

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 6:00 PM CDT

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

- 1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Chris Fazer at 6:00 PM.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call:**
 - A. PRESENT: Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Nathan Fleetwood, Acting Superintendent: David Florenski, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, MS/HS Principal/Athletic Director: Donny Bianco, Maintenance/Transportation: Matt Wells.
 - B. TARDY: None
 - C. ABSENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Jordan St. John, 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 Fleetwood to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.
- 5. 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
 - B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:
 - i. July 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - ii. August 9, 2023 Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes

- C. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fazer to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.

6. Approval to pay the bills

- A. No bills

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by Bouty to dissolve the MHSAA wrestling co-op between Bark River-Harris Schools and North Central Area Schools effective immediately. Motion carried, 4-0.
- B. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fleetwood to approve the creation of a North Central Wrestling Team to compete in MHSAA sanctioned events beginning with the 2023-2024 season, with the understanding that they must be self-funded for a minimum of 3 years. Motion carried, 4-0

8. Board Discussion

- A. Facilities Assessment & Future District Planning – Mr. Florenski requested contact information for Gundlach.
- B. Discussed selling the 80 acres of property in Gourley Township. It is not being used.
- C. Discussed costs of new buses. Mr. Wells gave a summary of pricing for both electric and gas buses.

9. Public Comment

- A. John Raab – Thank you for your work with wrestling.
- B. Phil LaBonte – Asked about the MCISD CTE Millage, said the Elementary would be a good building to use. Electric bus protocol for winter driving.

10. Closed Session

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fleetwood to move into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining at a time of 6:36PM. Mr. Florenski and Mrs. Granquist will also be present. Roll Call: Fleetwood-Yes, Bouty-Yes, Fazer-Yes, Mercier-Yes.

11. Other Business

- A. None

12. Adjournment

A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fleetwood to adjourn from the August 16, 2023
Regular Board of Education meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Plunger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Plunger, Secretary