

MINUTES - Traverse City Area Public Schools

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Tompkins Boardman Administration Center, Conference Room C – 2nd Floor
412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686



Approved on November 14, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie, Michigan, was held at the Tompkins Boardman Administration Center, 412 Webster Street, Traverse City, Michigan, on Monday, October 10, 2022. President Newman-Bale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Perkowski, Pomaville, Smith, Taylor, Thomas-Hill, VanWagoner

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. McNitt's Second Grade classroom from Westwoods Elementary School led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the agenda and President Newman-Bale entertained a motion for approval.

MOVED BY HUMPHREYS, SUPPORTED BY RAYMOND to approve the agenda as presented.

The following vote was held:

YES: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

NO: None

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION

Generations Ahead

Dr. VanWagoner recognized Marjie Rich and the Generations Ahead staff for the work they do to support the young parents in our district. Ms. Rich provided the Board with an overview of the services they provide and the parents who benefit.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (Orange Card)

Board President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up to public comment and the following was offered:

- Mike Mulchahy, 7202 Peninsula, Traverse City – N/A
- Nancy Schulte, 11747 Willow Point Drive, Traverse City – Inclusion, Diversity etc. curriculum
- Dave Richardson, 1029 Boyd Avenue, Traverse City – Books
- Bill Wiesner, 7998 E. Fouch Road, Traverse City – LGBTQ & TCAPS Librarians Marketing LGBTQ & Censoring Books

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Highlights

MSBOA District II Marching Band Expedition

The Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District II Marching Band Exhibition is at Thirlby Field tonight (October 10). There will be 20 marching bands from around the region performing. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Traverse City Central High School is scheduled to perform at 8:30 pm. Traverse City West Senior High School is scheduled to perform at 8:45 pm.

WSH Arts and Craft Show

Traverse City West Senior High School's Arts & Craft Show will take place on November 19, 2022 from 10-3. Free Admission.

Patriot Game – October 21 at 7:00 pm

The Central and West Senior High School Student Senates are selling Patriot Game t-shirts. \$3 from every online order and all profit made from t-shirt sales will be donated to the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight. Public t-shirt sales will happen October 17 – 20 at Central High School from 7:30 am - 8:00 am and 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Main Entrance Atrium and in front of the Gym and at West Senior High School in the main office during office hours – use the east side entrance. Any leftover shirts will be sold at the game.

Sports

Central High Boys Tennis qualified for MHSAA State Finals.

Central High Girls Golf qualified for MHSAA State Finals.

Transportation Survey/Current Situation

The district sent out a survey to gauge public input as we continue to face bus driver shortages. Dr. VanWagoner shared the survey results with the Board. He also mentioned that two (2) Central High School afternoon bus routes will be delayed on October 11. While the students who are affected wait for a bus to return, there will be supervision provided. TCAPS is hiring school bus drivers. This opportunity provides full paid training, flexible scheduling, excellent benefit packages, sign on bonuses up to \$1,000; hourly rates this year: \$21/hour- \$23.75/hour depending on experience. Dr. VanWagoner shared that the district is not required to provide transportation for general education students, including non-public and parochial schools.

Legislative Update

Dr. VanWagoner indicated he is hoping the new retirement law will be looked at during lame duck to allow retirees to return after 30 days.

Learning Loss Plan (98c fund use)

Dr. VanWagoner provided the Board with an overview of how 98c funds would be used if awarded. They are as follows:

- Additional Staff to reduce class size
- Reduction of number of split classes
- Instructional Coaches
 - Explicit Instruction
 - PBIS
 - Content and Instructional Best Practices
- Behavior Coaches
 - Second Step
 - Positivity Project
 - Restorative Practice

NWEA, state assessments and the number of students reached were used as metrics to determine where funds should be spent.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Board members provided a brief summary of meetings held, and discussed miscellaneous topics.

