

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held September 15, 2021.

Members Present: S. Staffan, S. Powers, E. Trudeau, R. Strittmatter and L. Jackson.

Members absent: V. Rogala and J. Bell

Also Present: Superintendent Curth, Principal Valot and K strittmatter

Meeting called to order by Vice President Powers at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by E. Trudeau, Support by L. Jackson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Finance Report: The audit was finished and Trent Mulder will be here at our October meeting to present the audit. Taxes continue to come in.

Secretary's Report: none

Public Participation: none

Motion by L. Jackson, support by R. Strittmatter to approve the bills in the amount of \$53,986.91. Carried.

Teacher's Rep Report: Alicia Powers reported that Mrs. Hudson had 5 high school students interested in MRS services which is a record number. Our Quiz Bowl will be competing twice, on the 14th and the 15th, once in Marquette at NMU and once at CMU. Grades 8-11 will be taking the PSAT on Oct 13 and Grades K-11 will be taking the NWEA beginning today.

Principal's Report: Principal Valot reported that the Cross Country team ran in the Labor Day Bridge Run. Both the XC team and Volleyball teams are all doing well. Juniors will be taking the ASVAB on Sept 28th. Mid-marking period is October 11th.

Old Business:

- (a) Building and Site: School Re-Opening: Health Department of Northwest Michigan has implemented a mask mandate for K-12 schools.

New Business:

(a) Substitute Teacher Pay: The current rate is \$80/day. The committee recommends increasing the pay to \$95/day. S. Powers motioned to accept the committee's recommendation, support by R. Strittmatter. Carried.

(b) Cross Country/Football Co-op: Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a co-op with Pellston for Football and cross country. No decision was made at this time.

(c)Thrun Policy: Our attorneys have recommended we have a mask policy in place.S. Powers motioned to accept the policy recommended by Thrun, support by E. Trudeau. Carried.

Public Participation: none

Superintendent's Report: The science lab has no hot water, we are getting quotes and the uilding and site committee will meet to discuss soon. R. Strittmatter asked about an update on Pam's position and the ESD-interviews are being conducted next week. S. Powers asked about an update on the casino-our attorney has not gotten a response from the county's attorney yet.

Board Comments: J. Bell – absent, L. Jackson – “asked about new school bus and suburban-bus should be available in October, suburban is delayed”, S. Powers – none, R. Strittmatter- none, S. Staffan – none, V. Rogala – absent, E. Trudeau- “asked about tankless option for hot water in science lab-looking in to all possibilities”.

Motion by R. Strittmatter, support by S. Powers to adjourn at 6:49. Carried.