

MEETING MINUTES - Traverse City Area Public Schools

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Tompkins Boardman Administration Center, Conference Room C – 2nd Floor

412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686



Approved on January 9, 2023

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, December 12, 2022.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: None

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. DeMarsh's 2nd Grade class from Central Grade School led 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.

Approval of Agenda as presented

Moved by: Ballenger

Seconded by: Kelly

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOGNITION

TCAPS Board of Education – Outgoing Trustees

Dr. VanWagoner recognized members Kelly and Anderson for their many years of service. Member Kelly served on the Board of Education since January 2015 and Member Anderson served since July 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

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

Mike Groleau – Turf Proposal / STEM & Robotics Labs

Scot Richards

Mary Van Valin – STEM

Angelo Voza – STEM & Robotics Centers

Jim Pavelka

Scotty Shimnoski – Racial Justice

Bill Wiesner – Guess What Religion Inspired the Sexual Freedom Movement

Jamie Francisco – Library Books

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COMPASS Strategic Plan Update

Dr. VanWagoner presented the working document of the COMPASS Strategic Plan. The COMPASS Strategic Plan can be viewed on the TCAPS website.

The plan consists of three phases:

Phase 1:

- Continuous improvement of academic achievement to maximize student success
- Develop and implement structures and systems of support to increase mental and emotional health and social well-being
- Focus on preventing and addressing harassment and bullying to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all
- Identify and implement strategies regarding student behavior to maximize learning
- Provide additional resources and supports for diverse learners so that all students can be successful
- Assess current conditions and identify areas of improvement related to safety and security, using the best practices to enhance a healthy and productive school environment

Phase 2:

- Attract, recruit, and retain a diverse and robust employee workforce to provide a world-class learning environment
- Develop a 3–5-year facilities plan to provide optimal student learning environments
- Implement strategies to attract and retain students, leading to sustainable enrollment

Phase 3:

- Analyze and improve communication systems to establish a culture of collaboration and transparency
- Develop a collaborative plan for the exploration of a Regional Enhancement millage to prioritize safety, security, and other operational needs
- Engage and collaborate with the community to address resources to the district leading to student success

Administration will keep the Board of Education updated as work is being done on the COMPASS Strategic Plan.

District Highlights

Music Program and Fall Sports

Dr. VanWagoner provided an update on upcoming holiday music programs and fall sports highlights. He also shared that Traverse City West Senior High School and Central High School raised money for cancer at their Pink Out Game.

Hour of Code

Dr. VanWagoner shared the success of Hour of Code. Computer Science Education Week surpassed last year's count of 3,500 participants and inspired more than 5,000 Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) K-12 students to learn about computer science and coding. This event commenced with Super Science Saturday, a community event developed and hosted by Raptor Robotics Team 1711 and supported by Titan Robotics Team 3767 held on Saturday, where families and community members got involved and helped the district exceed their goal of 5,000 participants in 2022.

TCAPS teachers opted in for their classrooms to participate, and the classes with the most student participation were entered to win a pizza party, generously donated by B.C. Pizza. Winners of the classroom pizza party drawings were Cheryl Ridenour's 3rd grade class from Courtade Elementary, Renee Disbrow from East Middle School, and Jim Baran from Central High School. Courtade had the highest percentage of student participation at the Elementary School level and East Middle School had the highest percentage of student participation at the Secondary level. Hour of Code Plaques will be presented to Courtade and East Middle School for the highest participation in the Hour of Code during the 22-23 school year.

Student Support Network

Dr. VanWagoner expressed gratitude to Team One Credit Union for donating \$1,000 to the Student Support Network. Community members looking for ways to give during the holiday season can visit the Student Support Network page of the district website for further information.

Alumni Spotlight Campaign

To celebrate the success of students and graduates, the district is sharing weekly social media spotlights featuring alumni whose stories started right here at TCAPS. If you know an alumnus (or are an alumnus) that would like to be highlighted, please fill out the alumni survey on the TCAPS Alumni and Friends page of the district website. You can read stories about previously highlighted alumni there.

District Illness

Dr. VanWagoner updated the Board members on the current illness that is affecting the district. Administration continues to monitor daily attendance and will provide updates to the Board as needed.

Legislative Update

Dr. VanWagoner shared that lame duck was uneventful. There was a package of housing bills that came out of lame duck and is expected to be signed by Governor Whitmer.

