

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 21, 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: Kelly Plunger, Craig VanEnkevort, Nathan Fleetwood, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John, Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Travis Depuydt, 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 St. John, supported by Plunger to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

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. Director of Online Learning Report: Ms. Norkoli gave her report.

iv. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.

v. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Mr. Depuydt gave his report.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. July 17, 2024 Closed Session
- iii. August 5, 2024 Special Meeting
- iv. August 5, 2024 Closed Session
- v. August 12, 2024 Special Meeting

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

6. Approval to pay the bills

A. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to table to approval of the July/August bills.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the contract of Riley O'Neil, Technology Support/Office Assistant/Media Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
- B. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the contract of Wendy Granquist, Business Manager for the 2024-2026 school years. Motion carried, 7-0.
- C. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the contract of Lisa Harry, School Counselor for the 2024-2026 school years. Motion carried, 7-0.
- D. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the contract of Donny Bianco, 6-12 Principal for the 2024-2026 school years. Motion carried, 7-0.
- E. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by St. John to approve the contract of Matt Wells, Maintenance/Transportation Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
- F. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the North Central Elementary Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
- G. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fazer to approve the North Central Jr/Sr High School Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
- H. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Brian Waitrovich, JH/HS STEM teacher for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.
- I. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the hire of Megan Kleikamp, lead daycare teacher for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.
- J. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fazer to approve the hire of Dina Sandoval, full time At-Risk Aide for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.

- K. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Bouty to approve the hire of Debbie Kirschner, part time At-Risk Aide for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.
- L. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Elizabeth Gudwer, Daycare Director for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. Public Comment

- A. Cheryl Christiansen – Thank you to Donny for getting the schedule fixed

9. Board Discussion

- A. Sinking Fund and Roof Estimates. Discussed the need to close one building and when early voting starts for the election
- B. District Strategic Plan – Sellable property.
- C. Discussed the daycare program for the upcoming year
- D. Discussed school culture and climate

10. Other Business

- A. VanEnkevort brought up drones for spraying, AI technology
- B. St. John – Brining students to logging congress the Friday after Labor Day. 8:00 in Green Bay, Juniors/Seniors.

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to adjourn from the August 21, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:22PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary