

MINUTES OF THE NIAGARA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Niagara High School, Room 113

PRESENT: Mrs. Teresa Clement, Mrs. Lisa Swanson, Mrs. Karie Curran, Mrs. Kim Dumke, Mr. Joe Champeau, Mr. Brock Payette, Mrs. Debra Tauriainen (phone)

OTHERS PRESENT: Nathaniel Burklund, Shawna Lindow, Rachael Butler, Scott Trevillian, Terry Hanson, Sherri Petschar, Ginger Anderson

The meeting was called to order by Clement at 5:07 p.m.

Roll call was taken with members present as mentioned above.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence

1. Thank You from the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Area Community Foundation and Executive Director Tamara Juul for the Gift Basket Donation for the Fall Tailgate Fundraiser – “Community Impact Grant” Fund

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

1. Wood Donation from Dr. Virginia Feleppa

Approve the Two Tax Levy Options for the 2024-2025 School Year - Action Item

Motion by Curran/Swanson to approve the Two Tax Levy Options for the 2024-2025 School Year. Unanimous.

Approve Adoption of the 2024 – 2025 Budget

Motion by Tauriainen/Curran to approve the Adoption of the 2024 – 2025 Budget. Unanimous.

Approve Second Reading Neola Policy Update Vol. 33-2 Policies for the Board

Motion by Curran/Dumke to approve the Second Reading Neola Policy Update Vol. 33-2 Policies for the Board. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Dana Nelson-Saugstad, Part Time Special Education Paraprofessional

Motion by Curran/Swanson to approve the Hiring of Dana Nelson-Saugstad, Part Time Special Education Paraprofessional. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Josh Whiteside, Interim Middle School Basketball Coach

Motion by Swanson/Curran to approve the Hiring of Josh Whiteside, Interim Middle School Basketball Coach. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Jamie Tinti, Payroll and Accounts Payable Specialist

Motion by Swanson/ Tauriainen to approve the Hiring of Jamie Tinti, Payroll and Accounts Payable Specialist. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1. Board member Champeau voted opposed.

Approve Hiring of James Schendel, Part Time Bus Driver

Motion by Curran/Dumke to approve the Hiring of James Schendel, Part Time Bus Driver. Unanimous.

School Forest Usage

Mr. Burklund presented the request to the District, seeking permission to use the School Forest for activities outside of school operations. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the request and concluded that the potential risks were too significant.

Approve Agreement Between the DIISD & Niagara School District

Motion by Curran/Clement to approve the Agreement Between the DIISD & Niagara School District. Unanimous.

Approve Stipend for Life Skills Class

Motion by Curran/Swanson to approve \$100 per Class Stipend for Life Skills Class. Unanimous.

Approve the Academic and Career Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion by Curran/Clement to approve the Academic and Career Plan for the 2024-2025 School Year. Unanimous.

Approve Two (2) Start College Now Applications

Motion by Curran/Dumke to approve Two (2) Start College Now Applications. Unanimous.

Approve Nine (9) Early College Credit Applications – Action Item

Motion by Curran/Clement to approve Nine (9) Early College Credit Applications. Unanimous.

Approve Changes to the 2024 – 2025 School Calendar

Motion by Curran/Swanson to approve Changes to the 2024 – 2025 School Calendar. Unanimous.

School District Goals

Mr. Burklund and Mrs. Petschar reviewed the District Goals.

Board of Canvassers

Ms. Butler reported the date of the Board of Canvassers Meeting, Scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the School District of Niagara in Room 113. City of Niagara Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer Audrey Fredrick will be in attendance. Mrs. Debra Tauriainen will be in attendance as District Clerk and Mrs. Kim Dumke and Mrs. Lisa Swanson will attend as Niagara Citizens.

Approve Moving the November 20, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting to November 13, 2024

Motion by Curran/Dumke to approve moving the November 20, 2024, Regular School Board Meeting to November 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Finance Manager

Mrs. Lindow reviewed the procedure for adjusting a previously approved budget.

Director of Pupil Services

Mr. Hanson reviewed the highlights of the Pupil Services Report, including:

- Developmental Screening planning process for 3- and 4-year-old children
- Preparations going into Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for October 24
- Collaboration efforts with Megan Wagner and Sherri Petschar on Reading ACT 20
- Special Education October 1 Count in preparation for the DPI upload on December 1

Principal

Mr. Trevillian reviewed the highlights of the Principal Report, including:

- The plan for discussing the future and school needs with Mr. Burklund, Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Petschar
- Review of preliminary school report card
- Scheduling for the upcoming winter sports season
- Parent/Teacher Conference preparations and enthusiasm to meet with parents

Superintendent

Mr. Burklund reviewed the highlights of the Superintendent Report, including:

- Meeting with the Steering Committee Meeting to discuss the event calendar for the 2024-2025 school year
- Meetings with the community to discuss the referendum and answer questions
- Working with sponsors and the vendor on the new scoreboard project
- The results of the Fill the Bus canned goods drive

Future Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. – Regular School Board Meeting, in room 113.

Motion by Curran/Tauriainen to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.