

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NAPOLEON, MICHIGAN  
February 13, 2023**

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Jason Breining. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BREINING, SWAENEPOEL, WILSON, CALLAHAN, WALLACE, NYKAMP

MEMBERS ABSENT: MCLAIN

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent, Jim Graham, Kelly Haltom, Kendra Leib, Pat Dillon, Tom Johns, Michel McGonegal, Jessica Holbrook, Shawn Murphy, Zach Kanaan, Pete Norman, Adam Draa, Angie Warner, Robotics team, MathCounts team, Bob Herrera of MASB, various parents and district residents.

RECOGNITION

Superintendent Graham introduced the 2022-23 Robotics team, along with their coach Adam Draa. Coach Draa presented to the board a summary of their season so far and told them about upcoming Robotics competitions.

Superintendent Graham also introduced the 2022-23 Middle School MatchCounts team, along with their coach Angie Warner. The team had an outstanding season and has just recently wrapped up its 22-23 season. Coach Warner told the Board about their season.

PRESENTATION

Bob Herrera of the MASB gave a presentation to the Board of Education regarding strategic planning for the Board members. Dates, times and committees will be set up at a later date. A Saturday "retreat" in April will be required by the Superintendent, Board Members, Administrators, as well as district residents to go over setting up the strategic plan. This "retreat" will need 25-30 people to divide up into groups. Bob will send templates to the Administration Office, Kelly Haltom.

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WILSON, to start the process with MASB Strategic Planning, with Bob Herrera. All Ayes, MCLAIN, absent. MOTION CARRIED

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Callahan read a thank you card from the family of Middle School Teacher, Danielle Smith, for the plant arrangement that was sent to them, after the loss of their son.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by WILSON, supported by NYKAMP, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items consisting of minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 23, 2023, and the bills payable and money transfers for January 2023, Employment of Dylan Budd, Special Needs Aide, Ackerson Lake High School, as presented. All Ayes, MCLAIN, absent. MOTION CARRIED.

### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WALLACE, that the Board of Education approve the services of IRS increase from 62.5 cents per mile to 65.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2023, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Wilson, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wallace, Aye, Nykamp, MCLAIN, absent. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WALLACE, that the Board of Education approve the hourly rates from \$13 to \$14 an hour, per Enviroclean employee, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; Breining, Aye, Swaenepoel, Aye, Wilson, Aye, Callahan, Aye, Wallace, Aye, Nykamp, Aye, cLain, absent. MOTION CARRIED.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Zach Kanaan reported that Ackerson Lake High School is currently at 127 students and there are more students on a waiting list to enroll.

Athletic Director Tom Johns reported to the board that Napoleon High School will have Girls and Boys Club Soccer. The schedule will consist of 8 to 10 dates, to start.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Just a quick reminder that we have parents night for the Boys and Girls Basketball coming up. Next Tuesday, February 21st for the girls and Friday, February 24th for the boys.

Just want to give the Board a quick update on our student's progress at Rise Above. Nick Rusler, Program Manager, says he has been a good student behaviorally, a great student socially with all of the staff and peers. He does work in motivated bursts certain days of the week. Their goal for him is to be more consistent with his day to day academic stamina.

I received a message from Cathy Hulbert, the Columbia Township Clerk, that most voters didn't understand the ballot language, on Columbia's Operational Mileage ballot, that said "except on principal residence and other property exempted by law". She wanted to let the board know that we wanted to communicate that with our voters.

We are putting a plan in place through websites and fliers to educate all voters on the importance of this vote.

Last Wednesday was Student Count day. We are happy to report that 1,328 students in our district, which is a very positive sign that we continue to show positive growth, especially at Ackerson Lake and Eby Elementary.

My last item is an update on where we are at in preparation of a future mileage renewal election for next November or the following May of 2024. Kendra, Shawn Murphy and myself have conducted many interviews to help streamline the process. Kendra has prepared notes to share our findings.

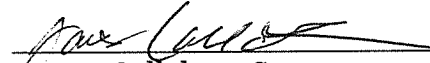
#### BOARD REPORT

President Breining reminded the board that Cash Bash tickets are still available. They are \$70 a couple. Contact him if interested in purchasing tickets.

Member Swaenepoel thanked the Board for all who helped with the musical. Pas President, Traci Spring relayed a message to Heather Swaenepoel, stating she was very appreciative of the overwhelming help the current Board of Education gave to the High School program.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WALLACE, that the Board meeting be adjourned. All Ayes, McLain, Absent. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

  
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James Callahan, Secretary  
Board of Education