

## Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on August 13, 2024. Vice President Birgy called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### Roll call

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Birgy	Brown
Petrella	Fisher
Scherrer	Lajko
Thomas	

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Scherrer, to approve the August 13, 2024 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Thomas, to approve consent grouping items 1-4 as presented.

1. Minutes of July 9, 2024 regular meeting
2. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024. Check Numbers: 196883-197047. Total for Month: \$5,276,426.09
3. Personnel:
  - a. New Employees:
    - Ethan Murray, ASD Teacher, effective August 28, 2024
    - Caitlin Bearss, School Social Worker, effective August 28, 2024
    - Heather Craker, ASD Teacher, effective August 28, 2024
    - Nathan Wolfe, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2024
    - Corey Maslowski, Technology Support Specialist, effective August 5, 2024
    - Breanna Tavis, Teacher Assistant, effective August 28, 2024
    - Kate Leask, Teacher Assistant, effective August 28, 2024
    - Christiane Martin, Receptionist, effective August 7, 2024
    - Kristie Reicha, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2024
    - Sonnet Chase, CI Teacher, effective August 28, 2024
  - b. Employee Resignations:
    - Michael Libby, CI Teacher, effective August 23, 2024
    - Ali Fitzgibbon, School Social Worker, effective July 14, 2024
    - Heidi Argue, Information Assistant, effective August 31, 2024
    - Shari Nicholls, Teacher Assistant, effective July 22, 2024
    - Brianna Balogh, Teacher Assistant, effective July 26, 2024
    - Tonya Davis, Interpreter, effective July 1, 2024 (Retirement 5 years)
    - Garrison Reardon, Accountant, effective September 3, 2024
    - Rachele Burfield, Teacher Assistant, effective August 8, 2024
    - Kristy Russell, Teacher Assistant, effective August 2, 2024
    - Jennifer Cramer, School Social Worker, effective August 2, 2024
  - c. Employee Leave of Absence:
    - Ashley Davis, SXI Teacher, 2024-25 school year
4. Out of State Travel:

1. Peter Milne, REMC Coordinator, to attend Future of Education Technology (FETC) Conference, January 14-17, 2025, Orlando, Florida.
2. Instructional Services Staff: Ashley Troy, Brittany Kay, Brent McCall, Greta Lyons, Lauren Davison, Mary Collins, Michelle Moeggenberg, to attend The Reading League Annual Conference, October 15-17, 2024, Charlotte, North Carolina

Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Petrella to approve Lease Agreement with Traverse City Area Public Schools for 2024-25 in the amount of \$369,496.20. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Thomas, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Excavation and Stone Sub-Base at Oak Park Elementary Playground in the amount of \$25,000 with Alpers Excavating, Inc. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Petrella to approve Contract with Deb Hale, Audiologist in the amount of \$59,851. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Contract with Kat's Korner in the amount of \$38,850. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Petrella to approve Contract with Mr. Jay's Music Room in the amount of \$37,275. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Early Childhood Specialist for Strong Beginnings and Great Start Readiness with Melissa Dyste in the amount of \$51,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve MDR/EDR Purchase Amendment for 2024-2027 in the amount of \$31,051.74. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Thomas, supported by Board Member Petrella to approve Renewal of Software Licensing in the amount of \$31,592.33 through REMC SAVE. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Thrun Board Policies for Nondiscrimination Covenant in Contracts Including Title IX and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act #3115; #3115A; #3115B; #3115C; #3115D; #3115E; #3115F; #3115F-1; #3115F-2; #3115G; #3115H; #3118. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Information Items:

Board Policies First Read – July 2024 Thrun Policy Updates were shared with Board Members

#### Special Education Determinations – Carol Greilick

IDEA is the federal statute guaranteeing students with disabilities the right to a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. The United State Department of Education monitors each state's implementation of the IDEA. In turn MDE monitors the ISD's. The results of our determinations for the past six years have been consistent with the exception of one year. She provided the elements and ongoing steps for results and compliance elements used in the point values of determinations.

#### Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Our business office is hosting auditors over the next couple of weeks and thanked Shawn Biddle and the entire business office team for their work during the audit. We also thank our HR department for their work in filling vacant positions over the summer. We still have a high number of teacher assistants to fill.
2. The July Thrun Policies are ready for your review over the next month.
3. Staff Opening Day is set for August 28. We will have an uplifting program and activity scheduled for staff at West Senior High School starting at 8:00 a.m.
4. He commented on the recent Educator Housing news coverage and ceremony held with Governor Whitmer. The ask was originally \$7.25 million for phase 1, total cost will be over \$22.5 million. We are very thankful for the \$5 million appropriated to our legislators and for the Governor signing it, the next step is MISHDA application in October. Phase 1 is 72 units reserved for educators and support staff. The expectation to start this would not be for another year to 18 months if funding is secured.
5. Thanked Pat Lamb for leading the North Ed Foundation Board and Lisa Thomas for sitting on the board. They are working very hard to raise and expand endowment funding for student scholarships and student assistance requests.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

There were none.

Dates to Remember:

August 13, 2024 Board of Education Meeting 8:00 a.m.

August 28, 2024 Northwest Education Services Staff Opening Day

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Petrella to enter into closed session under Section 8c of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried. Board members went into closed session at 8:23 a.m.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Petrella to move back into open session. Board members returned to open session at 8:37 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Tentative Agreement between Northwest Education Services Board of Education and the Northwest Education Services Instructional Support Staff Association. Roll call vote: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

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Joseph Fisher, President

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Lisa Thomas, Secretary