

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

TIME: Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central Jr/Sr High School Library, Powers, MI 49874

- A. Meeting called to order by President, Craig VanEnkevort at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Kelly Plunger, John Johnson, Jessica Naser, Nick Hanchek, Klara Grondine, Craig VanEnkevort, Ray Luft, Superintendent: Bruce Tapio, Elementary Principal: Cody Hamilton, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Athletic Director: Joey Pontbriand, Maint/Transp/Custodial Working Supervisor: Brett Harter

ABSENT: None

- D. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. Athletic Director's Report – see attached.
 - 2. Maintenance Director's Report – see attached.
 - 3. Elementary Principal's Report – see attached.
 - 4. Superintendent's/MS/HS Principals Report – see attached.
 - 5. Correspondence: None.
 - 6. March 16, 2017 Regular & Closed Session Minutes.

- E. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Plunger to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried, 7-0.

- F. The April bills were submitted.
- G. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mr. VanEnkevort, to approve the bills for April. General Fund = \$ 25,370.32, Activity = \$311.16. Motion carried, 7-0.
- H. Public Comments: Mrs. Wright went over state testing results with the board.
- I. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Grondine to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.
- . Maintenance Director's Report – See Attached.
 - 3. Elementary Principal's Report – See attached.
 - 4. Superintendent's & MS/HS Principal's Report – See Attached.
- J. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Congratulated Lois Marsicek on winning the Opie Award.
- K. Action Items:
- 1. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the "Proposal for Improvement of NCAS Network Infrastructure submitted by Teck Solutions Inc. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - 2. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve changing from the current Trimester Schedule to a Two (2) Semester (eighteen weeks each) 4 Quarter (9 weeks each) with 6 Classes a day, schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried, 7-0..
- L. Board Discussion: Bark River Schools Robotics & C-N advanced in the Robotics Competition. The board would like a letter sent to them acknowledging their accomplishment.
- M. Closed Session: Motion by Mr. Plunger, supported by Mrs. Naser to enter into closed session at 8:16 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Kelly Plunger – Yes, Nick Hanchek – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Klara Grondine – Yes, John Johnson – Yes, Craig VanEnkevort – Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. at the request of a parent and will discuss an action to this in open session. Also in closed session was the support staff contract negotiations there will be no action after the closed session. Motion by Plunger, supported by Grondine


to exit closed session at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

There was discussion over the NHS Ruling. After speaking to our attorney, Mrs. Grondine will go visit Mrs. McLeod to share with her our findings.

There was discussion on the support staff contract in regards to negotiations.

- N. Motion by Mr Plunger, supported by Mr. Hanchek to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Naser, Secretary

NCAS Board Report

With the Winter Season ending the spring sports season has fired up! All sports are in full swing! We are wrapping up the pledges and MHSAA reimbursement for the the downstate trip! Sports banquet will be in May and date to be announce soon! I would like to thank the administration and board for the help along this magical tournament run!

Athletic Director
Joey Pontbriand

Bleachers will be moved on 4-21-17

Board Meeting is same day as Sports Banquet

Maintenance and Transportation Report

After inspecting the garage roof in Hermansville, no rotten spots were found. I will have an estimate for removing and replacing roofing at the meeting.

I can do the painting. I will also have an estimate of supplies at the meeting.

Carri Delliss will be out the rest of the year due to shoulder surgery. Linda Christianson will be driving for her.

Brett Harter

Wait for next meeting to hear from insurance on Extra Roof.

4/13/17

April NCA Elementary Principal Report

Greetings,

No signs of slowing as we work through the final trimester of the 2016-2017 school year. Priority as of late has been placed on wrapping up the second and final inquiry cycle of 5D teacher performance evaluation. 4-6 observations are now in the books for all teachers, coupled with mid-year evaluations for those of probationary status. Teacher/Principal meetings were held on April 13th to study academic achievement data compared to the student growth goals established at the beginning of the year. I am extremely happy with the gains the data shows our students have made. This is a testament to our teachers more than anything, and their commitment to providing high quality instruction day in day out. Student Growth, per law, currently accounts for 25% of teachers' summative evaluation and overall rating.

M-Step testing begins next week with 5th Grade ELA, Math, and Social Studies. As mentioned last month, lower elementary teachers will be administering the optional Early Literacy and Math assessments in addition to the state required tests for students 3rd grade and above. Upper el and lower el will alternate testing weeks throughout the state assessment window.

NCAP hosted a Nickel Social last Sunday in the cafeteria of the elementary. Turnout was strong, and the group was able to raise over \$1,000. Proceeds from the event, in addition to money from previous fundraising efforts, will be used to improve/update the playground, as well as support both curricular and extra-curricular programs within the building.

A number of activities/events are scheduled for the month of April that should prove both informative and value-adding for NCA Elementary and the families it serves. First, an "Unpacking HB 4822" Parent Night, aimed at introducing and explaining the 3rd Grade Reading Bill very much now in play, is set for April 18th. On the 26th, we'll hold our Early Childhood/Pre-School Recruitment Day from noon-3:00 pm. We are hopeful that numbers support operating both a GSR and Head Start program next year, with the underlying goal of drawing more students to NCA, and keeping them throughout their K-12 career. The April event generating the most excitement, perhaps, is the Daddy/Daughter Dance, scheduled for Thursday, April 27 from 5:30-7:30. We've already had over 40 RSVP's. This should be a magical evening, and one to remember, for our girls and their fathers.

