

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

**TIME:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central Middle/High School Library, Powers, MI 49874

1. Meeting called to order by President, Craig VanEnkevort at 4:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:

**PRESENT:** Jessica Naser, Melissa Mercier, Brad Eichmeier, Chris Fazer, Kelly Plunger, Craig VanEnkevort, Superintendent: Jennifer Eichmeier, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, MS/HS Principal: Dave Florenski, Maint/Transp./Custodial Working Supervisor: Brett Harter, Athletic Director: Randy McLeod

**ABSENT:** Nick Hanchek

4. Agenda:
  - A. There were no items to be added or deleted from the agenda.
  - B. There are no items to be excluded from the consent agenda to be dealt with individually.
  - C. Motion by Naser, supported by Mercier to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
5. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Reports:
    1. Athletic Director's Report – see attached.
    2. Maintenance Director's Report – see attached.
    3. MS/HS Principal's Report – see attached.
    4. Superintendent's/Elementary Principals Report – see attached

- B. The board reviewed the November 20, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the December 3, 2019 Workshop Meeting Minutes.
  - C. Motion by Plunger, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
6. Approval of the Bills:
- Motion by Fazer, supported by Plunger to approve payment of the November/December bills, General Fund = \$17,316.83; Lunch Fund = \$6,661.18; Activity Fund = \$13,760.58. Motion carried, 6-0.
7. Action Items:
- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Naser to approve the final reading of Vol. 34 No. 1 September Neola Policy Updates. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - B. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fazer to approve the 2019-20 amended budget. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - C. Motion by Naser, supported by Plunger to approve the North Central Area Schools “Early Middle College” Consortium with Bay College. Motion carried, 6-0.
8. Board Discussion:
- A. The board was given information on the August 4, 2020 election to renew the 18 mils non-homestead property tax levy.
  - B. Mr. Florenski gave an update on Hannahville Grant funding.
  - C. Mrs. Eichmeier updated the board on Robotics Program fundraising.
  - D. The board was handed out a copy of the Board Self-Evaluation, which needs to be done online. Once the first board member starts the self-evaluation then the board has 2 weeks to complete it.
9. Public Comment: Dominic Naser was present as a member of the Student Council. He also stated that he does like the Bay College Dual Enrollment Spanish.
10. Other Business: Mrs. Eichmeier reviewed a proposal from Choice Transportation with the Board of Education.

11. Closed Session.

A. Motion by Naser, supported by Mercier to enter into closed session for the purpose of Superintendent's Evaluation at the request of the Superintendent. Also Present in closed session will be Wendy Granquist and Dave Florenski. There will be action after this closed session. Roll Call Vote: Chris Fazer – Yes, Brad Eichmeier – Yes, Kelly Plunger – Yes, Melissa Mercier – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Craig VanEnkevort – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0. Entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

B. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to adjourn from closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried, 6-0.

C. Motion by Fazer, supported by Naser to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation with a rating of 84.7% Effective (based on 40% student growth weight). Mr. Eichmeier abstained from the vote. Roll Call Vote: Fazer – Yes, Eichmeier – Abstained, Mercier – Yes, Plunger – Yes, Naser – Yes, VanEnkevort – Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

12. Board Discussion:

Mrs. Eichmeier gave the board (3) district goals that she came up with for 2019-20. As part of one of those goals, they discussed alumni/fact finding with community members. Mr. VanEnkevort stated that she is a good advocate for students, town and school.

Mrs. Naser asked for support for being the Board President. She stated that if she is never going to be nominated for Board President then there is no sense in her continuing to take MASB classes at her own expense. She also stated that if Craig is going to continue as President, she will hold him to a high standard, keeping on track with Superintendent Evaluation, Self-Evaluation and to be trained in MASB classes.

Mr. Plunger stated that with the great amount of changes the last 5 months consistency with this last year would be better.

Mrs. Mercier stated that Mrs. Naser has the most training and will be one great president. She told Mrs. Naser to keep taking classes toward president.

Mrs. Naser also stated that Mrs. Eichmeier and she had a rocky start. Mrs. Eichmeier stated that she just doesn't want to have someone on her butt all the time. She does not want to be micro-managed.

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13. Motion by Mercier supported by Fazer to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly Plunger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Plunger, Secretary

## Maintenance and Transportation Report

Bus #4 is at international for regen problem, still under warranty.

Due to the power outages we lost an air compressor motor, and the start components for the walkin cooler. Both have been repaired and turned in to our insurance along with some computer equipment.

Thanks to Brad Eichmeier for moving the snow banks. ✓

Athletic Directors Report  
Randall McLeod  
Athletic Director  
12-16-19

#### JH Boys Basketball

Season is complete. Both our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades were Little Cedar River regular season champions. In addition, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade won the Little Cedar River Tournament.

#### Varsity/JV Girls Basketball

Season is underway with both teams 2-1. Numbers continue to be a concern at the JV level. We will monitor and adjust as necessary.

#### Varsity/JV Boys Basketball

Mother Nature has won the first two contests. Our make up date with Stephenson will be January 17<sup>th</sup> and I am waiting to hear back from Rapid Rivers AD on a make date for our December 12<sup>th</sup> game. Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having our double header with Menominee Girls and Bark River Boys. We will be recognizing our teams that advanced downstate as well retire the jerseys of Jason Whitens and Dawson Bilski. Couple other changes to our schedule. Our February 28<sup>th</sup> Home game with BRH will now be an away game as a result of them coming here on December 23. Our February 10<sup>th</sup> game with Munising will now be on January 31<sup>st</sup>, site unchanged.

RR- Christmas Break !!

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- Thank you to Bill Rinne for taking the middle school and high school bands to Pinecrest for performances.
- Thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas concert production.
- Thank you to everyone that helped during our electrical issues.
- I have a meeting with Pinecrest in mid January to see what we can do to expand our school to work program. *Look @ CWA PROGRAM*
- I have a meeting set up with the MTEC at Bay College on Thursday to discuss possible options for our students. *Renee Lundberg*
- Over winter break I will be working on the Early Middle College application if the board chooses to adopt North Central Area Schools becoming part of the Bay College consortium.

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