

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING &
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023, AT 5:00 P.M.
NIAGARA HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 113**

PRESENT: Mrs. Dumke, Ms. Kehn, Mrs. Neuens, Mrs. Swanson, Ms. Tauriainen, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Lindow, and Mr. Burklund

EXCUSED: Mrs. Brasure and Mr. Champeau

OTHERS PRESENT: Kerri Oratch and Mary Basil (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Burklund at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with members present as mentioned above.

Motion by Kehn/Neuens to approve the agenda.

REORGANIZATION

Election of Officers

President – Lisa Swanson nominated Julie Neuens as President; Deb Tauriainen seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Unanimous. Motion carried for Julie Neuens as President.

The meeting was then turned over to Julie Neuens.

Vice-President – Karie Kehn nominated Lisa Swanson as Vice-President; Deb Tauriainen seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Unanimous. Motion carried for Lisa Swanson as Vice-President.

Treasurer – Deb Tauriainen nominated Kim Dumke as Treasurer; Julie Neuens seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Unanimous. Motion carried for Kim Dumke as Treasurer.

Clerk – Karie Kehn nominated Deb Tauriainen as Clerk; Lisa Swanson seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Unanimous. Motion carried for Deb Tauriainen as Clerk.

Motion by Kehn/Swanson to designate public depository and authorizing withdrawal and disbursement of school district monies at Nicolet Bank, Forward Financial Credit Union, IncredibleBank, and American Deposit Management Co. Unanimous.

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to designate posting official notification of meetings at Nicolet Bank, Forward Financial Credit Union, Northwoods IGA, the school website www.niagara.k12.wi.us, and school commons area. Unanimous.

Motion by Tauriainen/ Swanson to appoint the Finance Manager, Shawna Lindow, as agent for the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. Unanimous.

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to designate the Superintendent, Nathaniel Burklund, as authorized representative for the school lunch program. Unanimous.

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to set the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. as the date and time for monthly meetings. Unanimous.

Motion by Tauriainen/Swanson to appoint Julie Neuens as the delegate to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards 2024 Convention. Unanimous.

Julie Neuens went through the committees with the Board. The committees are as follows:

Executive: Julie Neuens – President, Kim Dumke – Treasurer, Deb Tauriainen – Clerk, & Lisa Swanson – Vice-President

Buildings & Grounds – Joe Champeau – Chairperson, Lisa Swanson, & Karie Kehn

Budget & Finance – Julie Neuens – Chairperson, Kim Dumke, & Debra Tauriainen

Curriculum – Lisa Swanson – Chairperson, Julie Neuens, & Kim Dumke

Personnel – Karie Kehn – Chairperson, Joe Champeau, & Lisa Swanson

Policy – Karie Kehn - Chairperson, Debra Tauriainen, & Kim Dumke

Motion by Swanson/Kehn to approve the committees as listed. Unanimous.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Correspondence – There was no communication from the public.

Gifts, Grants, or Bequests – PTO donations (shop tools, paper tower, transposing piano), NABA and Uptown Lanes (for forensics), Dickinson County Cancer Unit (wheelchair), and Elsa Brule (books by Johnathan Rand).

Discuss the CESA 8 Representative for the Agency Convention

Mr. Burklund discussed the role of the CESA 8 Representative for the Agency Convention, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Appoint the CESA 8 Representative for the Agency Convention

Motion by Tauriainen/Kehn to appoint Lisa Swanson as the CESA 8 representative for the agency convention. Unanimous.

Approve CESA 8 Services for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Swanson/Kehn to approve the CESA 8 services for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.

Approve the First Reading of the Updated NEOLA Policies – Volume 32, No. 1 – January 2023 & Volume 32, No. 1 – Technical Corrections – January 2023

Motion by Tauriainen/Swanson to approve the first reading of the updated NEOLA Policies – Volume 32, No. 1 – January 2023 & Volume 32, No. 1 – Technical Corrections – January 2023. Unanimous.

Approve Resignation of Ryan Allred, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to approve the resignation of Ryan Allred as the 8th grade girls basketball coach. Unanimous.

Approve Resignation of Austin Herman, High School Math Instructor

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to approve the resignation of Austin Herman as High School Math Instructor. Unanimous.

Approve Resignation of Zoe Treinen, High School Science Instructor

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to approve the resignation of Zoe Treinen as High School Science Instructor. Unanimous.

Approve Resignation of Zoe Treinen, Cross Country Coach

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to approve the resignation of Zoe Treinen as the Cross Country Coach. Unanimous.

Approve Resignation of Zoe Treinen, Head Track & Field Coach

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to approve the resignation of Zoe Treinen as the Head Track & Field Coach. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Julie Chilcote as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Tauriainen/Swanson to approve the hiring of Julie Chilcote as the 7th grade girls basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Jeff Swanson as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Dumke/Kehn to approve the hiring of Jeff Swanson as the 8th grade girls basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Swanson abstained. Motion carried.

Approve Hiring of Emily Payette as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to approve the hiring of Emily Payette as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Ben Laarman as Junior High Football Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to approve the hiring of Ben Laarman as Junior High Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.

Approve Hiring of Todd Rochon as Junior High Football Coach for the 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Kehn/Dumke to approve the hiring of Todd Rochon as Junior High Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.

Approve Payment of the Coleman Engineering Company Invoice in the Amount of \$3,066.00

Motion by Kehn/Tauriainen to approve the payment of the Coleman Engineering Company invoice in the amount of \$3,066.00. Unanimous.

District Health Insurance

Mary Basil reviewed the district health insurance plan and premiums for the 2023-2024 school year.

District Vision Insurance

Mary Basil reviewed the current district vision plan as well as the Delta Vision plan.

Approve Delta Vision as the District Vision Insurance Provider

Motion by Tauriainen/Kehn to approve Delta Vision as the vision insurance provider for the district. Unanimous.

Wages

Mrs. Lindow reviewed several different wage options for the 2023-2024 school year.

2023-2024 School Calendar

Mr. Burklund reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Motion by Tauriainen/Kehn to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Unanimous.

Intervention

Mr. Burklund discussed intervention needs in the district.

Approve School District of Niagara Board Norms

Motion by Swanson/Kehn to approve the School District of Niagara Board Norms. Unanimous.

Administrators' Reports

Business Manager – Mrs. Lindow reported that she attended a WASBO Accounting Conference on March 22 & 23, a M3 compliance webinar, and a DPI sponsored podcast regarding the WiseGrants system. Mrs. Lindow also reported that she continues to work on ESSER III and the 2023-2024 budget/requisitions. Other items Mrs. Lindow reported on include:

1. Remaining referendum dollars
2. 2023-2024 insurance open enrollment
3. ACH payments

Director of Pupil Services – Mr. Hanson reported that Family Literacy Night was held on Tuesday, March 28, and we had approximately 275-300 in attendance. Mr. Hanson also reported that he reviewed and communicated with CESA 8 regarding the 2023-2024 Special Education Contract. Other items Mr. Hanson reported on include:

1. Math & Literacy teaching tips
2. Scholastic Book Fair
3. Kids Read Now, summer reading program

Superintendent – Mr. Burklund reported that the 8th grade students had the opportunity to tour the Kimberly Clark Paper Mill in Appleton thanks to the work of Karen Klenke and members of the Historical Society. Mr. Burklund also reported that he continues to meet with different departments and Mrs. Lindow to determine future needs and budget.

Other items Mr. Burklund reported on include:

1. RFP has been sent out for the outbuilding
2. ALICE safety training for staff
3. Rising Phoenix Program

Motion by Kehn/Swanson to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Unanimous.