

Minutes of Regular Meeting - Rescheduled from 3/9/20

The Board of Education New Buffalo Area Schools

A Rescheduled Meeting (originally 3/9/20) of the Board of Education of New Buffalo Area Schools was held Monday, March 2, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria.

1. Call to Order by President Charles Heit - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Heather Black, John Haskins, Charles Heit, Roger Lijewski, Frank Magro, Patricia Newton, Lisa Werner

Absent: Lijewski, Newton

Also in Attendance: Dr. Jeffrey M. Leslie, Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Homolka, Adm Ass't to Superintendent
3. Expressions from the Public: None
4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda: None
5. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion: Magro
Second: Black
All ayes, motion carried.
6. Adoption of the Consent Agenda: Items on the Consent Agenda are to be voted on as a single item by the Board. Board Members may remove items from the Consent Agenda prior to vote. Discussion of the items that have been removed can take place at the appropriate time listed on the Agenda.
 - A. Minutes of Regular Meeting 2 24 20 - Canceled
 - B. Minutes of Regular Meeting 2 10 20
 - C. Minutes of Regular Meeting 1 27 20
 - D. January General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable
 1. General Fund: \$261,071.04
 2. Payroll: \$986,522.29
 3. Food Service: \$20,323.57

4. Public Improvement: \$84,955.10

5. Scholarship Fund: \$88,549.76

E. Financials

Motion: Werner

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Communication(s): None

8. Committee Report(s):

The Personnel Committee will meet tonight after adjournment.

9. The Superintendent and Athletic Director recommend the Board approve the hiring of Jamie Flick as the High School Assistant Baseball Coach, 2019-2020, pending background approval.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

10. The Superintendent recommends the Board pay Roger's Wrecker Service for bus towing, per the attached invoice in the amount of \$275.00. Abstention: Roger

Lijewski, Owner

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

11. Remarks from the Superintendent:

- Band Festival at Lake Michigan College tomorrow (middle school at 11:00 am and high school at 1:00 pm)
- Will meet with Abonmarche/Skillman tomorrow afternoon regarding the new building project, i.e., STEAM.
- Robotics Competition will be Friday/Saturday at St. Joseph High School.
- Honor Credit Union will have the elementary program kickoff on March 13.
- Basketball (Girls) District begins Wednesday, March 4.
- Roger Vink, prior teacher and Coach of 1983 Championship Baseball Team, will be inducted into the New Buffalo Hall of Fame at the basketball game (boys) on Thursday, March 5.
- Will have a q/a at the False Front (with Pano Arvanitis) on Thursday, March 5, regarding the upcoming millage.
- *Mary Poppins*, March 20 – 22.

12. Remarks from the Board President and Members:

President Heit explained the tradition of voting online for a spirit competition between Berrien districts. Also, a waiver was discussed regarding school beginning before Labor Day at the Berrien RESA Superintendent Search meeting.

Ms. Black said the Ski Club would be going to Caberfae.

13. Discussion Item(s):

A. Pre-Labor Day Start

Supt. Leslie said Berrien RESA informed districts that a waiver to begin school prior to Labor Day was available. New Buffalo will continue with the practice of first day of school after Labor Day due to tourism related employment needs/opportunities for the community, and maintaining the district's trimester schedule which has proven to be an effective approach to student learning.

B. Rental – Facilities

Guideline #7510A (Use of District Facilities) will be updated to ensure the definition of community organizations will be fully explained, for usage at no fee, and all other groups will be charged the appropriate fee for building usage.

14. Expressions from the Public - Second Opportunity:

Michelle Pliske inquired as to the Schools of Choice opportunity for the 2020-2021 school year, especially for Kindergarten. She explained she has three students currently attending New Buffalo, one in Pre-K, and is concerned that Kindergarten will not be offered as Schools of Choice for 2020-2021.

15. Other Business:

In answer to Ms. Pliske's concern, it was explained that Kindergarten Round-Up is a major factor in determining how many spaces would be eligible for non-district families and if registration is not completed at that time, then Kindergarten would possibly be crowded and require additional staff. District families are encouraged to attend Round-Up and, if possible, non-district families could be accommodated. The Board's priority and responsibility focuses on the families living in the district.

16. Adjournment:

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa W. Werner, Secretary
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