

Northfield Town School District
Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Brown Public Library Community Room
Approved: March 6, 2017

Present: Justin Wrigley, Chair; Sophia Bennett, Vice-Chair; Peter Evans, Acting - Clerk; Mike Bailey; Laurie Gossens, Superintendent; Chris Locarno, Business Manager; Wayne Howe, NES Principal; Ryan Parkman, NMHS Principal; Bruce Donahue, Technology Specialist; Amara Freeman, NMHS Student; Sabrina Bean, NMHS Student. Late arrival: Emily Gray, Clerk.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Justin Wrigley at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Approve Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2017 and the Bills and Orders' Summary totaling \$925,424.96. Vote: Yes – 4; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

3.0 Community Engagement: *None.*

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Auditor's Report: Linda Milne of Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, presented the FY16 Audit Report.

4.2 Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Gossens shared her report with the Board.

4.2.1.a Monitoring Report EL.03 "Treatment of Faculty and Staff" was presented to the Board by Superintendent Gossens. A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Emily Gray to approve Monitoring Report EL.03. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

4.2.1.b Monitoring Report EL.06 "Financial Planning and Budgeting" was presented to the Board by Superintendent Gossens. A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Emily Gray to approve Monitoring Report EL.06. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

4.2.1.c Monitoring Report EL.11 "Communication with the Public" was presented to the Board by Superintendent Gossens. A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Emily Grant to approve Monitoring Report EL.11. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

4.2.2 NMHS Technology Presentation: Students Amara Freeman and Sabrina Bean presented to the Board on why 1:1 laptops are essential. The students presented their reasons including such things as standardized testing, communication, online classes, student engagement, global advantages and real life skills. A discussion followed with questions from the Board.

4.2.3 NMHS Program of Studies: NMHS Principal Ryan Parkman provided an update to the Board on the School's work to implement Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. Principal Parkman offered a detailed review of the framework that he and staff have developed for the Program of Studies. A discussion followed about how the new program will work.

5.0 Board Discussion and Action:

5.1 Act 46 Study Committee Update and Presentation: Peter Evans and Emily Gray provided an update on the Act 46 Merger Committee. The update included information about the community forums and the status of the report and articles of agreement. The committee will be offering presentations to other community groups in the future.

5.2 Budget Brochure: Superintendent Gossens reviewed the Budget Brochure with the Board. The

- 5.3 Discussion and Action on Northfield Annual Meeting Warning: A motion was made by Mike Bailey and seconded by Sophia Bennett to approve the Annual Meeting Warning in Exhibit 5.3. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.
- 5.4 Discussion and Action on School Choice Lottery Limits: A motion was made by Sophia Bennett and seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the recommendation of 17 for the School Choice Lottery Limits. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.
- 5.5 Discussion and Action on Announced Tuition: A motion was made by Peter Evans and Seconded by Mike Bailey to approve the recommendation for tuition rates of \$11,000 for Grades K-6 and \$16,000 for Grades 7 -12. Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0; Abstention – 0. Approved.

6.0 Board Work Session:

- 6.1 Act 46 Study Committee Update: Based on earlier conversation and information presented during the preceding Washington South Supervisory Union meeting, no additional information was presented at this time.
- 6.2 Budget Brochure: The proposed Budget Brochure was reviewed and discussed. Recommendations for changes were made.

7.0 Future Board Meetings:

WSSU	February 13, 2017	Roxbury Village School	5:30 p.m.
NSD	March 6, 2017	Budget Information Meeting	
		Brown Public Library Community Room	6:30 p.m.
NSD	March 7, 2017	Town Meeting	
		Granai-Corrigan Auditorium @ NMHS	10:00 a.m.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Evans, Acting - Clerk