

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

**TIME:** Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central Elementary Library,  
Hermansville, MI 49847

- A. Meeting called to order by President, Craig VanEnkevort at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call: PRESENT: Nick Pipkorn, Nancy Whitens, Jessica Naser,  
Nick Hanchek, Ray Luft, Craig VanEnkevort,  
Superintendent: Bruce Tapio, Elementary Principal: Cody  
Hamilton, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist,  
Athletic Director: Joey Pontbriand, Maint/Transp/Custodial  
Working Supervisor: Brett Harter

ABSENT: Klara Grondine,

- D.
  - 1. Athletic Director's Report – See attached and was informed by Mrs. Naser that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls need basketballs.
  - 2. Maintenance Director's Report – Mr. Harter informed the board that the buildings are coming along, and that more trees blew down at the elementary school. He also gave the board a copy of an estimate for step replacement at the elementary school.
  - 3. Elementary Principal's Report – See attached.
  - 4. Superintendent's & MS/HS Principal's Report – Mr. Tapio reported on on 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & New Student Open House at the Jr/Sr High School. He also reported on Professional Development on the 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of August for staff.
  - 5. Correspondence: Read a thank you from Larry LaBonte's family.


E. Approval of Previous Minutes and Bills:

- 1. Motion by Mr. Pipkorn, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 Regular & Closed Session. Motion carried, 6-0.
- 2. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried, 6-0..
- 3. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens to approve the submitted bills General Fund = \$44,390.51 and the Activity Fund =\$2,368.30. Motion carried, 6-0.

- F. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Pipkorn to enter into closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 6:58 p.m with Mr. Tapio & Mrs Granquist also in Closed Session with no action expected after closed session.. Roll Call Vote: Nick Pipkorn – Yes, Nancy Whitens – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Craig VanEnkevort – Yes, Nick Hanchek – Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Pipkorn to exit closed session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.
- G. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
- H. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
- I. Action Items:
  - 1. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the revised 2016-2017 school calendar. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 2. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens, to approve Tech Solutions as the North Central Area Schools Technology Services provider for 2016-2017 at \$11,580.00. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 3. Motion by Mr. Pipkorn, supported by Mrs. Naser to table the motion to approve a contracts between R & A Transportation and the North Central Area Schools beginning January 1, 2017. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 4. Motion by Mr. Pipkorn, supported by Mrs. Naser to table elimination of the Library Aide Position at North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 5. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Hanchek to table the elimination of a Cook Position at North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 6. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Hanchek to table the reorganization of the Hot Lunch Program at North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 7. Motion by Mr. Pipkorn, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve Miss Lynn Britton as the Girls J.V. Volleyball Coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
  - 8. Motion by Mrs. Whitens, supported by Mr. Pipkorn to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Michael Hammar from the North Central Area School District. Motion carried, 6-0.
- J. Public Comments: None.
- K. Board Discussion: Discussed the Community Survey in regards to graduation date and spring break. Also discussed part-time teachers.

- L. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mrs. Whitens adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Naser, Secretary



Bruce Tapio &lt;btapio@ncajets.org&gt;

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**Board report**

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To: Bruce Tapio <btapio@ncajets.org>

Mon, Jul 25, 2016 at 9:29 PM

July 28th 2016

The athletic season is right around the corner with Football and Volleyball starting early in August. The J.V. football schedule is still at the same point as it was before, like I stated it would be at the last meeting. We will get answers in early August!

Arctic Blast came and played two games at our field. They were very respectful to our facilities and it was a good little fund raiser for us.

7th grade girls need basketballs

7/13/16

NCA July Elementary Principal Report

Greetings,

There isn't a great deal to report with the building vacant amidst the heart of summer break. I am, however, eager for August to arrive, as it will be accompanied by a couple new programs/events that I am confident will keep the ball rolling in the right direction.

First, our Summer Boost Program is set to begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> with a planning session in which the team will review diagnostic data to structure skill-specific reading interventions for the 12 students signed up to attend. This will be followed by three consecutive weeks (Tuesday-Thursday) of three-hour long intensive instruction sessions in the area of reading. Again, the idea is to get those in need of additional supports caught up and performing near or at grade-level at the onset of next school year.

Secondly, late August will make way for our Back to School Open House and Family Fun Night, penciled in for Wednesday, August 31. This event will give students the opportunity to meet their new teacher(s), visit their classroom, find their locker, and equip their desks with necessary supplies. In essence, they will be able to ease anxieties and prep themselves for early success. After doing so, families will then be encouraged to make their way to the playground yard, where our NCAP group will have carnival-style games and activities set up about for our little JETS to enjoy. The group and I met recently to plan the event, and the room was filled with excitement at the prospect of NCAP playing a key role in making our Back to School event a smashing success. I feel this will be an awesome way to "kick-off" the new school year and generate excitement all round.

Regarding the Back to School Open House and Family Fun Night, an initial letter was sent home with students on the last day of school, informing parents of the event. A second, and more detailed letter, will be sent out mid-August. The event will also be advertised in the Luft's.

Upcoming professional development that I plan on attending include the 2016 U.P. Administrators Academy in Escanaba, along with a two-day session on Legal Updates in Education presented by Thrun Law.

Although the summer affords educators a break from kids, it has been nice running into a few here and there in the Escanaba area and at recent community events. While the brief exhale has been refreshing, I'll be in my office during the month of August anxiously awaiting the 2016-2017 school year, and their return.

Enjoy your summer!

Yours in Education,

Cody Hamilton