

Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on September 3, 2024. Treasurer Petrella called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call

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

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Scherrer, to approve the September 3, 2024 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none.

Student/Staff/Local District Highlights/Presentations/Recognitions:

SAIL(ORS) On Deck – Organizational Recognition System

Board of Education members recognized this month's SAIL(ORS) On Deck. This month's standout is Amy Maas, School Psychologist, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Excellence, presented in recognition of recognizing the highest quality of service and support.

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

1. Minutes of August 13, 2024 regular meeting
2. Minutes of August 13, 2024 closed meeting
3. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024. Check Numbers: 197048-197347. Total for Month: \$4,939,216.01
3. Personnel:
 - a. New Position:
 - Multimedia Specialist, effective September, 2024
 - b. New Employees:
 - Kevin Pribnow, Adult Education Teacher, effective August 19, 2024
 - Jennifer Kraus, Preschool Mental Health Specialist, effective October 1, 2024
 - Alison Woytowich, Preschool Mental Health Specialist, effective September, 2024
 - Vera Dalton, Technology Support Specialist, effective August 28, 2024
 - Heather L'Esperance, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2024
 - Lance Miller, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2024
 - Richard Pelton, Custodian, effective September 1, 2024
 - Breanne Russell, Teacher Assistant, effective August 28, 2024
 - Charles Grahl, Teacher Assistant, effective August 28, 2024
 - Alaina Heck, Teacher Assistant, effective September 3, 2024
 - c. Employee Resignations:
 - Glenn Olsen, Paraprofessional, effective August 14, 2024
 - Amanda Maas, Teacher Assistant, effective August 26, 2024
 - Michele Berry, Teacher Assistant, effective September 6, 2024

- Cory Schaub, Teacher Assistant, effective August 28, 2024
- Brittany Kay, Elementary Literacy Coach, effective August 30, 2024

4. Out of State Travel:

1. Sarah Dunn, Database Support Specialist, to attend PowerSchool Users Group 10th Annual Midwest Event, October 7-9, 2024, Michigan City, Indiana

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Contract with SXEL Labs in the amount of \$26,250. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Lajko, supported by Board Member Brown to approve Contract with Resonant Education in the amount of \$28,500. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Contract with Michigan Interpreting Services in the amount of \$79,050. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement - Special Education with Michigan Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$86,700. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Contract with Parallel Learning Behavioral Health, P.C. for virtual school social work in the amount of \$29,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Appointments for North Ed Foundation Board who include: Chet Janik, Kathleen Guy, Abigail Bosco and Linda Bielecki. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Scherrer to approve Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement - Vocational Education with Michigan Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$43,380. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Architect and Engineering Design Services for Capital Projects from GMB architects + Engineering for Architect Services in the amount of \$592,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Lajko, supported by Board Member Brown to approve Thrun Board Policies 2201, 2302, 2303, 2501, 2504, 3102, 3104, 3105, 3106, 3106-f, 3107, 3108, 3116, 3201A, 3207, 3208, 3211, 3301, 3303, 3303-F, 3306, 3307, 3402, 3403, 3406, 3408, 3410, 4101, 4102, 4104, 4105, 4105A, 4105B, 4106, 4107, 4109, 4201, 4202, 4203-AG, 4204, 4206, 4207, 4209, 4213, 4214, 4215, 4216, 4217, 4221, 4228, 4401, 4402, 4403, 4405, 4408, 4503, 4507, 4603, 4409, 5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5105, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5206, 5206A, 5206B, 5206C, 5206D, 5208, 5209, 5212, 5213, 5301, 5303, 5304, 5306, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5406, 5407, 5409, 5410, 5411, 5415, 5416, 5418, 5419, 5420, 5421, 5502, 5503, 5506, 5507, 5510, 5601, 5602, 5603, 5701, 5702, 5703, 5704, 5705, 5707, 5709, 5710, 5712, 5713, 5714, 5715, 5804, 5805, 5806, 5807. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Scherrer, supported by Board Member Brown to approve Salary Schedules for non-bargaining unit members. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items:

There were none.

Discussion Items:

We are proposing October 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting for the annual audit presentation and overview. Board Member Brown will not be able to attend.

Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Today was our first day for special education students, tomorrow students begin at Career Tech.
2. We welcomed back over 600 staff members at our opening day on August 28.
3. We expect some legislative days prior to the election that we hope to get movement to address the 31AA funding cut along with a zero foundation increase for our local districts we will continue to advocate for both of those. If the House of Representatives flip to republicans, lame duck could be something that we have never seen before and we need to prepare for how that would impact schools.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

Dates to remember: We will revise our agenda to reflect the next meeting is on October 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Member Lajko shared a conversation she had with a co-worker who has a student attending Career Tech and they were so impressed by the parent orientation night recently held.

Dates to Remember:

Career Tech Scholarship Golf Event Sunday, September 15, 2024, Grand Traverse Resort
October 8, 2024 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Joseph Fisher, President

Lisa Thomas, Secretary