

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education New Buffalo Area Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of New Buffalo Area Schools was held Monday, January 13, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria.

1. Call to Order by Superintendent Leslie, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Appointment of Temporary Secretary: Lisa Werner
3. Roll Call by Superintendent: Heather Black, John Haskins, Charles Heit, Roger Lijewski, Frank Magro, Patricia Newton, Lisa Werner

Also in Attendance: Yvonne Homolka, Adm Asst to Superintendent

4. Expressions from the Public: None
5. Items too Late for Printed Agenda: None
6. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion: Magro
Second: Lijewski
All ayes, motion carried.

7. Presentation: Band Donation
Presenter: Chuck Covert and Mary Berndt Collins

Note received from Mr. Covert:

I had a private 70th birthday party planned at Ghost Isle Brewery; which turned into a fund raiser for River Valley and New Buffalo Band Departments. On Monday December 30th from 4 - 8pm; 125 people enjoyed food, fun and music provided by Red Deluxe.

Now, how this developed. Gary Collins and I started kindergarten in New Buffalo and both graduated in 1968. We have remained friends and both have resided in Harbor Country. Gary was a well known guitar player and band leader in the Michiana area. Through the years, as a musician, Gary always pitched in to help

our community: Fund raisers, Open Mic Events , etc..... Ghost Isle Brewery was closed on Monday and Red Deluxe was available to play. Gary passed away the beginning of 2019; in his obituary, in lieu of flowers please donate to the RV or NB Band Departments. I was driving and the light bulb went on; I could help fulfill Gary's Wish, music enrichment for students. I had a venue and I had Gary's band, Red Deluxe (Gary was a founding member).

Birthday party morphed into fund raiser in about 10 days. Ghost Isle Brewery, Red Deluxe and Gary's wife (Mary Berndt Collins) all came on board to support our school bands in honor of Gary Collins. Family, Friends and invited guests raised \$860. on the 30th. Gary was a veteran and a member of American Legion Post #169. On New Years Day, I took a plate of meats, cheeses and extra Birthday cake to the post in New Buffalo (my actual birthday) The generous support of our community raised a total of \$1000. On Monday, the 13th and 27th a formal presentation will be made to both school boards at 7pm. (\$500 to each.)

Mr. Covert and Ms. Collins presented the \$500 check to NBAS and attending band students.

8. Presentation: Abonmarche
Presenter: Evan LeDuc/Seth Morrison

Presentation was on the elementary security enhancement, STEAM building, and recreation area (see attached). Questions were raised on installing ballards in front of the elementary entrance, bullet resistant glass, and inside open area. Mr. LeDuc said ballards would be a good idea. Drainage is a major concern for board members in the STEAM building and recreation area project. A retention pond is part of the design and insured by Abonmarche to be more than sufficient.

(Attached report.)

9. Election of Officers:

President:

Nomination of: Heit
By: Magro
Support: Black

Motion to close nominations:
By: Magro
Support: Black
Action: Passed

Roll Call Vote on Candidate: Unanimous - Yes

Magro:

Newton:

Werner:

Black:

Heit:

Lijewski:

Haskins:

Declared President: Chuck Heit

Meeting turned over to President Heit.

Vice President:

Nomination of: Black

By: Magro

Support: Lijewski

Motion to close nominations:

By: Magro

Support: Heit

Action: Passed

Roll Call Vote on Candidate: Unanimous - Yes

Newton

Werner

Black

Heit

Lijewski

Haskins

Magro

Declared Vice President: Heather Black

Secretary:

Nomination of: Werner
By: Magro
Support: Lijewski

Motion to close nominations:
By: Magro
Support: Black
Action: Passed

Roll Call Vote on Candidate: Unanimous - Yes
Werner
Black
Heit
Lijewski
Haskins
Magro
Newton

Declared Secretary: Lisa Werner

Treasurer:

Nomination of: Magro
By: Black
Support: Lijewski

Motion to close nominations:
By: Black
Support: Lijewski
Action: Passed

Roll Call Vote on Candidate: Unanimous - Yes
Black
Heit
Lijewski
Haskins
Magro
Newton
Werner

Declared Treasurer: Frank Magro

10. 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. Selection of Regular Meeting Time, Date, Place
- B. Bonding Authorization
- C. Designation of Banks as Depositories/Signatures
- D. Appointment of Thrun Law Firm as General Counsel
- E. Continue Membership in MASB and NASB
- F. Copy Charges
- G. Supervision of Elections
- H. Re-adopt existing Board policies per its authority as a General Powers School District
- I. Post legal notices in the *New Buffalo Times*
- J. Designate Jeffrey Leslie, Wayne Butler, Devinnie Wysocki, Beth Arvanitis and Yvonne Homolka to issue Work Permits
- K. Designate Dr. Jeffrey M. Leslie, Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to sign all necessary paperwork for sale/purchase of district properties and all other documents required by district.

Motion: Magro

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

11. Communication(s):

President Heit read two thank you notes from elementary and middle school regarding the gift of Barney's certificates (\$20) from the Board of Education for American Education Week.

12. The superintendent recommends the Board of Education of New Buffalo Area Schools be recognized as the policy holder for the New Buffalo 5-C Education Association regarding employee health insurance benefits per the Public Employee Relations Act (423.215, Section 15 - 3a).

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

13. The Superintendent and Technology Director recommend the Board approve the wireless communication needs (800Mhz Bi-Directional Amplifier) in the amount of \$27,228.40 provided by Tele-Rad, Inc., as attached.

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

14. The Superintendent, Elementary Principal, and Operations Director recommend the Board approve storage cabinets inside elementary classrooms in the amount of \$38,798.89 provided by Media Technologies, as attached.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Lijewski

All ayes, motion carried.

15. The Superintendent recommends the month of January be declared as School Board Recognition Month.

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

16. First Reading of Policies: #1420 - School Administrator Evaluation, #2265 - Child Care Center Staff and Volunteers, #2450 - Community and Adult Education, #2628 - State Aid Incentives, #3210 - Staff Ethics, #3220 - Professional Staff Evaluation, #5230 - Late Arrival and Early Dismissal, #5330.02 - Opioid Antagonists, #6800 - System of Accounting, #7300 - Disposition of Real Property, #7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems, #8400 - School Safety Information, #8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect

Ms. Werner reviewed the updates on January 6.

17. Remarks from the Superintendent:

- *Schoolhouse Rock* will be presented free on February 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC.
- Parent-Teacher Conf will be held Jan 16, 1-4 and 6-8pm.
- Robotics/Winter Sports going well.

18. Remarks from the Board President and Members: None

19. Discussion Item(s)

A. Appointment of Board Committees:

To mainly remain the same with the exception of officer change.

1. Executive/Finance: Heit, Magro, Black (Alt: Werner)
2. Personnel: Werner, Magro, Black (Alt: Heit)
3. Curriculum: Werner, Newton, Black (Alt: Haskins)
4. Buildings/Grounds: Haskins, Lijewski, Heit (Alt: Magro)
5. Berrien County Intermediate School District: Heit (Alt: Haskins)
6. Berrien-Cass School Boards' Association: Haskins (Alt: Newton)
7. LRSB: Heit

20. Expressions from the Public - Second Opportunity:

Tammy Hauch thanked the Board for their support of the Robotics Team.

21. Other Business: None

22. Adjournment:

Motion: Magro

Second: Black

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Werner, Secretary
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