



ALMENA

NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS USD 212

BOARD MEETING IN ALMENA
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021, AT 6:30 PM
ALMENA HIGH SCHOOL
512 W BRYANT STREET
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LONG ISLAND

A Board Meeting in Almena of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, March 8, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Almena High School
512 W Bryant Street
Almena, KS 67622.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Approval of Bills
- V. Hearing of Visitors
 - A. Ayrton Young - via Zoom
 - B. Cindy Mordecai
 - C. Rebecca Lawhorn
 - D. Student Council Representatives
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Reopening Plan
 - B. Building Repairs
 - C. Technology Update
 - D. Transportaion
 - E. Work Release Update
 - F. Lawn Care
- VII. Personnel
 - A. Resignations
 - B. Staffing
 - C. Administrative Contracts
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Leave Request
 - B. 2021 - 2022 School Calendar
 - C. Utility Bills
 - D. Negotiations
 - E. Uniform Rotations
 - F. Website and App
 - G. Out of District Request
- IX. Administrative Reports
 - A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report
 - B. K-8 Principal Report
- X. Reports of Board Members
- XI. Adjournment



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A Board Meeting in Long Island of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, February 15, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Long Island Middle School, 627 Washington, Long Island, KS 67647.

Shanna Hammond: Present
Christopher Rogers: Present
Laquita Smith: Present
Hilary Van Patten: Present
Rich Wenzl: Present
Steven Whitney: Present
Ken Tharman Marvin Gebhard Lidia Knapp

I. Call to Order

Jill Gebhard, Angie Knuth, Nicole Simeon, and Sandra Dole present via Zoom.

II. Adoption of Agenda

I recommend the board accept the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Yea
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

III. Approval of Minutes

I recommend the board approve the minutes of the January board meeting as presented. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Yea
Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IV. Approval of Bills

I recommend the board approve the bills as presented. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Christopher Rogers, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea
Christopher Rogers: Yea



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Laquita Smith: Yea
Hilary Van Patten: Yea
Rich Wenzl: Yea
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

V. Hearing of Visitors

A. Jim Cole

Mr. Cole Thanked the board for their support and stated that we are fortunate that we have a relatively normal school year.

VI. Old Business

A. Building Walk Through Review

Board reviewed their notes from the walkthrough and discussed. President Van Patten asked about the Chrome books. Mr. Tharman shared the status of the Chrome books. She also mentioned that the iPads in grade school are not remaining charged. Mr. Rogers wondered if the teachers could mark the ones that are needing some service or looked at. Possibly add a note so that IT could look at them. The biggest thing in high school was lack of using the white boards in their rooms. They are stained, not easy to erase.

B. Board Policy Update

Mr. Tharman shared the Board Policy Update changes with the board. I recommend the board approve the KASB December Policy Updates. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

VII. Personnel

A. Resignations

I have attached the resignation letter from Mrs. Lowry for the supplemental position of JH Assistant Volleyball coach. I recommend the board approve the resignation from Mrs. Lowry for JH Assistant Volleyball Coach. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Christopher Rogers, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea



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Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

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B. Classified Staff

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 7:05 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

At 7:05 the meeting returned to open session.

C. Supplemental Staff

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 7:17 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

At 7:17 pm returned to open session. Made a motion to hire Miss Reeves as Head high school track coach and Mrs. Grote as assistant. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Christopher Rogers, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea



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Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

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D. Certified Staffing

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 7:40 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7:40 p.m. return to open session. Made a motion to hire Mitchell Pugh for the 2021-2022 school year for the social science position. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

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VIII. New Business

A. Covid Vaccination Update



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Mr. Tharman shared that the Norton County Health department reached out and asked about who would like to get the COVID vaccination. Then two days later Phillips County reached out and Mr. Tharman was able to provide those numbers. All staff that wanted the vaccination were able to receive it. Very shortly round two will be given.

B. Building Repairs

Mr. Tharman shared that he has obtained some bids to have repairs done to the brick buildings. The cost would be \$210,000.00. Board expressed their concerns and stated that it needs to be done. Mr. Tharman shared that he would start looking at grant programs. Mr. Rogers asked about the QZAB Lease and if that would be a possibility. Mr. Tharman will look into it. Mr. Whitney asked if the bid included around that fire escape. President Van Patten said Mr. Tharman should probably continue with finding funding to pay for the repairs.

C. Mileage Reimbursement

Mr. Tharman shared that his initial thought was to just leave it at .57 cents but if we do that, there are tax consequences, so we should change ours to match the state. I recommend the board change the mileage reimbursement rate to match the state at 56 cents per mile. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher

Rogers: Yea

Laquita

Smith: Yea

Hilary Van

Patten: Yea

Rich

Wenzl: Yea

Steven

Whitney: Yea

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D. 2021 - 22 School Year

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 8:10 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher

Rogers: Yea

Laquita

Smith: Yea

Hilary Van

Patten: Yea

Rich

Wenzl: Yea

Steven

Whitney: Yea

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8:10 p.m. returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 8:15 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher

Rogers: Yea

Laquita

Smith: Yea

Hilary Van

Patten: Yea

Rich

Wenzl: Yea

Steven

Whitney: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8:15 p.m. returned to open session.

IX. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report

Mr. Tharman shared some Thank You's that he received from Mr. Fessenden and another from the middle school for the drinking fountain on the third floor. Forensics. Couple more basketball games coming up. Tuesday nights game is canceled. Game on Friday. Ag Mechanics this week. One of the FFA officers shared what they are planning during FFA week. KAY started selling their Krispy Kremes. Mrs. McKinney and the StuCo have made contact for a group to do a presentation for the MS and HS called "Think Twice Before You Post". Sub State basketball play starts next week.

B. K-8 Principal Report

Mr. Gebhard shared that Jr High basketball concluded on Saturday. Boys got 2nd and Girls B team got 2nd. Hopefully next year we can go back to the traditional way. Jonelle Speer got third at the County Spelling Bee. The water fountain is a huge hit. We got a bottle fill water bottle installed on the third floor of the grade school and middle school. The school play is coming up. Mrs. Mordecai has handed out parts and they will start preparing for that. The performance will be March 11th, the day before Spring Break.

X. Reports of Board Members

Mr. Rogers asked if Mr. Tharman knew if they hired the assistant administrator for the NCKSEC. Mr. Tharman stated the Council of Superintendents had approved it and the board was deciding tonight. Cher Greiving was hired as the director and John Granbury will be the assistant director. Hopefully the transition will be smooth. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 8:36 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna

Hammond: Yea

Christopher

Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith:

Yea

Hilary Van

Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl:

Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea



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8:36 p.m. returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session at 8:40 p.m. in this board room. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond:	Yea
Christopher Rogers:	Yea
Laquita Smith:	Yea
Hilary Van Patten:	Yea
Rich Wenzl:	Yea
Steven Whitney:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XI. Adjournment

At 8:40 pm the meeting returned to open session. Made a motion to adjourn. 8:43 p.m. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond:	Yea
Christopher Rogers:	Yea
Laquita Smith:	Yea
Hilary Van Patten:	Yea
Rich Wenzl:	Yea
Steven Whitney:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0