

SECRETARY'S MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NAPOLEON, MICHIGAN
April 10, 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 media center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Breining, Heather Swaenepoel, , James Callahan,
Thomas Wilson, Jeff McLain, Bryce Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT: Corey Nykamp

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jim Graham, Kelly Haltom, Kendra Leib, Shawn Murphy, Pat Dillon, Michel McGonegal, Jessica Holbrook, Zach Kanaan, Bob Herrera, Bob Lane, Joe Presita, Drew & Joleen Haystead, Pete Norman, Liz Hampton, Samantha Wright, Michele Hobbs, Mr. Latocki

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

PRESENTATION

Bob Herrera from the MASB told the board how successful the focus groups were today and that there was a very good turnout. Mr. Herreras asked four questions to the board members. The first question was "What do we celebrate?"; answers were given by each member that consisted of; student recognition, community events and safety, student achievements, employee longevity and campus set up.

The next question was; "What are your Strategic Opportunities for our district?" Board member's answers were; evolution for our buildings, building improvements at Ackerson Lake and Eby Elementary, a K-12 tech & robotics building, and a band facility.

The third question was "What is the district's financial commitment?" Answers from the board members were; to merge district goals to evolve, ownership of goals by staff and community.

The fourth and final question to the Board of Education was; "What are accomplishments & point of pride?" Answers from the board members were; Transparency, student success, and a strong foundation.

Bob Herrera completed his presentation by encouraging the board members to attend the Strategic Planning retreat on May 13, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by WILSON, supported by MCLAIN, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items consisting of minutes of the special Board meeting on March 13, 2023, the minutes of the regular Board meeting for March 13, 2023, Bills Payable and Money Transfers for March 2023, Retirement of Cheryl Snyder, Secretary, Ackerson Lake High School, Employment of Joseph Prestia, Maintenance, Sub/Bus Driver, Sub, Retirement of Gay Ballinger, Aide, Eby Elementary. All Ayes, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED.

CONTINUED PROBATION OR TENURE

MOTION by MCLAIN, supported by WALLACE that the Board of Education approve the continued probation and/or tenure for the following teachers; Mikaela Kerley, Zachary Willis, Travis Sparks, Anna Meredith, Dayna Miller, Julia Wilson, Blaine Knapp, Derek Seidl, Anna Soltis, Michael Blanchard, Sallie Raftery, Jessica Miller, Jack Lee, Dillon Guilfoil, Kimberly King, Tyler Lake. ROLL CALL VOTE; BREINING, AYE, SWAENEPOEL, AYE, WILSON, AYE, CALLAHAN, AYE, MCLAIN, AYE, WALLACE, AYE. ALL AYES, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED.

HS HUMANITIES CLASS-FIELD TRIP, TOLEDO ART MUSEUM

MOTION by CALLAHAN, supported by MCLAIN, that the Board of Education approve the field trip for the High School Humanities class, to visit the Toledo Art Museum, in Toledo, Ohio on April 26, 2023. ALL AYES, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED.

EMPLOYEE STAYING BONUSES - FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WILSON, that the Board of Education approve the Employee Staying Bonuses for the Food Service Department Staff; 13 employees x 500 to be paid out on the June 25, 2023 pay period, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; BREINING, AYE, SWAENEPOEL, AYE, WILSON, AYE, CALLAHAN, AYE, MCLAIN, AYE, WALLACE, AYE, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED.

WIGHTMAN ARCHITECTS, PRE-BOND SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by MCLAIN, supported by CALLAHAN, that the Board of Education approved the contract with Wightman Architects, for pre-bond services, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE; BREINING, AYE, SWAENEPOEL, AYE, WILSON, AYE, CALLAHAN, AYE, MCLAIN, AYE, WALLACE, AYE, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Information was given to each board member regarding the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MILAF). It is recommended that the following banks are designated as depositories for school district funds; Flagstar and MILAF to create and maintain a common debt retirement fund. This information will be brought to the Board of Education for vote, at the April 24, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting.

Information was given to the board members regarding the Common Debt Fund Resolution to create and maintain a common debt retirement plan. This will go for vote at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, 2023 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Board reports from each Administrator were given to the Board in their board packets. Each packet gave information and pictures of past events, as well as upcoming events.

Principal Zach Kanaan reported that the 3D printers are in at Ackerson Lake High School. They are prepared for the upcoming testing dates. Teacher Tyler Lake, will be offering a tax class. Principal Kanaan also reported that they offer Esports and they have a successful turn out for the competition events.

Mike McGonegal reported that the new book program has been a huge success. Also, the Jackson County Rose Queen made a visit to Eby Elementary.

Middle School Principal and Athletic Director Tom Johns, reported that job shadowing will be at the end of the month.

Pat Dillon, Principal at the High School, reported that the High School picnic will be on May 19th, weather permitting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A couple reminders for board members; We have "Vote Yes" signs in my office if any board member would like to take one home and put it in their yard. Again this Special Education millage is May 2nd.

Our Operational Millage is also on May 2nd. Please help the district get the word out to vote. This is not a tax increase on residential homes, but only 2nd homes and businesses. It is the first thing you see on our district website and has been on Napoleon News. We will also make calls reminding community members to vote.

This weekend we are hosting the Napoleon Invitational for both Boys and Girls Baseball and Softball. The first games of the tournament will be at 10 am On Friday, April 14th, we are hosting the Napoleon Track Invitational, which starts at 3 pm.

Tomorrow we will be conducting the second round of interviews for our school nurse position. We have selected the final two from a pool of 15 very qualified candidates.

I would like to check on our Teacher Negotiation team. I have been approached about us starting negotiations soon. I will also negotiate with the support staff and teamsters unions as well. The Teamsters represent the bus drivers.

I need to put together a "Bond Team" committee. This team can have up to 3 board members and they should also include other influential community members.


BOARD REPORT

Member Breining asked when the next JCASB meeting would be. Member Swaenepoel said she would check into the dates and get back with the board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by SWAENEPOEL, supported by WALLACE, that the Board meeting be adjourned. All Ayes, NYKAMP, Absent. MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



James Callahan, Secretary
Board of Education