Results regarding the 2nd Trimester Honor Roll have been tallied and shared. If you recall, I established a school-wide goal with the upper elementary of increasing from 56% to 70%. In the end, 62% of the upper el earned either All-A's or B's or Better honors. Although short of our goal, this was a nice boost in percentage, and with one trimester to go, the message now is to finish strong by having the best trimester yet.

The last day of GSRP is May 25th. The following day, Mrs. Strand is planning a graduation commencement for her Young 4's, celebrating their promotion to Kindergarten. A couple weeks later, we'll once again hold our Upper Elementary Awards Ceremony, celebrating a wonderful year, and properly sending-off our 6th graders to the Junior High.

Our staff is working hard to plan a wealth of exciting things for the upcoming weeks, ensuring a memorable finish to the year. As always, I'm very proud of our kids!

Yours in Education,

Cody Hamilton

April 2017 Superintendents Report

In this packet you will find the information I emailed you last week. New information includes the Athletic Director and Maintenance Reports and bills. The information between the RED sheets of paper is for the Closed Session Portion. Please keep them private to the best of your ability.

The first ever April Board Workshop was held on April 10th. The Board Members present went over the Superintendents Evaluation Rubric. The Next workshop will be held on Thursday May 4, 2017 in the ELEMENTARY Library at 6:30. If you have discussion items please bring them with.

The Mid Year Teacher Observations are complete. I have two more teachers to meet with one on one and the Mid Year Observations will be complete. All observations and evaluations will be complete and reported on during the May Board Meeting.

The Finance Committee met and looked at this year's and next year's budget. Dianna Howell and Michele Lamire visited to answer questions and offer suggestions.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lois Marsicek for receiving this year's Outstanding Person in Education for our support Staff. A dinner was held in her honor as well as other recipients.

As this year draws to an end there is much to do. We are still talking to Early Childhood and GSRP to secure all of the children in this District a place to come and learn, but most important; to keep them in our District.

The Handbook committee with the HS teachers began going through the current handbook to improve or change things which do not work. A complete revision should be complete for approval at the May Board meeting.

The Teaching Staff has come to the conclusion that a 2 Semester Class Schedule would be more effective and consistent than the current Trimester Schedule. Your approval to change is needed.

I have included a schedule of events which will complete the year.

If there is anything you need give me a call or stop in to visit.

In Education,

Bruce Tapio
NCAS Superintendent and
MS/HS Principal

CTE County Coordinator
Welding
Health Occupations
Business
* Each school would hold classes

VICKI FREDERIKSEN - father passed away
ORDER FLOWERS

April 27th - Bullying Conference

April	19	Seth Polfus Award/Art Show/Spring Concert
	20	NCAS School Board Meeting H/S 6:30 pm
	28	Good Behavior Outing
May	2	Teacher Appreciation Day
	19	Community Project Day/Seniors last day
	24	SENIOR AWARDS
	28	Graduation - 1 pm HS Gym
	29	Memorial Day, No School
June	7, 8	End of 3rd Trimester - Exams
	8	Last Day of School, (School Dismissed at 12:30 PM)

March 29, 2017

Mr. Bruce Tapio, Supt./Jr.-Sr. High School Principal
North Central Area Schools
W3795 Hwy US 41, P.O. Box 601
Powers, MI 49874

Dear Mr. Tapio,

We have been observing the North Central Jets basketball and football success the past few years, through the media, attending a few of the games, and through friends from the area.

We want to express our appreciation for not only the high level of success in sports, but also the apparent level of sportsmanship displayed in achieving that success.

What seems very apparent is the high level of teamwork, playing as one, respect for each other, and being fully committed to "Team" and school. It showed pride in representing the school.


Academic success apparently is also very important to team members.

Total success all seem to come together to the extent that it showed to all the Upper Peninsula, and state-wide.

We left North Central in 1988, so we don't know the students personally, but know most of the parents, and grand-parents, who should be particularly proud of how their children are representing them and the school and communities of Hermansville, Powers and Spalding.

We also want to emphasize that the coaching staff, and entire school staff, has apparently been most effective in emphasizing the values of both academic success and good sportsmanship.

Sincerely,



Cliff and Sally Luft, 322 Lost Creek Drive, Marquette, MI 49855

Cedarville Trojan Athletic Booster Club

P.O. Box 530 ~ Cedarville, MI 49719

March 27, 2017

North Central Area Schools
P.O. Box 601
Powers, MI 49874

Dear Administration, Staff and Students,

CONGRATULATIONS JETS

We are writing to extend our heartfelt **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of you on your great accomplishments in sports at your school this year!

We are proud that another UP team took the title of **STATE CHAMPIONS FOR CLASS D** in the basketball finals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing!

It seems like yesterday when we were in your shoes feeling the energy, support and great sportsmanship from the fans and spectators in the crowd at the Breslin. It was very overwhelming and knowing you had made it that far, was a feeling that no one can explain or describe, just totally **AWESOME!**

Wishing you many successes with future endeavors in your sports programs.

With Warmest Regards,

*Cedarville Trojans Athletic Booster Club,
Les Cheneaux Community Schools Staff and Students,
and the Cedarville and Hessel Communities*