

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 25, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Media Center.

1. Call to Order by President Pano Arvanitis - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Lee Artz, Pano Arvanitis, Charles Heit, Roger Lijewski, Frank Magro, Lisa Werner, Judith Zabicki

Absent: Heit

Also in Attendance: Mark Westerburg, Superintendent of Schools
Yvonne Homolka, Sec to Superintendent

3. Expressions from the Public: None
4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda: None
5. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion: Zabicki
Second: Lijewski
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 1/11/16
 - B. Minutes of Regular Meeting 12/28/15 - CNCX
 - C. Minutes of Regular Meeting 12/14/15
 - D. December General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable
 1. General Fund: \$1,236,759.60
 2. Food Service: \$20,185.56
 3. Public Improvement: \$146,752.52

4. Scholarship Fund: \$225,826.04

E. Financials

Motion: Zabicki

Second: Magro

All ayes, motion carried.

7. Communications: None

8. Committee Report(s):

The Executive Committee met to review the Weapons and School Safety policies.

The Personnel Committee (Lijewski, Werner, and Arvanitis, alternate) will meet following tonight's meeting.

9. First Reading of Policies #3217/4217/5772/7217 (Weapons) and #8400 (School Safety Information)

Mr. Artz summarized the revisions and explained changes.

10. Remarks from the Superintendent:

- The Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, January 16, sponsored by the Lion's Club of New Buffalo, was successful in raising \$900 for the Benevolent Fund. Participating players were pleased with the process and encouraged future tournaments. Matt Johnson (Athletic Director) and Erica Johnson (Elementary Teacher) were extremely helpful in setting up for the day long event.
- The fieldhouse is almost completed and will be ready for soccer and track seasons. Due to using wood and metal instead of cinder block, it is well insulated.
- The *Newsweek* statistics of New Buffalo High School, placing 7th in the state, indicates that four of the six schools placing ahead of NBHS are in the early prep category and two as schools requiring entrance testing. Go Bison!
- Middle School staff and administration have been diligently working on preparing students to achieve a score of 15 on the Explore test. This score is an indication of students receiving at least a composite score of 18 on the ACT test during their high school years.
- Certification requirement changes have altered the landscape of direct credit. In order to teach a class, teachers must have 18 credit hours in the subject. Other avenues being explored for students to receive college credit during high school is a CLEP test (College Level Examination Program).
- A major goal for next year is to develop more CTE classes.

- Adam Bowen is developing a calendar for elementary teachers which will help with timetables for reading and math.

11. Remarks from the Board President and Members:

- Mr. Artz suggested that Pep Band be at all home games for the rest of the basketball season.
- Mr. Magro said the Empty Bowls fundraiser on Friday, January 22, went very well and all proceeds will benefit the Blessings in a Backpack program. Special thanks went to organizers, Tina Keller, Beth Scoggin, Jake Zapor.

12. Discussion Item(s)

A. Goals

Board Members are to bring discussion items to the next meeting. Mr. Artz suggested reviewing the present goals to evaluate their effectiveness and to wait until after the November election to begin goals for next year.

13. Other Business: None

14. Adjournment:

Motion: Magro

Second: Lijewski

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith H. Zabicki, Secretary
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