

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

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:00 PM CDT

**Location:** North Central Elementary School – 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, Craig VanEnkevort, Nathan Fleetwood, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John, 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:

**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 VanEnkevort, supported by Mercier to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**5. Staff in the spotlight**

A. Impact Employee of the Month – Gerald Whitens

**6. 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. Finance Committee: Mr. Florenski gave the Finance Committee report.
- vi. Building & Grounds Committee: Mr. Florenski gave the Building & Grounds report.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. April 23, 2024 Special Meeting
- iii. May 4, 2024 Special Meeting
- iv. May 8, 2024 Special Meeting

- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**7. Approval to pay the bills**

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the payment of the April/May bills. General Fund: \$30,410.44, Activity: \$5,339.76, Lunch: \$19,452.25 Motion carried, 7-0.

**8. Action Items**

- A. Motion by St. John, supported by Fleetwood to approve the Second Reading of the 38-2 NEOLA Policies for North Central Area Schools, excluding policies 2410, 2414, and 2418. Motion carried, 7-0.
- B. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Mercier to approve the resignation of Jeff Nason, Assistant Varsity Football Coach for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.
- C. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Menominee County Intermediate School District General Education Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Motion carried, 7-0.
- D. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Menominee County Intermediate School District Special Education Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Motion carried, 7-0.
- E. Motion by Mercier, supported by Plunger to approve the proposal from Johnson and Rennie, LLC to perform audit services for 2024 at a cost of \$11,000.00. If a single audit is required, the cost will increase to \$18,000.00. Motion carried, 7-0.
- F. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Travis Depuydt as Superintendent and Elementary Principal for North Central Area Schools, beginning July 1, 2024. Motion carried, 7-0.

## 9. Public Comment

- A. Travis Depuydt – Thanked the Board for the opportunity

## 10. Board Discussion

- A. Sinking Fund – Mr. Florenski gave his presentation about the upcoming sinking fund to the Board.

Discussed what the actual plan is moving forward, creating a cheat sheet with information, forming a committee, attending local meetings, etc.

Plunger mentioned bringing up 2028 in the presentation. The public will have questions, what are our answers going to be? The Board needs to be on the same page.

St. John put an emphasis on the goal of getting everyone in to one building.

VanEnkevort talked about getting tax tables and providing that information to community members when asked like Bark River had done.

VanEnkevort mentioned that the committee will have their hands full.

Add Lions Club to the game plan sheet that was handed out.

- B. Fleetwood stated we need to discuss maintenance/transportation issues.

Fazer stated that with Travis beginning as Superintendent, negotiations will be dealt with by him. Matt is hired by the Superintendent and answers to him.

VanEnkevort said they are not to go to the board with demands. Administration will address demands.

Fazer stated with a transition between superintendents, we need to keep things transparent.

Fleetwood stated the demands were not settled, and that is why he went to the Board.

Dave stated in his meeting with Matt that teacher, support, then administration contracts will be settled.

**11. Other Business**

- A. None

**12. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by Mercier to adjourn from the May 23, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:51PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary