

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

TIME: Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central Elementary School Library, Hermansville, MI 49847

A. Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Klara Grondine at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:

PRESENT: Nick Pipkorn, Nancy Whitens, Jessica Naser, Nick Hanchek – Tardy in at 6:40 p.m., Klara Grondine, Ray Luft, Superintendent: Bruce Tapio, Elementary Principal: Cody Hamilton, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Maint/Transp/Custodial Working Supervisor: Brett Harter

ABSENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Athletic Director: Joey Pontbriand

C. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the consent agenda which includes the August 23, 2016 Regular Session Minutes and the August 29, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes and to have Mrs. Granquist send a copy of the board bills for the board to approve to be paid for September 2016 before they are mailed out. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Superintendent's and other Administrator Reports:

1. Athletic Director's Report – See attached.
2. Maintenance Director's Report – Mr. Harter reported to the board that the railing are on the stair, but more work needs to be done on them because they are loose. Webber is returning to fix them. He also stated that Bus #19 is out for repairs with a major brake problem. He has to make the football field from an 11 man to and 8 man field now. He also informed the board that Mr. Whitens is painting the vocational building.
3. Elementary Principal's Report – See attached.
4. Superintendent's & MS/HS Principal's Report – See Attached.

E. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the amended agenda with moving Item #2 of Closed Session to after Public Comments on Agenda Items. Motion carried, 6-0.

- F. Correspondence: Mr. Tapio reported that MHSAA had no negative reports from referees for our school.
- G. Public Comments: None.
- H. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Mrs. Snyder stated that the Teacher's Negotiations Team met with Administration on April 7, 2016. They were shut down in the 1st meeting. They have reached a tentative agreement (one year) on the Salary Schedule. She is asking that you finalize 1 year agreement then work on the next 2 years.


CLOSED SESSION#2

Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Hanchek to enter into closed session to discuss negotiations at 6:49 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Nick Hanchek – Yes, Nancy Whitens – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Nick Pipkorn – Yes, Klara Grondine – Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0. There will probably be action after the closed session under Action Item #I4. Also present in the closed session will be Mr. Tapio and Mrs. Granquist. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to exit closed session at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

- I. Action Items:
 - 1. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to hire Mrs. Donna Dombrowski as the Part-Time Elementary Aide in the North Central Elementary Building. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - 2. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Pipkorn to hire Mrs. Danielle Chartier as the Part-Time Elementary Aide in the North Central Elementary Building. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - 3. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens to approve the Support Staff Tentative Agreement for a period of one year. Roll Call Vote: Nick Hanchek – Yes, Nancy Whitens – Yes, Nick Pipkorn, - Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Klara Grondine – Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0.
 - 4. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Pipkorn to approve the Teaching Staff Tentative Agreement for a period of one year. Roll Call Vote: Nick Hanchek – Yes, Nancy Whitens – No, Jessica Naser – Yes, Nick Pipkorn – No, Klara Grondine – No, Ray Luft – No. Motion not passed with a vote of 2 yes to 4 no.

5. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Hanchek to table the purchase of a used automobile for the purpose of use as the School Vehicle and Drivers Training Car. Motion carried, 6-0.
 6. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens to approve the Wood Chip Bid from Performance Corporation with a bid of \$48.00 per ton for the entire 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.
- J. Board Discussion: Mrs. Naser would like to see the numbers for consolidation. What would the savings be. Expenditure savings. Comparisons. Mrs. Naser also stated that we need to be creative with budgeting. She also wanted to know what the support staff suggestions were. Mr. Tapio stated that he did not get any, but that the union rep for the support staff stated to not hire back 4 teachers to save money. Mr. Pipkorn stated that no matter what we are 111,000 in the red at the end of the school year, that doesn't count students that left since the 1st day of school. Mr. Pipkorn stated that he doesn't feel cutting Young 4's would be a good idea.
- K Closed Session: Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Hanchek to enter into closed session at the request of a parent in regards to their child. Roll Call Vote: Nick Hanchek – Yes, Nick Pipkorn – Yes, Nancy Whitens – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Klara Grondine – Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. Entered into closed session at 8:03 p.m. Also present in closed session will be Mr. Tapio, Mrs. Granquist and the parents of the Student. There is no anticipated action after closed session. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens to exit closed session at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.
- L. Motion by Mr. Pipkorn, supported by Mr. Hanchek to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Naser, Secretary



Bruce Tapio <btapio@ncajets.org>

Fwd: Thanks

1 message

Joseph Pontbriand <jpontbriand@ncajets.org>
To: Bruce Tapio <btapio@ncajets.org>

Tue, Sep 6, 2016 at 7:51 PM

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From: Ejmason7@yahoo.com <ejmason7@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 6, 2016 at 7:32 PM
Subject: Thanks
To: "Jpontbriand@ncajets.org" <Jpontbriand@ncajets.org>

North Central,

I/We would like to express our sincere thanks for your hospitality before, during and after our game on September 1st. It would take me a long time to think of a more pleasurable experience at any level of football or any sport for that matter. Your players, coaches, fans and booster club treated us with class, respect and generosity and I/we want you to know that it did not go without notice. Hopefully we can repay the favor next year!

Again I want to thank you and your class organization!!

Coach Eric Mason
Marquette Redmen Freshmen Football Coach
Sent from my iPhone

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Joey Pontbriand
North Central-Powers
Athletic Director
Go Jets!!

9/8/16

NCA September Elementary Principal Report

Greetings,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to wonderful start. Students seem eager to dive into another year of academic rigor. Teachers are working hard week one to firmly establish classroom rules, routines, and procedures. Baseline testing is underway to identify title and at-risk populations and assist personnel in structuring intervention groups to begin the year.

With off-season changes, many have taken on new roles, while others are new to North Central all-together. Jessica Veaser has transitioned back to the general education setting quite nicely. Cheryl Ekberg was instrumental over the past few weeks in terms of helping Jessica with classroom supplies and setup, along with 1st grade content and curriculum. Cheryl will serve as Jessica's mentor for the year. Deanna Krieg has embraced the challenge of absorbing the entire K-6 special education caseload, and has implemented a new way of providing/monitoring accommodations via Google Docs. Diane Strand has quickly caught herself up-to-speed with regards to our GSRP program. She is hosting a county-wide GSRP meeting in her newly re-arranged and re-vamped classroom on Friday, and scheduling home visits for the week of 9/12. The first day of school for our Young 4's is scheduled for September 19th. Lastly, we welcome Danielle Chartier and Donna Dombrowski to the elementary team. The two have accepted part-time aide positions for recess and lunchroom supervision purposes. This will free up Doreen Fazer and Sandy Ammel to do what they are best at, namely providing supports through Title I. All is falling into place rather smoothly, and I feel we've put people in the right positions for sustained success.

As briefly mentioned during last month's meeting, the Michigan Department of Education is once again offering up monies through the Additional Instruction Grant, using the funding formula of 2015-16 1st grade enrollment multiplied by \$165. This equates to \$4,290 on the table for North Central. For comparison sake, the amount is more than double that which was allocated to us last year. In short, our summer school team should be able to provide programming that is bigger and better than last year, and most importantly, impacts student achievement to a greater degree. Round one applications are due September 23, so be anticipating good news regarding this opportunity very soon.

Although it has come and gone, I feel our Back to School Open House was a smashing success. The event was well-attended and families seemed to appreciate its intentions. NCAP did a nice job with the Family Fun Night that operated in conjunction, and already have ideas for next year. Special thanks to those who played a role (big or small) in setting the tone for a positive year.

Dorothy Debelak - \$100 meemie grant

Yours in Education,

Cody Hamilton

Greeting from the MS/HS

The board packet contains two aid application approval requests, two union contract approval requests and one automobile purchase request.

If all went well then there was a Finance and Negotiation Committee meeting held with recommendations on whether to approve the union contracts for the Teachers and Support Staff. Hopefully this can get done on Monday, September 12, 2016.

The closed session early in the meeting Thursday will be to go over the contracts for board approval.

The year has started with some drama amongst the children which is to be expected.

There will be more to add to this early next week and I will get you any pertinent info before the NCA School Board meeting on Thursday, September 15 2016.

Thanks for all you do!

Bruce