

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

**Date/Time:** Monday, August 5, 2024 6:00 PM CDT

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

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call:**

A. PRESENT: Jordan St. John, Kelly Plunger, Chris Fazer, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Travis Depuydt

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Nathan Fleetwood

**4. Agenda:**

A. There were no items to be added or deleted.

B. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

**5. Action Items**

A. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the resignation of Jason Mercier, baseball coach for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the resignation of Sara Seymour, social studies teacher for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Plunger to approve the resignation of Brooke Kleikamp, bus driver for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Motion by Mercier, supported by Plunger to approve the hire of Ezekiel Strand, secondary social studies teacher for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Ezekiel Strand, head JV football coach for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the 2024-2025 milk bid for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Motion by Plunger, supported by St. John to approve the 2024-2025 bread bid for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to enter closed session to discuss the legal opinion from the North Central Area Schools attorney at a time of 6:08PM. Roll Call: St. John-Yes, Plunger-Yes, Fazer-Yes, Mercier-Yes, Bouty-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to move out of closed session at a time of 6:20PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to enter closed session for contract negotiations at a time of 6:21PM. Roll Call: St. John-Yes, Plunger-Yes, Fazer-Yes, Mercier-Yes, Bouty-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to move out of closed session at a time of 6:30PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

J. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the contract agreement between the North Central Area Schools Board of Education and the North Central Education Association from August 5, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Motion carried, 5-0

**6. Public Comment**

A. None

**7. Board Discussion**

A. None

**8. Other Business**

A. None

**9. Adjournment**

A. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to adjourn from the August 5, 2024 Special Board of Education Meeting at a time of 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary