

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on June 10, 2020 at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center. All in attendance practiced social distancing guidelines.

The following board members were present: Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Cary Rhoades, Dan Davis, Shaun Lieberman, Marcie Houghton, and Lyle Finney.

Guests present were: Tiffani Hokey, Braden Albert, Drew Cooper, Rachel Sheeley, Sherri Briar, Michelle Northrup, Kelli Bush and Sobhan Cervey.

The following guests were present via Zoom: Ron Cross, School Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Davis at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

Dr. Barrentine certified compliance with the open meeting law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rhoades/Lieberman moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of May 13, 2020. Motion carried 6/0/1. Mrs. Houghton abstained from the vote.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

The following items that were voted on are about renewing the bonds that Nettle Creek will be using for the purchase of iPads and MacBooks. Nettle Creek anticipates money left over that they have the flexibility to take care of some construction and building issues as well.

Clark/Rhoades moved to approve the additional appropriations resolution. Motion carried 7/0.

Lieberman/Rhoades moved to approve the final bond resolution. Motion carried 7/0.

Clark/Richardson moved to approve the form of the Amended and Restated Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures Resolution. Motion carried 7/0.

Lieberman/Rhoades moved to approve the 2020-2021 textbook fees as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Rhoades/Lieberman moved to approve the 2020-2021 lunch prices as presented. Mr. Davis stated they do not have control over the prices as they are dictated by the State. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Cooper stated the lunch fund is overdrawn by approximately \$100,000. The corporation was just audited by the State Board of Accounts and stated we need to have a plan to at least break even for this account. Mr. Cooper is proposing that the Board allow him to transfer up to \$150,000 from the Rainy Day fund to pay the monthly Chartwell's bills to try to make the lunch account break even. Mr. Cooper does not believe this is the permanent fix for this issue.

Chartwell's was in attendance. They stated that participation was a big factor. They have approximately 300 students participating in breakfast and lunch at the elementary. They only have about 20 students for breakfast at the Jr. Sr. High School and about 150 at lunch. They also stated the need for parents to complete the free and reduced lunch application. They are working on an online form that the parents can complete for those benefits.

This was for information purposes and letting the Board know of the issue and the possible solution. A vote will be needed at a later date.

Lieberman/Richardson moved to approve Payroll totaling \$570,999.59 and claims totaling \$543,167.43. Motion carried 7/0.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Barrentine stated the summer meal service will continue through June 22nd. They are serving approximately 2,000 meals each week.

IDOE did release guidance regarding the re-opening of schools this fall. The Discussion team is figuring out what needs to be put in place, what we need to do so that students can attend all five days of the week. Dr. Barrentine has met with the local health departments to see what they will be requiring. He will also be sending out a survey to families to see if they plan to send their kids back to school in the fall, how many would need transportation via bus, etc.

Mr. Lieberman asked Dr. Barrentine if he thought changes would need to be made to the school calendar. Dr. Barrentine stated the department of health didn't feel like that is needed at this point.

The Elementary is excited to be welcoming two new hires. Mrs. Hokey also wanted to let everyone know to check out the Elementary Facebook page to see pictures of the Kindergarten and sixth grade graduates.

Diplomas are scheduled to arrive on June 12th. The High School is working on a pick up plan for those students who will not be able to attend the graduation ceremony. Students will also be able to pick up medals and such that were awarded during honors night.

The High School is also organizing a pick-up of personal items that were left in lockers. This will be by grade level. However, they will be respectful of families and will not require multiple pick-ups for families with children in different grades.

The doors are up on the second level of the High School. Dr. Barrentine stated it does look a lot different but that project is coming along.

Dr. Barrentine stated that the cases for the iPads were on backorder but they arrived this week.

Mr. Albert, Technology Director, informed the Board that Nettle Creek has been awarded ERATE funds for infrastructure upgrades. He stated at the elementary, they are running on 19 year old equipment. He is very thankful it lasted this long but also very happy that these funds have been granted so that much needed upgrades can happen.

Dr. Barrentine stated he is trying his best to have a traditional graduation for our Seniors. There could possibly be some parameters in place. Face coverings could be suggested to be worn.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Barrentine is hoping that at the July Board meeting a final contract for SRO's will be presented for approval. The town attorney along with the school attorney work for the same firm. It does state that the salary is not to exceed \$70,000 which includes benefits as well.

SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS

We are offering Credit Recovery through Plato at the high school. Dr. Barrentine stated we currently have 16 students with 5 on a waiting list. This will take place for 15 days for 4 hours each day. We need one staff member to supervise the students as they work online.

We plan to offer a two-week Jumpstart program at HES and HJSHS. This will take place the two weeks right before students return to school. This is an intervention program.

Richardson/Clark moved to approve the summer school plan. Motion carried 7/0.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Houghton/Lieberman moved to approve the following personnel changes:

Krista Weireter resignation as an Elementary teacher.

Michelle Northrup as HES Special Education teacher at a salary of \$46,630.00

Vernal Edwards as HES 5th Grade teacher at a salary of \$32,833.00

Andrea Van Meter as HHS Credit Recovery Teacher at a salary of \$2,197.80

Victoria Pierson as JV Volleyball Coach at a stipend of \$2,027.00

Marissa Favorite as JH Cheerleading Coach at a stipend of \$1,196.00

Chris Robertson as Boys Tennis Coach at a stipend of \$2,184.00

Emily Schaeffer title change to Assistant Principal at a salary of \$64,000.00

Motion carried 7/0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL:

Rhoades/Clark moved to approve the 2020-2021 Communities in Schools Agreement. Motion carried 7/0.

Clark/Rhoades moved to approve the Chartwells Food Service Agreement. Mr. Finney did state that if the account does not get in check this is his last yes for the year for them. Motion carried 7/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Next Board Meeting is July 8, 2020 at the Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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