

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held August 18, 2021.

Members Present: V. Rogala, S. Staffan, S. Powers, E. Trudeau, J. Bell and L. Jackson.

Members absent: R. Strittmatter

Also Present: Superintendent Curth and Principal Valot

Meeting called to order by President Rogala at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by E. Trudeau, Support by to accept the minutes of the July S. Staffan meeting.
Carried.

Finance Report: The audit was finished and Trent Mulder will be here at our October meeting to present the audit. We added a little over \$300,00 to the fund equity balance. Non homestead taxes continue to trickle in and we have received \$130,000 in the last month.

Secretary's Report: none

Public Participation: none

Motion by L. Jackson, support by S. Powers to approve the bills in the amount of \$58,099.30.
Carried.

Teacher's Rep Report: Jennifer Lee reported that not much to report in August but invited all board members to walk through the school and visit classrooms. She has never been more proud to teach here than anywhere else! She also wanted to let everyone know that the committee recommendation on masks was not unanimous and that some teachers would prefer to start the year with masks required.

Principal's Report: Principal Valot reported that she went to a principal leadership workshop this morning. Sixth grade orientation is next week. Also, the middle and high school band is performing at Conklin Park next week. There is a new Remind app for the middle/high school parents to keep them informed of all school events. And Mr. May and his wife had their baby, a little boy on Monday, and they are doing well.

Old Business:

- (a) Building and Site: The Roof has been completed, also the terrazzo has been completed and sealed. It ended up being a much bigger project.

New Business:

- (a) Textbooks: V. Rogala motioned, support by S. Powers, to purchase Statistical Reasoning in Sports, 2nd Edition; Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn; Pre-Algebra: National Edition; Earth Science; Life Science; Physical Science; Earth science: 9th Grade.
Carried.

(b) School Reopening Recommendations: The Covid committee presented a 7-step plan to board covering different areas of Covid-19 prevention. V. Rogala motioned to accept the Covid committee suggestions, the 7-step plan, as presented to the board, support by E. Trudeau.

Public Participation: Two parents read letters regarding their concerns over the schools Covid protocols and voiced their concerns about keeping masks and vaccines the parent's choice.

Superintendent's Report: The new school bus purchase can be made with the ESSERS grant and will not have to come from the general fund. Currently out student count is looking higher than last year, with an increase in Kindergarten and pre-school students. The rapid test that was mentioned in the letter is not the same, we offer the Binax Now rapid test, not the one the CDC has recalled. Also, Boyne City and Central Lake have positive cases of Covid on their athletic teams, all unvaccinated, all teams are in quarantine, so it's creeping our way. We will continue to monitor it and make decisions to keep everyone happy and safe. There should be a revenue sharing board meeting scheduled soon.

Board Comments: J. Bell – “thank you for calling me to be a part of the meeting”, L. Jackson – “I feel we had good discussion around Covid and return to school”, S. Powers – “thank you Jeff, for keeping us informed”, R. Strittmatter-absent, S. Staffan – none, V. Rogala – none, E. Trudeau-“I feel the same”(as L. Jackson).

Motion by V. Rogala, support by S. Staffan to adjourn at 7:03. Carried.