

# NAH TAH WAHSH, PSA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

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**Present:** Jackie Kang (Chairperson), Alicia Bertrand (Vice Chairperson) – 3:20pm, Vicki Dowd (Secretary/Treasurer), Dustin Larson, Molly Meshigaud – 3:17pm, Marilyn Shawano, Geneva “Magg” Wandahsega – via Zoom

**Absent:** None

**Guest(s):** Connee Sagataw, Matt Johnson-Reeves, Melissa Ledford, Betty LaPointe, Angela Wandahsega, Andrea King (3:10pm), Joe Hellberg (3:15pm), Jesse Viau (3:23pm)

**Location:** School Library

Jackie Kang, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

- **Mission Statement recited by members**
- **Agenda**
  - See handout.
  - Motion to approve agenda with the additions of Student Award made by: Vicki Dowd
  - Seconded by: Magg Wandahsega
  - Motion carried: 5-0-0
- **Board Meeting Minutes**
  - Motion to approve December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes made by: Magg Wandahsega
  - Seconded by: Dustin Larson
  - Motion carried: 5-0-0
- **Superintendent Update: COVID19**
  - COVID Update:
    - See Handout – information included by DMHD meetings – per Matt. Meets bi-weekly. Health department discloses 348 positive cases last week. Cases are viewable for PHDM and LMAS. OSF is running high on testing and positive cases.
    - School campus update discloses 15 cases at NTW – 7 staff members, 8 students in the past 10 days. In the past 113 days, the school has only had 11 positives, most positives are occurring as of lately. Attendance Rates this week – due to staff outings and shortages school was closed on Tuesday. Otherwise, our attendance has met the 75% this week. Discussion regarding vaccine and helping in severity of Covid 19. Vaccine Incentive for children in the 5-11 year age group.
    - Melissa Ledford spoke regarding the latest PTSA meeting. Parents suggested a possible Covid 19 survey to the community in regards to masking in school. Is that possible to get information in how families feel about the masks. Board members discussed definition of what pandemic means. Also brought up – comparing other school district data in comparison to Nah Tah Wahsh. Matt brings to our attention our school nurse, Tammy Dlugas has been nominated for the “Life Changer of the Year” Award.
- **Old Business:**
- ESSER III Funding Allocation – \$700,000.00 to be allocated appropriately.
- Art Club – Proposed possible Compensation for the advisor – Constance Lightfoot.

- Motion made to a lot the Art Club advisor compensation of \$2,000.00 made by: Alicia Bertrand
- Seconded by Marilyn Shawano
- Motion Carried 7-0-0
  
- **New Business & Action Items**
  - Fall Policy Update – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Board Discussion:
  - Changes – anything over \$5000 must be approved
  - Asset tagging – must be following rules as we purchase things with the funding for Covid 19.
  - Highly qualified is no longer used as verbiage within the state of Michigan school policy. Governor Whitmer has signed a bill to allow any school staff to fill in for missing teaching staff. School board member Vicki Dowd brought forward the idea of using a bulletin board to post thank yous for staff appreciation. Also bringing forward the idea of having lunch with the students or staff. Matt mentioned the school's Sunshine club, as they will be meeting, soon. They may be able to put something together.
  - Motion made to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the Board Policies Summary made by Dustin Larson
  - Seconded by: Vicki Dowd
  - Motion Carried: 7-0-0
  
- **Informational Items:**
  - Curriculum Committee – Melissa Ledford offering up the information regarding the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Puberty Classes. We would like to continue those classes, but also to change that to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls classes, because we are seeing that need. In addition – Melissa suggested having Vicki Dowd come in with Nurse Tammy in helping with girl's needs.
  - Motion made to allow the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls puberty classes: Dustin Larson
  - Seconded by: Alicia Bertrand
  - Motion Carried: 7-0-0
  - Save the Date: NMU Board/Admin Retreat, Mount Pleasant, MI (4/24-4/25, 2022)
  - Charter School Update – per Betty LaPointe – NMU is working on the 2-3-year extension to our contract, as the school works very hard to do well for the community and its student body.
  
- **Student Award**
  - Breanna Boda was recently awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her HOSA Regional Competition in the area of "Cultural Diversity and Disparities" – this CTE program is offered through DSISD. This recognition was also noted by Michigan Charter Schools. Breanna will head to States in February.
  
- **Other**
  - Questions by board regarding re-enrollment and transfer students from other schools. New enrollees are accepted on a case-by-case basis at the half-year point, beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.
  
- **Public Comment**
  - Thanking the community and board for the great music program, Joe Hellberg – K-12 music teacher is in the process of starting middle school band. Those letters have been sent to parents and organization is in full swing. Mr. Hellberg hopes to have a small recital for our students that wish to play an instruments. Beginning band and concert band (consisting of 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade). Board mentions a question regarding sound improvement in the classroom. Mr. Hellberg states he will come back to the board for more approvals as needed.

- Per Guest, Andrea King, suggested the idea to do “Santa Clause is Coming to Town” with Mr. Kovish, school-wide, for the next Christmas Program.
- PTSA President, Andrea King, is wondering about a Prom Crown for King and Queen. Board questions when the last Prom was held for the school. Matt does not see a reason not to start planning a dance. Per Matt, Brian Houle (Student Council Advisor) will need to meet with the students to get something planned. Board think this is a very good idea. Andrea brings up a “prom dress drive” for students that may need a special occasion dress. She has access to those special occasion items/dresses. PTSA meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, in the School Library, from 5:00-7:00pm.
- Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Adjourn**
  - Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:57pm by: Molly Meshigaud
  - Seconded by: Alicia Bertrand
  - Motion carried: 7-0-0

**Recorded & prepared by:** Angela Wandahsega

**Approved on:** 2-10-2022

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*Signature*

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