

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

**TIME:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. C.S.T., North Central Elementary School 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:** John Johnson, Kelly Plunger, Jessica Naser, Nick Hanchek, Klara Grondine, Ray Luft, Craig VanEnkevort, Superintendent: Bruce Tapio, Elementary Principal: Cody Hamilton, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, Maint./Transp./Custodial Working Supervisor: Brett Harter, Athletic Director: Joe Pontbriand

**ABSENT:** None

- D. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Hanchek to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 7-0. See attached Superintendent and other Administrator Reports.
- E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes and Submitted Bills:
  - 1. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the February 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.
  - 2. Motion by Mr. Plunger, supported by Mr. Hanchek to approve the submitted bills for February. General Fund = \$15,326.40 and Activity Fund = \$272.00. Motion carried, 7-0.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mrs. Naser to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.
- G. Public Comments: None.
- H. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

I. Closed Session:

Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mr. Hanchek to enter closed session at the request of a parent and at the request of a teacher. Roll Call Vote: John Johnson – Yes, Nick Hanchek – Yes, Jessica Naser – Yes, Klara Grondine – Yes, Craig VanEnkevort – Yes, Kelly Plunger Yes, Ray Luft – Yes. Motion carried, 7-0. Entered closed session at 7:04 p.m. and out of closed session at 8:52 p.m.

J. Action Items:

1. Motion by Mrs. Grondine, supported by Mrs. Naser to accept the 5D+ Evaluation rating for Elementary Principal, Mr. Cody Hamilton, as “Highly Effective” for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
2. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Hanchek to approve the accounting services of Johnson & Renne, LLC for the yearend audit of June 30, 2017. Motion carried, 7-0.
3. Motion by Mrs. Naser, supported by Mr. Plunger to accept the verbal explanation of the Cross Indicator Analysis through the Menominee County ISD. Motion carried, 7-0.

K. Board Discussion: Concerns were voiced in regards to the cheerleading coach and one particular student and going out of town with athletics. Mr. Mercier voiced a question concerning 504 Plans. Discussion on a chaperone for the student was made. It was stated that being there is part of participating. The child has no fear of going down. The attacks were lessened when the doctor set parameters. Mr. Johnson doesn't understand why the parent wouldn't want her safe. The board instructed Mr. Tapio to try and find a senior girl 18+ to serve as her chaperone/companion. Mr. Stein stated that it is a good idea to help with the student and spend time with (1) student. Ultimate success would be with a paper contract.

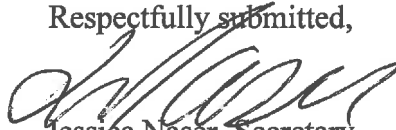
2 - Meetings in April. A Special Meeting/Workshop to be held on April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School Library in Powers.

Finance Committee Meeting on April 3, 2017 with Craig, Klara and Kelly. School Improvement Meeting on April 10 with Craig.

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- M. Motion by Mr. Plunger, supported by Mr. Hanchek to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Naser, Secretary

## **Athletic Director Board Report**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

1. Winter Season recap: Both the boys and girls teams had successful seasons respectfully.
2. Spring season has officially starts Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. End of the season coaching evaluations will be completed for the end of the season review.

Athletic Director: Joey Pontbriand

Sportsmanship Award for Boys Basketball.  
Schedules for Spring Sports out on 3-17-17

## Maintenance and Transportation Report

All the boilers were inspected on the 28th and all passed with no problems.

The garage at the elementary should have a new roof and paint , both are very bad condition.

Brett Harter

3/7/17

## March NCA Elementary Principal Report

Greetings,

As anticipated, the weeks are flying by as we navigate our way through a calendar month chock full of reading month activities. Sandy Hanchek once again planned and operated a considerably successful Book Fair. An increased number of upper el. students have been competing in the Reading Olympics. We've celebrated Dr. Seuss, conducted building-wide Stop-Drop-and-Reads, welcomed in guest readers, and will soon conduct our second annual Book Swap. While the month has been joyous indeed, my underlying message to students has been to use March as a springboard for ongoing interest in literature, as opposed to a short-lived and fleeting celebration.

A Cabin Fever Night, geared toward students PreK-3, was recently held at North Central Elementary. To break up the monotony of a long winter, families in attendance decorated cookies and made take-home crafts. Cindy Grabowski of the ISD's Great Start Collaborative provided all of the supplies and materials for the event. Turnout was excellent, and efforts were focused not on talks of academia, but rather building relationships and further strengthening the bond between school and home. Special thanks to Diane Strand and Shannon Pavlat for working the event, along with the several teachers who participated with their children. Our Cabin Fever event can now be added to a growing list of parent engagement initiatives that have been spread nicely about the 2016-2017 calendar. We have three more in the works to close out the school year, including a Daddy/Daughter dance, Kindergarten Readiness/Early Literacy Night, and the annual Elementary Awards Ceremony. In short, I am confident the team's efforts in making outreach a priority has resulted in stakeholders feeling welcomed, empowered, valued, and validated as key players in our kiddos' success.

M-Step testing is right around the corner. The testing schedule has been built and solidified, with Teresa Wright serving as the district and building coordinator, and testing sessions taking place during her Keyboarding/Computers block. This will allow teachers to resume a normal schedule as much as possible, and continue teaching with limited inference. Additionally, teachers K-2 have agreed to administer the Early Literacy and Math M-Step assessments to their respective students. While results won't "count," so-to-speak, towards our State Report Card, simply experiencing the test, particularly the computer-adaptive nature of it, seems mutually beneficial for both students and staff. Our long-range intention is to cultivate poise and confidence within students early on, before the assessment becomes truly "high-stakes" at grade 3.

March and April calls for extensive work within the 5D Instructional Framework used for teacher performance evaluation. The first inquiry cycle is now well-behind us. Mid-year evaluations have been completed for those requiring it. For most teachers, either one or two more unannounced observations remain within the second inquiry cycle before the ensuing summative processes take place. I have been pleased once again with teachers' receptiveness to the tool, particularly their level of engagement in meaningful and ongoing dialogue centered-on instructional practice by way of responses to noticing and wonderings.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester coming to an end, we'll soon reward students for their academic and character excellence with a Homework Reward Trip, Honor Roll, and Mission Possible Celebration. Intending not to sound like a broken record, I must again commend our students and staff for piecing together another excellent trimester. We look forward to finishing the year strong!

Excitement is also building at the prospect of another boys basketball playoff run. Go JETS!!!

Yours in Education,

Cody Hamilton

Hello everyone,

The items on the agenda are in the order they need to be. First the consent agenda then the minutes and bills. Closed session will follow public comment on agenda items.

The action items #3 and #4 have been removed.

March is a quite month. The most important achievement is the ED YES reports done and submitted to the state. The Annual Ed Report from the Elementary, High School and District will be posted on the NCAS website by Wednesday.

We are and will continue to offer fan busses. There were not enough people interested for the March 13, game. If the boys win we will try again.

Mid Year observations are in process for the non-tenured teachers. The results will be shared with the Board during the April Board meeting. Observations are continuing as planned for all teachers.

As Spring Break approaches one gets the impression that students and teachers alike are looking forward to it. We are into the last Tri-mester and the schedule is set for the rest of the year.

If anyone needs anything please let me know.

Thank you,

Bruce

*Looking at Semesters @ the High School.*