

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016, AT 5:30 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL LMC**

PRESENT: Mrs. Coppens, Mrs. Brasure, Ms. Kehn, Mrs. Moll,
Mrs. Moll, Mrs. Sparapani, Mrs. Swanson, Mr. Burklund,
Mrs. Hammill, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Trevillian

EXCUSED: Mrs. Lundquist

Others Present: Mrs. Ginger Anderson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Coppens at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with members present as mentioned above.

Motion by Kehn/Swanson to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Burklund congratulated the One-Act on their performance at State. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards nominated Hannah Antonissen as a fifth place winner for her art exhibit and Jamie Vandenberg, Niagara graduate, will be inducted in the Wisconsin Track Hall of Fame in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Youth Options for One Student

Motion by Kehn/Brasure to approve youth options for one student. Susan Moll and Patti Sparapani abstained. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution to Start School Before September 1, 2017 – “Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of Niagara approve our request for waiver for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years”

Mr. Burklund explained purpose of the resolution – to help with the sports schedule, the sharing of instructors, and it would shorten the end of the school year. Motion by Brasure/Swanson to approve the Resolution to Start School before September 1, 2017 – “Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of Niagara approve our request for waiver for the 2017-2018 school year”. Unanimous.

Approve CESA #8 Service Agreement for Carl Perkin Grant

Mr. Burklund was approached by John Knickerbocker of CESA #8 to participate in the Carl Perkin’s Grant. Motion by Kehn/Moll to approve the CESA #8 Service Agreement for Carl Perkins Grant. Unanimous.

Administrators' Report

Business Manager – Mrs. Hammill reported the Flex Plan open enrollment for 2017 was closed on November 30, 2016. All plan participants were enrolled on-line. Payment of the short-term loan to mBank will be made within the next two weeks. Completed and submitted the annual Nondiscrimination Census Report to Employee Benefit Corporation for the Flex Plan. Completed medical insurance paperwork and payroll issues for one employee dropping insurance effective December 31 and one employee taking insurance effective January 1, 2017. Worked on the payroll changes that will be effective January 5, 2017. Had discussions with Nate regarding ideas for a new salary schedule. Worked on correction for Medicaid Annual Cost Report for the year 2015-2016. Contacted Goodman and Pembine Schools for all of their costs paid and any receipts for the 2016 Predator season. Working on the totals and will be billing the schools accordingly. Next month will be working on reconciling 2016 payroll and printing the W-2's, reconciling and sending in the Wisconsin Retirement Annual Report that is due by January 31st.

Director of Special Education – Mr. Hanson reported he has been meeting with Megen Smith and individual elementary staff members to discuss student performance data and create intervention/instructional groups within eduClimber. In the process of researching different writing curriculums and will be meeting with stakeholders on December 20th to discuss them. As part of the job/transition skill training curriculum an ID café has been created. Students from the ID room are selling coffee and hot chocolate to staff on Thursday mornings. The students collect, process, and deliver orders. The goal is that as student skills progress the Café will continue to expand. Continuing unannounced class visits for those teachers that are in their evaluative year. Have been collaborating with Patty and Nate on Flow-through and Title budgets for the year. Continuing to work with Jennifer Grenke from the PBIS/RtI Center on trainings. There will be a team training in Niagara on January 6th and January 11th will be held in Appleton. Have met with Kathy Tuttle and the district will be applying for a grant for enhancing our community based integrated employment.

Principal – Mr. Trevillian reported on the “Pay it Forward” fundraiser in conjunction with CJ Graphics/Sharon Socia was a huge success and students showed great support. Met with Shanna Champeau to discuss future foreign exchange students as she has taken over the International Experience. Attended the M&O principal meeting, the MI/WI AD meeting, the NASF meeting, and the monthly PTO meeting. The Elementary Student of the Month has been started with students getting their picture on the board, a write-up, T-shirt, picture in the paper, etc. The immunization clinic was held at school. The students have been practicing for the Christmas Program and a thank you to Mr. Lundquist and the students. Winter Sports are going well. Thank you to the Booster Club for concessions and to all those who are willing to work the games. Working on the spring sports schedules.

Superintendent – Mr. Burklund reported the flex hour seems to be working well and continuing to grow. In the process of planning a career day for grades 6-12. This will help fulfill the need for the new state mandated requirements. Planning a goal/career/mentor week in the future. This will be hopefully done quarterly. Attended a Slate Conference in the beginning of December. There was good learning about STEM within the school year. Attended a meeting in Marinette on December 8th for a Business and Education 2.0. Met with Superintendents from Florence, Goodman, and Pembine to discuss future sharing. There has been talk of an Alternative Education Program possible being shared amongst the four districts. John Knickerbocker from CESA #8 was in the district to talk about the Carl Perkins Grant. This would involve Mr. Ellis, CTE, and our Tech Ed. Program. Have been working with Patty in regards to budget and continuous improvement. Reviewing other district's salary schedules and trying to mold a new model for our district. WE Energies will be here on the 27th of December to work on a transformer. All power will be shut down for the day. District value posters are complete and need a few more signatures. The Hydroponic planters are up and running. Will present the 2017-2018 school calendar to the Steering Committee with the intentions of not getting a waiver from the state. Worked with CJ Graphics on "Pay it Forward" fundraiser. The outcome was a great cause and it spread throughout the surrounding community.

Enrollment Report

Classroom sizes are continuing to grow.

Motion by Kehn/Moll to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Unanimous.