Dr. VanWagoner met with State Representative John Roth, Representative-Elect Betsy Coffia, and State Representative John Damoose to talk about TCAPS needs. Dr. VanWagoner will continue to express the importance of transportation funding.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

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

Board Curriculum Committee (November 28) → Report out by Moon Mohr

Board Finance and Operations Committee (November 30) → Report out by Raymond

Board Executive Committee (December 1) → Report out by Newman-Bale

Board Office Hours 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.:

- November 17, 2022 – Report out by Humphreys
- December 15, 2022 – Attending: Raymond

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. **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board considered the following Personnel Recommendations:

NEW HIRES (Acknowledgement):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Thomas Goodrich	General K-5 Elementary Music Full Year Guest Teacher Central Grade School (1.0 FTE)	November 28, 2022
Thomas Sheppard	Social Studies/English Teacher West Senior High School (1.0 FTE)	December 5, 2022

RESIGNATION (Acknowledgement):**Name****Assignment****Effective Date**

Brent McCall

Social Studies Teacher
East Middle School
(1.0 FTE)

December 2, 2022

Samantha Pfost

Academic Interventionist
Traverse Heights Elementary School
(1.0 FTE)

December 16, 2022

b. Field Trip/Conferences

The Board considered the following:

- German American Partnership Program students to immerse in the German language and culture by visiting the TCAPS partner school and living with host families (15 students, two [2] staff, and one [1] chaperone) traveling to Kronach, Germany June 13th-July 7, 2024
- TCAPS Superintendent, Dr. John VanWagoner, to travel to San Antonio, TX to attend the AASA, The School Superintendents Association Annual Conference; February 16-18, 2023.

c. District Course Catalog with Amendments

The Board considered approval of the District Course Catalog with updated links in the catalog.

d. Minutes

The Board considered the Regular Meeting minutes from November 14, 2022.

Approval of Consent Calendar as presented and without discussion**Moved by: Moon Mohr****Seconded by: Humphreys****The following vote was held:****Ayes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, and Raymond****Nay: None****MOTION CARRIED 7-0****DISCUSSION****a. Adoption of Bond Authorizing Resolution**

The Board discussed and considered the adoption of a Bond Authorizing Resolution authorizing actions necessary to facilitate the bond sale and the delivery of bonds.

Approval of Bond Authorizing Resolution as presented**Moved by: Kelly****Seconded by: Raymond****The following Roll Call vote was held:****Ayes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, and Raymond****Nay: None****MOTION CARRIED 7-0****b. Bids, Purchases, and/or Services**

The Board considered the following Capital Project:

- Central High School and West Senior High School Turf Conversion Project

Administration discussed with Board members the award to multiple contractors for an amount not to exceed \$2,259,070; including a 10% contingency; funded from Capital Bond Funds.

Approval of the Central High School and West Senior High School Turf Conversion Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,144,700.00; including a 10% contingency, funded from Capital Bond Funds as presented.

Moved by: Anderson

Seconded by: Raymond

The following Roll Call vote was held:

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

c. School Safety Update

Administration provided the Board with a school safety update. At the January Board of Education meeting, the Board will enter into Closed Session to receive a report from Secure Education Consultants (SEC) on their recent assessment of the district's safety and security. After the Board of Education has received its report in Closed Session, SEC will present an update to the community.

Dr. VanWagoner informed the Board, that beginning January 2023, West Senior High School and West Middle School will have a dedicated police officer provided by Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department and Garfield Township. The officer will act as a community policeman and provide an increase in presence for both buildings.

Further information is to come forward in January regarding the School Resource Officer Grant Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Board President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up to public comment and none was offered.

CLOSED SESSION – Superintendent Evaluation

The Board went into Closed Session to conduct 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 the employee.

Approval to go into Closed Session to conduct 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.

Moved by: Humphreys

Seconded by: Ballenger

The following Roll Call vote was held:

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

Nay: None

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The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:32 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:46 pm.

DISCUSSION

a. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation

The Board discussed and considered Superintendent Dr. John VanWagoner's evaluation. President Newman-Bale reviewed the weighted scores as follows:

Professional Practice = 1.985
Student Growth = 1.2
Progress Towards District-Wide Goals = .4
Total = 3.585 (the equivalent of a 90% evaluation rating)

President Newman-Bale expressed the Board's satisfaction in providing Superintendent Dr. John VanWagoner with a highly effective evaluation. President Newman-Bale mentioned that the Board of Education is grateful for Superintendent VanWagoner and believes there has been great progress made over the last year.

Approval of Superintendent Dr. John VanWagoner's evaluation as presented.

**Moved by: Humphreys
Seconded by: Moon Mohr**

The following Roll Call vote was held:

**Ayes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, and Raymond
Nay: None**

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b. Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension

The Board considered approval of Superintendent Dr. John VanWagoner's contract extension for an additional year, as agreed upon in his contract.

Approval of Superintendent Dr. John VanWagoner's contract extension for an additional year as agreed upon in his contract.

**Moved by: Moon Mohr
Seconded by: Humphreys**

The following Roll Call vote was held:

**Ayes: Anderson, Ballenger, Humphreys, Kelly, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, and Raymond
Nay: None**

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BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS

President Newman-Bale expressed gratitude and appreciation to Member Anderson and Member Kelly for their service on the Traverse City Area Public School Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Moved by: Kelly

Seconded by: Anderson

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Respectfully Submitted By,

Megan Feiss

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Board Recording Secretary

Next Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023 (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**