Norkoli gave her report.

iv. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.

v. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Mr. Depuydt gave his report.

vi. Audit recap from Johnson and Rennie

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

i. October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

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

6. Approval to pay the bills

A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the payment of the October/November bills. Motion carried, 6-0.

General: \$45,407.48 Activity: \$3,594.99 Lunch: \$15,877.48

7. Action Items

A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Plunger to approve the first reading of the 39-1 NEOLA Policy updates for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.

B. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve TRAILS as North Central's SEL curriculum. Motion carried, 6-0.

C. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the 2023-2024 financial audit for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the wood chip bid for North Central Area Schools 2024-2025 school year (Performance Pallet, LLC \$32.00). Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Public Comment

A. Justin Kirschner: Student has learning problems, and a learning observation has been requested for the student by the parent. Currently (2) 60-minute observations per month are allowed per policy. The parent requested a full day, and was offered 90 minutes; not satisfied with this. The IEP currently in place has not achieved the correct goals.

B. John Raab: The help from Donny and Travis on the grant was appreciated. He would like to find a vehicle for transportation for wrestling. The wrestling count is up to 8 from 3.

9. Board Discussion

A. The Board discussed the superintendent salary schedule. Would like to get a salary schedule set up for the rest of the administration. Also discussed the superintendent evaluation. All board members will be able to discuss, but only those who have taken the

superintendent evaluation class can vote on the evaluation.

- B. Discussed the creation of a curriculum committee which will be added at the January meeting.
- C. Rave Panic Button: Discussed the potential need/use for this application which could be used in emergency situations. Additionally, law enforcement would like camera access to the building. Board agrees but only to an approved list of users.
- D. Capital Improvement/Transportation Fund: A meeting was held with Johnson Controls to discuss the tax-exempt lease program. This would give the school the ability to receive upgrades to the school and pay it off over time with the savings.
- E. Sinking fund - Depuydt presented the option to receive a grant for school consolidation. The Board's consensus is to apply for a new school situation.
- F. Future discussion on parent visits: Depuydt discussed the current policy, and how North Central's policy is typical for schools across the state. The school looks at the effects on all students when modifying policies for specific situations.

10. Other Business

- A. None

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Plunger to adjourn from the November 20, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:23PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary