

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 7:30 PM CDT

Location: North Central Elementary Conference Room – Hermansville, MI 49847

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Fazer at 7:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Nathan Fleetwood, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John, Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Travis Depuydt, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Maintenance/Transportation: Matt Wells.

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Kelly Plunger, MS/HS Principal/Athletic Director: Donny Bianco

4. Agenda:

A. Added closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations. Moved Board Discussion to before the Action Items.

B. There were no items to be excluded from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with individually.

C. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Fleetwood to approve the Agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

- i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: There's grass on the football field. Cleaning is going well in both buildings.
- ii. Athletic Directors Report: Renovations on football field are taking place. Lighting project and grass growing is under way. Basketball court was refinished.
- iii. MS/HS Principals Report: Summer school/credit recovery is ending on Thursday the 18th. Cleaning is going well and looks good.

- iv. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: It's been a busy first couple of weeks. Depuydt will be discussing Title IX and the new training requirements for this year. The Sinking Fund Committee has been working hard and attending local community meetings. Depuydt would also like to set a date for a "Meet the Superintendent. Safety film has been installed on the windows at both buildings. Depuydt met with officers from Menominee County to go over the Safety Crisis Manual. He would also like to start sending "Good News Grams" to students during the upcoming year.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. June 19, 2024 Budget Hearing
- ii. June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting
- iii. July 3, 2024 Special Meeting

- C. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fleetwood to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

6. Approval to pay the bills

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the payment of the June/July bills.
2023-2024: General Fund: \$63,990.95, Activity: \$64.44, Lunch: \$1,677.35
2024-2025: General Fund: \$71,681.60, Activity: \$6,613.00. Motion carried, 6-0.

7. Board Discussion

- A. Discussed the LaBranche School property – 2 trailer loads of stuff that needs to come back to the school.
- B. Sinking Fund – Community meetings have been attended and the feedback has been mostly positive.
- C. Daycare Program – Would like to increase the cost of the program so that it breaks even and we do not lose money.
- D. Support Animals – Depuydt asked the Board for opinions on having a support dog come to the school a couple times a week. Everyone had positive feedback on the idea.

8. Public Comment

- A. John Jorasz: Bark River started a gymnastics program last year and was wondering if North Central would be interested in a co-op. Deadline is in August. Donny will talk with Jeanne.

9. Action Items

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to support the First Reading of the NEOLA Title IX policies 2264 and 2266, with the understanding that any Title IX action that took place prior to August 1, 2024 will follow policy 2266, while those occurring after August 1, 2024 will follow policy 2264. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Bouty, supported by Fazer to support the Second Reading of the NEOLA Title IX policies 2264 and 2266, with the understanding that any Title IX action that took place prior to August 1, 2024 will follow policy 2266, while those occurring after August 1, 2024 will follow policy 2264. Motion carried, 6-0.

- B. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fleetwood to approve the 2024- L4029 Annual Certification of Taxes. Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by St. John to approve the North Central Area Schools Professional Development Agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Motion by St. John, supported by Mercier to approve the North Central Area Schools District Improvement Plan. Motion carried, 6-0.
- E. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Mike Malone as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- F. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the hire of Nick Pipkorn as Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- G. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the hire of Katie Depuydt as Junior High and Varsity Cross Country Coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- H. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fleetwood to approve the hire of Amanda Norkoli as the Director of Online Learning and At-Risk Coordinator. Motion carried, 6-0.
- I. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Fleetwood to approve the hire of Tina Hall as Junior High and High School Special Education Teacher. Motion carried, 6-0.
- J. Motion by Bouty, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the North Central Area Schools Safety Emergency Response Team Manual. Motion carried, 6-0.
- K. Motion by Fazer, supported by Mercier to move into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations at a time of 8:54PM. Roll Call: Bouty-Yes, St. John-Yes, Fleetwood-Yes, VanEnkevort-Yes, Fazer-Yes, Mercier-Yes. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to move out of closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations at a time of 9:04PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

- L. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the contract agreement between the North Central Area Schools Board of Education and the North Central Education Support Personnel from July 17, 2024 to June 30, 2026. Motion carried, 5-0. Fazer abstained.

10. Other Business

- A. None

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by St. John, supported by Fleetwood to adjourn from the July 17, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 9:05PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary