

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

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 6:00 PM CDT

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

- 1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Chris Fazer at 6:00 PM.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call:**
  - A. PRESENT: Jordan St. John, Kelly Plunger, Chris Fazer, Nathan Fleetwood,  
Superintendent: Jennifer Eichmeier, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist,.
  - B. TARDY: None
  - C. ABSENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Brad Eichmeier, Melissa Mercier
- 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 Plunger, supported by St. John to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.
- 5. Consent Agenda**
  - A. Reports
    - i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: None
    - ii. Athletic Directors Report: None
    - iii. MS/HS Principals Report: None
    - iv. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Superintendent Eichmeier gave her report (attached).
  - B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:
    - i. June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes
    - ii. June 21, 2023 Budget Hearing Minutes

iii. July 17, 2023 Board Workshop Minutes

- C. Motion by St. John, supported by Plunger to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.

**6. Approval to pay the bills**

- A. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by Plunger to approve the payment of the June/July bills.  
2022-2023: General Fund: \$292.94 Lunch: \$638.00 Activity: \$96.10.  
2023-2024: General Fund: \$52,686.04 Lunch: \$250.00 Activity: \$5995.00.  
Motion carried, 4-0.

**7. Action Items**

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by St. John to approve the 2023 – L4029 Annual Certification of Taxes. Motion carried, 4-0.
- B. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the State Aide Operating Notes Resolution for the purpose of securing funds for school operations for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried, 4-0
- C. Motion by St. John, supported by Plunger to approve the second reading of the 37-2 NEOLA Policies for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 4-0.
- D. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fazer to approve the hire of Jordyn Linder as Cook for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 4-0.
- E. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the hire of Samantha DePatie as JV Volleyball Coach for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 4-0.
- F. Motion by St. John, supported by Fleetwood to approve the hire of Donny Bianco as Athletic Director with the Assistance of Riley O’Neil North Central Area Schools beginning August 1, 2023. Motion carried, 4-0.
- G. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by St. John to approve the resignation of John Raab as Bus Driver for North Central Area Schools effective August 1, 2023. Motion carried, 4-0.
- H. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the resignation of Brad Eichmeier as Board of Education Trustee for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 4-0
- I. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fazer to approve the resignation of Jennifer Eichmeier as Superintendent/Elementary Principal for North Central Area schools with a final day of employment of August 11, 2023. Motion carried, 4-0.

- J. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by St. John to approve the reassignment of David Florenski as Interim Superintendent/Elementary Principal for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 4-0.

## **8. Board Discussion**

- A. Facilities Assessment & Future District Planning – Met with Ross from Gundlach.
- B. Phil LaBonte – Consolidation and MS Sports. – LaBonte discussed his ideas for consolidation with Carney and the ideas of the Boards getting together for a meeting. He also discussed the desire for Middle School to join the MHSAA, or for the Middle School to consolidate with Carney for athletics in the upcoming year

## **9. Public Comment**

- A. John Raab – Mentioned that he also thinks consolidation is a good idea. Brought up that he would like North Central to take on wrestling as a sport. His perspective and Bark River’s coach do not align. This will help NCA because it is another option for kids to participate during the Winter. Within 4 years we could have a full line-up. He is committed to 10 years of coaching unless someone else wants it.
- B. Larry Gabka – Thanked Jennifer Eichmeier for her service.

## **10. Other Business**

- A. Next meeting August 9, 2023 at 5:30PM in Powers.

## **11. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by Plunger to adjourn from the July 26, 2023 Regular Board of Education meeting at 6:54 PM. Motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary