

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

**TIME:** Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central MS/HS Library,  
Powers, MI 49874

1. Meeting called to order by President, Craig VanEnkevort at 4:45 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:

**PRESENT:** Jessica Naser, Melissa Mercier, Brad Eichmeier, Chris Fazer,  
Kelly Plunger, Nick Hanchek, Craig VanEnkevort,  
Superintendent/Elem. Principal: Jennifer Eichmeier, Board  
Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, MS/HS Principal: Dave  
Florenski, Mentor: Ken Groh, Admin Asst. Riley O'Neil

**ABSENT:** Athletic Director: Randy McLeod, Maint/Transp./Custodial  
Working Supervisor: Brett Harter

4. Agenda:
  - A. There were no items to be added or deleted from the agenda.
  - B. There were no items to be excluded from the consent agenda to be dealt with individually.
  - C. Motion by Plunger, supported by Naser to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
5. Action Items:
  - A. Discussion concerning the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan for the North Central Area School District.
    - Mrs. Mercier just wants to make sure that there is no violation of the teacher contract.
    - Mrs. Eichmeier stated that out of our meeting on 8-10-2020 with the committee, it was agreed upon to look into getting a handwashing station in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the high school building.

- Mrs. Eichmeier highlighted the plan. 3 of the 4 schools in the MCISD are on the same page in regards to wearing masks. She also stated that there is no way to allow for social distancing i.e. the buses and the classrooms. We are also going to allow the families to make decisions in regards to the wearing of masks by their children.
- A question was raised if a face mask and face shield are the same, they are not.
- Mr. Plunger feels that it is a well put together plan. Kelly feels we are meeting the standards. Chris Fazer also stated that he feels it is a well put together plan.
- Mrs. Mercier wanted the teaching staff to know that the Governor is mandating cleaning and other certain things for the start of school.
- Mrs. Naser stated that she trusts the committee and the work that they did.
- Mr. Eichmeier feels that it is too early to plan everything, because it changes daily.
- Mr. Hanchek feels the same as Mr. Eichmeier.

Motion by Naser, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan for the North Central Area School District.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

6. Board Discussion:

- A. Mr. Groh gave a budget review for 2020-21. He stated that it is ever changing. Mr. Groh also answered questions..
  - B. Discussed on-line learning and that Professional Development will be coming for staff and parents.
  - C. Discussed the responses we got from district parents on whether their child will go face to face or on-line. We have had 37 children that we have not heard a response from.
7. Public Comment: Mr. Mark Allgeyer – Questions about what is online schooling? Are students going to eat lunch in the cafeteria? What is online platform?

The principals responded that they are hoping next week to have parent meetings. Canvas is a software program being used across the country. This will be used by our teachers.

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Mrs. Eichmeier will call Mr. Allgeyer next week to answer his questions. Mr. VanEnkevort asked him if his questions were answered. He stated honestly no his questions were not resolved. He wanted more detail this close to school starting.

8. Closed Session:

Motion by Naser, supported by Mercier to enter into closed session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining at 5:31 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Plunger – Yes, Fazer – Yes, Mercier – Yes, Naser – Yes, Eichmeier – Yes. Hanchek – Yes, VanEnkevort – Yes. Motion carried, 7-0. There may be action after this closed session. Also present will be Ken Groh, Jennifer Eichmeier, Riley O’Neil

Motion by Mercier, supported by Fazer to adjourn closed session at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0

Motion by Naser, supported by Mercier to amend the agenda to add 8 a. to the agenda as an action item. Motion carried, 7-0.

A. Motion Eichmeier, supported by Fazer to approve the 2020-21 salaries of the following administrative positions:

Mr. Dave Florenski, MS/HS Principal - \$75,000.  
Mrs. Wendy Granquist, Finance Director - \$53,300  
Mr. Brett Harter, Maintenance, Transportation Working Supervisor – 45,100.

Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Other Business:

A. Mr. Plunger stated that these are extraordinary circumstances and we needed to have an operation plan and an education plan. North Central has taken the lead, setting an example, for the education plan, but everyone has to buy into it to make this work. We need to work together.

Mrs. Naser feels the whole board is behind this education plan, but also states if you have ideas please bring them forward to the administration.

Mr. Eichmeier stated that we need to include the community also – school is not a daycare and with the new guidelines, families need to be aware of this.

Mr. Hanchek stated that we can’t take temperatures, Jennifer confirmed this is not legal.

B. Mr. Plunger stated that there are serious problems with Music and COVID. Mrs. Eichmeier stated that our school neighbors have inquired what we are going to do

with band. Mr. Florenski stated that Band Directors are doing COVID 19 training and Mr. Rinne is checking into it.

C. Mr. Florenski stated we have to stop taking away what makes school – school.

10. Motion by Hanchek, supported by Mercier to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary