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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH, 2022

Present: Jackie Kang – Chairperson, Vicki Dowd – Secretary/Treasurer, Dustin Larson, Marilyn Shawano

Absent: Alicia Bertrand (Ab/Ex), Geneva “Magg” Wandahsega (Ab/Ex), Molly Meshigaud

Guest(s): Matt Johnson-Reeves, Melissa Ledford, Betty LaPointe, Connee Sagataw, Shianne Uskilith, Kelly Arnold (3:41pm), Angela Wandahsega, Joe Hellberg (3:10pm), Eugene Thunder and 5 student athletes (3:20pm)

Location: School Conference Room

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 3:02pm

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
 - See handout.
 - Motion made to approve agenda with the addition of upcoming NMU Board Member retreat and the Dance Recital happening on May 14th by: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion made to approve April 7th, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented by: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- **Superintendent Update:**
 - COVID Update: Per Matt’s email – there was a surge which started in the Childcare wing. We refreshed the minds of staff with an email updated policy regarding mask wearing. Our case positivity has been lowering with no new cases this past week. Masking is still an option in the school. Tribal Chairman Ken Meshigaud had shared with Matt that the covid team has allowed our non-vaccinated to forego testing at this time.
 - NMU Board of Trustee Meeting (4/29/22) Charter School Contract Update: This has been acted upon, the contract for three years has been accepted. Data requirements have been submitted to NMU Charter school. Three-year approval has been forwarded and updated.
- **Old Business:**
 - NMU Board Member Retreat – There is a need to get together as a board to renew board expectations and policies regarding communications. June will be a full agenda with community board elections happening. We may need do to some strategic planning moving forward regarding goals for the school during the July meeting.
- **New Business & Action Items**
 - Discussion regarding DSISD Budget Review - as a member of the ISD, NTW is entitled a seat on the board. Matt is involved as a superintendent, round table-wise. DSISD Board meetings are scheduled during the NTW School Board meetings.

- Revenue for ISD \$2.6 Million, Expenditures look to be \$2.7Million. Fund Balances \$528,095.
- CTE Enrollments between 2017-2022 have reduced across the entire district, with the exception of NTW which is seeing student growth in CTE.
 - Motion made to accept the DSISD Budget as presented by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0
- Discussion regarding HIV/STI & Sex Education – per Melissa Ledford, speaking in regards to our sex education curriculum and making sure that, informing the public-wise, we are doing all that we are required to do.
 - Due to the change in the grade level (3rd grade girls) that we are now offering this program, we are mandated to do two public hearings.
 - 2nd required public hearing will be held at the June School Board Meeting. Matt asks the board to reach out to Melissa if the community has questions or concerns with this curriculum update.
- Discussion regarding new hires for the 2022-2023 school year – due to recruiting efforts, we are able to offer a position to:
 - Mr. John Bintner, currently from Manistique. Big background in coaching, baseball, basketball, Athletic Director. He has also worked in the Title 7 Indian Education program in Escanaba.
 - Mr. Matt Seid, currently teaching US Government, Psychology, and Economics at Wynnewood Public Schools in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.
 - Motion made to accept the candidates presented by: Dustin Larson
 - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
 - All in favor: 4-0-0

- **Informational Items**

- Last day of school (June 2nd) activities/plan update: 1/2 day of school, instead of a full day. Activities include bouncy houses, movie theater or bowling alley may be reserved. More information will be brought forward to the families later in the coming weeks.
- Discussion regarding upcoming school calendar items:
 - Senior Banquet (May 17th, Terrace Bay Inn @ 5:30pm)
 - HS Graduation (May 27th, Casino Convention Center @ 6:00pm) Betty LaPointe hopes to be there.
 - Kindergarten Graduation (May 31st, School Gymnasium @ 1:30pm) – cake to follow
 - Staff Retirement Recognition Luncheon (June 3rd, School Cafeteria @12:00-3:00pm) – we have 7 retirees to catered lunch by Wiles Food Services. Blankets have been ordered and received by the school office. Invitations and flyers have been sent out to SB members and staff. Blanket presentation to begin at appx 2pm, will need board members present to present the blankets to our retirees.
 - Dance Recital will be held at the Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Saturday May 14th.
- NMU Charter School Office Update – Betty is very happy to hear that we are back on and contracted/extended for another 3 years. The recent retreat was great and warmed hearts in regards to the sense of community and our participation is noted by NMU, also. There will be a new report – K-10 to note progress of students and where and what needs to happen as the year progresses. NMU is interested in seeing growth, and NTW has been excellent in that measurement.

- **Public Comment**

- Joe Hellberg has got band instruments arriving. There are currently 9 student band members. Next year will see concerts annually. Mr. Hellberg works at Jim's Music so his employee discount has been very helpful. This year has been excellent in the way of the foundation, nuts and bolts. Music is starting to make sense to the students and Mr. Hellberg is excited to be working toward developing a curriculum that works best for the students.

- **Adjourn**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9th at 10am.
 - Motion made to adjourn meeting at 3:44pm by: Vicki Dowd
 - Seconded by: Marilyn Shawano
 - Motion carried: 4-0-0

Recorded & prepared by: Angela Wandahsega, School Secretary

Approved on: 06-09-2022


Signature

Board President

Board Secretary