The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on June 11, 2025 at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room.
The following board members were present: Ruthie LaMar, Mike Banning, Sandi Schraub, Shaun Lieberman and Julie Blaase.
Guests present were: Tiffani Hokey, Jarrod Hokey, Elizabeth Bryant, Belinda Locke, Wally Locke, Jaden Locke.

CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Lieberman at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary LGI Room.
Mrs. Schaeffer certified compliance with the open meeting law.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Blaase/Schraub moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes on May 13, 2025 and Special Session minutes on May 19, 2025. Motion carried 5/0.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve moving forward in the legal steps for the 2025 General Obligation Bond including preliminary bond resolution. Motion carried 5/0.

Banning/LaMar approved payroll totaling $1,010,461.72, claims totaling $464,497.78, HES ECA totaling $2,182.97, and HJSHS ECA totaling $60,268.82. Motion carried 5/0.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Schaeffer shared the Lilly Endowment recently awarded Dr. Herr of Hagerstown FFA a National FFA Classroom Enhancement Grant of $7,050 for "The Hydroponics Project", a soilless gardening system where plants are grown in a nutrient-rich water solution instead of soil. This grant is part of an initiative in which 33 Indiana agricultural education programs were selected to receive funding. The grant supports agricultural education programs and FFA chapters by providing resources for upgrading, repairing, or purchasing equipment to enhance agricultural education delivery. Additionally, these funds may be used to expand agricultural education to underrepresented and marginalized students. Dr. Herr stated, "I am excited about this grant for several reasons. Anytime we can do hands-on learning in the classroom it is a win. It is a bonus if I can show them a skill they can continue in their adult life, if they so choose. Hopefully we are extremely successful in this venture and have more flowers and produce than the students want. The excess will first be offered to our staff followed by the local food pantries if our supplies allow. Doing things for others positively impacts both the giver and the receiver. It would be great if our students could learn this as a tool to maintain their mental health now and as they grow and venture out on their own." These grants, through the partnership between the National FFA Organization and the Lilly Endowment, ensure that Indiana agricultural education remains innovative and a place where all students can belong. Mrs. Schaeffer is thrilled to share this amazing opportunity through the efforts of Dr. Herr with our community.

Summer school is about halfway complete at the Jr. Sr. High School. We have approximately 30 students attending. Graduation was held last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The baseball and softball teams both had amazing seasons. Boys Golf is headed to Regionals and we wish them the best of luck.

Summer school at the Elementary wraps up on Friday. iRead scores should be in next week. Mrs. Hokey thanked Mrs. Schaeffer during the transition and also thanked the Board for the opportunity to be the Principal and all the support.

All Board members present thanked Mrs. Hokey for her time as Principal.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve the following personnel items:

Sarah Masters	HJSHS Teacher	$71,000 (moving from 7/8ths contract to full-time teaching position)
Jordan McCaslin	HJSHS Principal	$95,500
Belinda Locke	HES Principal	$92,401
Jamie Claywell	HJSHS Asst. Principal	$78,000
Tiffani Hokey	HJSHS Master Teacher	$70,900

Robert Sullivan	Student Maint. Worker	$10.52/hr.
Orion Houghton	Student Maint. Worker	$10.52/hr.
Kylee Vinson	On-Call Substitute Teacher	$80.00/day
Shea Ziegler	On-Call Substitute Teacher	$80.00/day
Courtney Meeks	HES Instructional Assistant	$14.45/hr. (up to 29 hours/week)
Tiffani Hokey	HJSHS Master Teacher	$6,500 stipend
Thorin Stage	JH Boys Basketball-8th Grade	$2,088.27

Accepted Leland Waterman's resignation as Student Maint. Worker effective May 14, 2025.
Accepted Brandon Waggener's resignation as Sub Bus Driver effective May 22, 2025.
Accepted Shea Ziegler's resignation as HES Instructional Asst.
Accepted Kylee Vinson's resignation as HES Instructional Asst.
Motion carried 5/0.

SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES:

Blaase/Banning moved to approve the following policies:

A275-R	School Wellness
C550/C550-R	Student Search and Seizure
D200	Standard of Care and Supervision of Students
D225	Employee Ethics
D275	Drug Free Workplace
D300	Controlled Substances Policy for CDL and Safety-Sensitive Positive
D350	Fitness of Duty Leaves and Examinations
D400	Family and Medical Leaves of Absence ("FMLA")
D450	Resignation
D475	Justifiable Decrease (AG)
D475-R	Justifiable Decrease (AG)

Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 HAGERSTOWN JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

Schraub/Blaase moved to approve the 2025-2026 Hagerstown Junior Senior High School Handbook as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 HAGERSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

LaMar/Blaase moved to approve the 2025-2026 Hagerstown Elementary School student handbook as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 NEW CASTLE AREA SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Banning/LaMar moved to approve the 2025 New Castle Area Special Services agreement as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PUBERTY & SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMMING & MATERIALS

Blaase/Schraub moved to approve the Comprehensive Puberty and Sex Education Programming and Materials. Girls, Inc. has updated and revised comprehensive puberty and sex education programming and materials in accordance with Senate Bill 442. Also in accordance with SB 442, this programming and materials must be voted on and approved by your school boards no later than July 1, 2025, to be offered during the 2025-2026 school year. Girls, Inc. will continue offering these programs to our schools at no cost. By maintaining this partnership, schools can conserve valuable time and resources, allowing school staff to focus on other priorities while ensuring students still receive high-quality, research-based education. Motion carried 5/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next meeting will be July 28, 2025 at Hagerstown Elementary School LGI Room at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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