

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on January 10, 2024 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room.

The following board members were present: David Moore, Julie Blaase, Dan Davis, Shaun Lieberman, Marcie Houghton and Sandra Schraub.

Guests present were: Josh Hallatt, Tiffani Hokey, Elizabeth Bryant, Morgan Williamson, and Brian Williamson.

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 LGI Room.

Mrs. Schaeffer certified compliance with the open meeting law.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Dan Davis nominated Shaun Lieberman for 2024 Board President. No other nominations were made. Motion carried 6/0.

Julie Blaase nominated Dan Davis for 2024 Vice Board President. No other nominations were made. Motion carried 6/0.

Dan Davis nominated Marcie Houghton for 2024 Board Secretary. No other nominations were made. Motion carried 6/0.

BOARD STIPEND FOR 2024

Davis/Blaase moved to approve the Board stipend for 2024 to be set at \$2000.00. Motion carried 6/0.

BOARD MEETING DATES 2024

Davis/Moore moved to approve the following Board meeting dates: January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, July 31 (if necessary), August 14, September 11, October 16, November 13, and December 11.. Motion carried 6/0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dan Davis moved to appoint Cody Sankey to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2024. Julie Blaase seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Dan Davis moved to appoint Shaun Lieberman to serve on the Hagerstown Park Board for 2024. Julie Blaase seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Dan Davis moved to appoint Debbie Hollenberg to serve as the Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Public Library Trustee for 2024. Sandi Schraub seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

ASSIGNMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES 2024

Blaase/Houghton moved to approve the Assignment of Board Committees for 2024. Motion carried 6/0.

Buildings & Grounds	Marcie	Cody	David
Board Policy Review	Julie	Sandi	
Curriculum	Dan	Shaun	
Board of Finance	Cody	Julie	
ISBA Legislative Action	Dan	Marcie	
ISBA Policy Liaison	Dan		
Negotiations	Dan	Shaun	
Transportation	Marcie	Cody	David
School Safety	Sandi	Cody	Julie
Broad-Based Planning	Dan	Shaun	Sandi
Evaluation Committee	Dan	Shaun	
New Castle Career Center	Shaun	Dan	
Sick Leave Bank	Dan	Cody	
Wellness Committee	Julie	Cody	

Superintendent Evaluation Lead	Shaun	Cody	
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APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION TREASURER

Davis/Schraub moved to approve Amber Rushton as the Corporation Treasurer. Motion carried 6/0.

APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATOIN ATTORNEY

Davis/Moore moved to approve Ron Cross of BBKCC Attorneys as the Corporation Attorney. Mrs. Schaeffer stated that the hourly rate is increasing by \$10/hr. this year. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Blaase/Schraub moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes on December 13, 2023. Motion carried 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Schaeffer recognized the Business Professionals of America. In early December, the Hagerstown High School BPA competed in the District contest. Students worked very hard in preparing for the contest and five students will be representing HHS at the 2024 BPA State Leadership Conference. Those attending the state conference are: Riley Gross, Hazard Houghton, Zoe Meek and Morgan Williamson. The BPA sponsor is Beth Overfield.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve Payroll totaling \$618,124.24 and claims totaling \$1,025,697.32. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEPOSIT OF INTEREST ACCRUED

Davis/Schraub moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Deposit of Interest Accrued. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF INCOME TAX RESOLUTION

Davis/Moore moved to approve the Income Tax Resolution. Motion carried 6/0.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Hokey stated that the Christmas Programs in December went well. She wanted to give Kendra Sanders, Band Director, a huge shout out for stepping up when Makayla Cranfill was able to be in attendance at the program due to family emergency. Mrs. Hokey also shared that the 5th and 6th grade basketball season begins this week. She encourages the community to come out and support these teams and all the hard work they have put in. Report cards will be going home on Friday. NWEA testing begins the first week of February. Mrs. Hokey also thanked Mrs. Bryant for all of her hard work on getting all the state requirements for reading out to teachers, meeting with teachers, and staying focused on the school goals.

Mr. Hallatt stated report cards will go home on Friday. NWEA testing will also begin the first week of February. As he has been focusing on student attendance, first semester attendance ended at 92.4%. That is up from this time last year. Last week we hosted the Wayne County Tourney. He thanked Mr. Snodgrass and his team on a job well done. Mr. Hallatt also wanted to congratulate and wish Abbie Gilbert good luck at the Girl's State Wrestling Tournament in Kokomo on Friday.

Mrs. Schaeffer stated Audrey Bell represented Wayne County at the State Fair Queen pageant this past weekend. It was exciting to see a HJSHS student represent Wayne County. Back in December, the Hagerstown Baseball team asked the community for nominations for staff at Nettle Creek Schools. The social media post had over 100 nominations. They put each name that was nominated in a drawing for gift cards. They were able to gift over 20 gift cards. Mrs. Schaeffer thanked Coach Jay Hale for teaching the kids how to give back.

Mr. Lieberman asked Mr. Hallatt how the attendance is figured due to block absences verses all day absences. Mr. Hallatt stated that the percentage is figured based on all day absence.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Davis/Schraub moved to approve the following personnel items:

Matt Gentry HJSHS Custodian \$45,436.96 (260 days)
Sarah Coomer HJSHS Instructional Asst. \$14.03/hr. (up to 29 hrs./wk.)
Jordan Randall EL TOR \$2,500 stipend (will receive half of the stipend for the 23-24 school year)
Wes Shepherd moved to HES Custodian. Salary is now \$45,436.96 for 260 days.

Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF THE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF A DONTATION FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 333

The American Legion Post 333 is donating \$1,700 to be applied towards Nettle Creek students' negative lunch balances. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION PURCHASES

Houghton/Moore moved to approve the purchase of (2) 78-passenger school buses at \$153,655.00 each along with a 14 passenger Type A Yellow mini bus at \$107,085.00. Mrs. Schaeffer stated we need to approve this now for the year 2025 so we can account for the buses in production so that we can receive them in 2025. Motion carried 6/0.

APPROVAL OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE IDOE EARLY LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT GRANT

Davis/Schraub moved to approve the Distribution of the IDOE Early Literacy Achievement Grant. This is for teachers, instructional coaches, and other school staff who were responsible for implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction through Grade 3 during the 2022-2023 school year and maintain employment within the corporation on the date of the distribution. Motion carried 6/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next meeting will be February 14, 2024 at Hagerstown Elementary School LGI Room at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Davis/Blaase moved to Adjourn to the Finance meeting. Motion carried 6/0. Adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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