

Approved on August 14, 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 Thursday, July 27, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ballenger, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bird
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Perkowski, Taylor, and VanWagoner
ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: Smith and Thomas-Hill

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Newman-Bale led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board welcomed staff and citizens and reviewed the agenda. The Board approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Pack

Seconded by: Humphreys

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (Orange Card)

President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up for public comment and the following addressed the Board:

- Natalie Siveh (Administration Building)
- Brian Hammer (Cell Phone)
- Ian McGurn (Cell Phone Policy)
- Jay Berger (Cell Phone Policy)
- TCAPS Student (The Cell Phone Policy)
- TCAPS Student (Away for the Day Policy)
- Addy Zuidersma (Away for the Day Policy)
- Brian Lettinga (Cell Phones)
- TCAPS Student (Phone Policy)
- TCAPS Student (Cell Phones)
- Lindsay Annelin (Cell Phone Policy)
- HT Snowday

5. **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 are automatically respected.

a. **Meeting Minutes**

The Board considered Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2023.

Approval to accept the Consent Calendar as presented.

Moved by: Pack

Seconded by: Humphreys

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

6. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Board Policy 5136: Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices**

Trustees discussed, in detail, revisions to current Board Policy 5136: Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices with administration. President Newman-Bale invited Jessie Houghton, Principal at Central High School to also join the discussion.

Administration provided trustees with two draft policies and corresponding administrative guidelines based on feedback given by individual trustees. Trustees discussed the draft policies and how they correlated with the recent cell phone survey results.

Trustees moved forward drafting revisions with the policy language separating Pre-K through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade.

It is the expectation of the Board of Education that Board Policy 5136 be enforced and put into practice. West Senior High School will begin implementing the same practice as Central High School relating to cell phones and personal electronic devices effective August 1, 2023. A further conversation will take place with administration regarding what the best practice should be for TC High School.

6:56 PM: President Newman-Bale left the meeting table and Vice President Humphreys was made Chairperson for the remainder of this meeting.

To be respectful of the student, staff, and stakeholder's time, trustees discussed moving forward with public comment #2 while the recording secretary printed updated copies including the revisions discussed during this item.

Approval to add a Discussion item after Public Comment #2 on Board Policy 5136.

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Raymond

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Humphreys, Moon-Mohr, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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7. **PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (GREEN CARD)**

Vice President Humphreys opened the meeting up for public comment and the following addressed the Board:

- Anna Booner (Cell Phone)
- Laurie Hebert (Cell Phone)

8. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Board Policy 5136: Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices**

Trustees continued reviewing and revising each line of the draft policy and corresponding administrative guidelines. Administration recommended that after implementation, Board Policy 5136 be brought back to the Board Curriculum Committee for any additional revisions.

After reviewing and revising the draft policy and corresponding administrative guidelines for Pre-K through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade the Board approved Board Policy 5136 as presented.

Approval of the adoption of Board Policy 5136 as presented and revised.

Moved by: Ballenger

Seconded by: Pack

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Humphreys, Moon-Mohr, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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9. **BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS**

Vice President Humphreys expressed gratitude to the students, staff, and stakeholders who shared feedback regarding Board Policy 5136 - Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Raymond

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Humphreys, Moon-Mohr, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Next Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Tompkins Boardman Administration Building (Conference Room C)

412 Webster Street, Traverse City, MI 49686

*Board of Education:
Josey Ballenger, Holly T. Bird, V. Flourney Humphreys,
Erica L. Moon Mohr, Scott Newman-Bale, Beth Pack,
and Andrew R. Raymond*