Board Curriculum Committee (September 26) → Report out by Erica Moon Mohr

Board Finance and Operations Committee (September 28) → Report out by Raymond

Board Executive Committee (September 29) → Report out by Newman-Bale

Board Office Hours 6:00pm – 7:00pm:

- September 22, 2022 – Report out by Raymond
- October 27, 2022 – Attending: Ballenger

CONSENT

The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping items together to be dealt with by one Board member motion without discussion. Any member of the Board may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

a. **District Course Catalog with Amendments**

The Board considered approval of the District Course Catalog with amendments.

b. **Bids, Purchases and/or Services**

The Board considered the following:

Curriculum

- Intro to Math Curriculum Pilot
 - Funds to support additional Intro Math Pilot materials due to an increase in teacher participants and student enrollment for an amount not to exceed \$19,321 (this represents 10% of the original project budget approved on May 22, 2022); funded from ESSER Curriculum funds.

c. **Minutes**

The Board considered Closed Session and Regular Meeting minutes from September 19, 2022.

MOVED BY MOON MOHR, SUPPORTED BY BALLENGER that the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar as presented and without discussion.

The following vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION

a. **Approval of Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Representative**

Dr. VanWagoner advised the Board that TCAPS can have up to three (3) representatives on SEPAC. He informed the Board that two (2) additional representatives will be presented at the next Board Curriculum Committee and brought to the next full Board meeting for approval.

MOVED BY MOON MOHR, SUPPORTED BY HUMPHREYS that the Board of Education approve Sarah Robinson as the TCAPS representative on the Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

b. **Board Policy – Second Reading**

The Board reviewed the second reading of the following board policy language:

- Policy 5511 - Student Appearance (REPLACING)

MOVED BY MOON MOHR, SUPPORTED BY RAYMOND that the Board of Education adopt Board Policy 5511 - Student Appearance as recommended.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

c. Bids, Purchases and/or Services

The Board considered the following:

Capital Projects

- Traverse Heights Main Office Renovation & Northwest Education Services Addition
 - Contract with Hallmark Construction for the Traverse Heights Main Office Entry Renovation and the North Ed Addition for an amount not to exceed \$3,134,643; includes a 10% contingency; funded from Capital Bond Funds and Northwest Education Services.

MOVED BY RAYMOND, SUPPORTED BY HUMPHREYS that the Board of Education approve the Main Office Renovations and Northwest Education Services Addition at Traverse Heights as presented for an amount not to exceed \$3,134,643.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

d. Capital Bond Timeline Review

The Board was presented with a draft timeline to consider for a future Capital Bond campaign. Dr. VanWagoner was given consensus by the Board to move forward with the timeline and develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to begin planning.

e. School Safety Update

Dr. VanWagoner shared that the district School Safety Coordinator has been meeting with administrators and emergency management/law enforcement to learn more about the district's current practices. He indicated that he anticipates a report from the Secure Education Consultants (SEC) later this month. He also shared that the Michigan State Police (MSP) grant for School Resource Officers (SRO) was released today. The grant is due in November and will be awarded in January. The grant is to fund an SRO for three (3) years and is a competitive grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (Green Card)

Board President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up to public comment and the following was offered:

- Beth Pack, 7253 Center Road, Traverse City - Libraries

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session to consider a Student Petition for Reinstatement as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Sections 8(b) and 8(h). Closed session requested by the parent of the student.

MOVED BY HUMPHREYS, SUPPORTED BY BALLENGER to go into Closed Session to consider a Student Petition for Reinstatement, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Sections 8(b) and 8(h), as requested by the parent of the student.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:31 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 pm.

DISCUSSION

a. **Student Reinstatement**

The Board considered reinstatement of a student to Traverse City Area Public Schools.

MOVED BY MOON MOHR, SUPPORTED BY BALLENGER that the Board of Education Adopt the Resolution to conditionally reinstate the student, as recommended by the Reinstatement Committee, to Traverse City Area Public Schools effective October 11, 2022.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION – Superintendent Quarterly Evaluation

The Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a periodic personnel evaluation, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(a). The closed session was requested in writing by employee.

MOVED BY RAYMOND, SUPPORTED BY BALLENGER to go into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting a periodic personnel evaluation, as allowed by the Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, Section 8(a) and requested in writing by the employee.

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:51 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:50 pm.

BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS

President Newman-Bale stated that the Board will start to evaluate policies related to the book review in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BALLENGER, SUPPORTED BY RAYMOND to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The following vote was held:

Yes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Raymond

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Recording Secretary

Next Board Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022 (6:00 p.m.)

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412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686***

BOARD MEMBERS:

***Matt R. Anderson, Josey Ballenger, V. Flournoy Humphreys, M. Sue Kelly, Erica Moon Mohr,
Scott Newman-Bale and Andrew R. Raymond***