

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OSSIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018  
5:00 & 5:30 P.M.

Executive Session

Public notice of the date, time, place and specific reference to the enumerated instance for which the executive session was held had been previously posted according to statute on March 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Scott Elzey called to order the executive session of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Scott Elzey, President; Angie Topp, Secretary; Peggy Eschenbacher, Member; and Superintendent Mills.

We hereby certify that the Board met in executive session for the following purpose in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

We further certify that no subject matter other than the subject specified in the public notice was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned and moved into regular session.

Public Comment

Scott Elzey asked if there was anyone present who wished to make a comment to the Board that they would need to fill out a white card. Elzey stated that three cards had been received.

Cory Kelley, NHS Band Director, read a "thank you" letter to principal Mark Misch saying that Misch was too valuable of an administrator to lose, that he puts people before policy, and commended him for putting people first. Kelley asked why would Mr. Misch resign when the school has an A-rating school year and has had many accomplishments. He encouraged the community to ask questions as to why yet another principal at Norwell High School is being let go.

Katie Todd chose not to speak saying, "I am not going to follow that. He said everything."

Terri Bradtmueller shared that her family has known Mr. Misch and his family since their children were young. Bradtmueller spoke of Mr. Misch as a man of character and responsibility. Bradtmueller asked the Board to deny the request for resignation.

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Scott Elzey called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Scott Elzey, President; Angie Topp, Secretary; Peggy Eschenbacher, Member; Superintendent Scott Mills; and guests.

NOTE: All actions of the Board were duly moved, seconded and adopted upon unanimous vote of the Board, and without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated.

Approval of the Minutes

Superintendent Mills recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session and regular board meeting of February 20, 2018. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

Approval of Claims

Superintendent Mills asked if there were any questions concerning the claims. Following review by the Board and responses posed, the Board approved the claims as presented.

General Fund	163,077.75
2017-18 Prf. Development	3,222.57
Capital Projects Control	83,097.37
CPF Emergency Repair	2,985.00
Transportation – Operating	53,362.88
Food Services Fund	33,680.54
Schl Lunch/Brfst Donation – Yoder	333.46
CPR/AED & Lifeguard Training	1,370.00
High Ability 18	308.74
State Connectivity	1,656.00
Title I, 2017-18 School Year	2,156.88

Personnel

Superintendent Mills presented the following personnel items and donations.

Resignations:

Amanda Byk – OES Teaching Assistant  
Erica Vakalahi – NHS Teaching Assistant  
Amy Carsten – NHS Dance Team  
Katie Kenline – NHS Volleyball Coach  
Mark Misch – NHS Principal, effective June 30, 2018  
Sheila Moore – LES Food Service Manager  
Brenda Turrin – OES Food Service

Recommendations:

Mark Misch – NMS Math Position  
Deborah Fillers – Food Service  
NMS Spring Coaches (See Attached)  
Hailea Price – OES Teaching Assistant  
Natalie Taylor – OES Teaching Assistant  
Larry Lael – NHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Golf Coach  
Jim Reinking – NHS Volunteer Assistant Boys Golf Coach  
Jamie Feldheiser – NHS Boys Soccer Head Coach  
Adam Lenwell – NHS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Retirements:

Janice Schwartz – LES Food Service

Donations:

OES Library Donations  
\$50 Mary & Melvin Day  
\$40 Don & Julie Jeffrey  
\$26 Anonymous Grandparent  
\$550 Wells County Foundation Grant  
\$20 Robert & Wendy Tyler  
\$10 Anonymous

\$400 Park United Brethren Church for Needy Families Student Lunches

\$337.50 to LES and \$337.50 to OES from Bluffton Elks Lodge, Bluffton Moose Lodge, and Bluffton Sons of the American Legion for Students Shrine Circus trips.

Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the personnel items and donations as presented. (See Attached)

NHS Winter Sports Summary

Kelby Weybright reviewed with the Board a summary of the high school winter sports. Weybright shared that the girls' basketball team were 7-0 winning the NE8, two seniors would be playing at the college level next year, that 6 swimmers were state qualifiers and that the athletic schedules are now on line on the website for the public to view. Weybright asked the Board if they had any questions about the report/summary. The Board had no questions. (See Attached)

Norwell Baseball Club Backstop Project

Kurt Gray with Norwell Baseball Club recommended that the Board approve a plan to replace the current NHS Baseball Diamond Backstop. Gray shared that the original backstop was part of the construction of the field about 35 years ago and was something of an eyesore.

The new backstop would be 25 feet high and extend from dugout to dugout and closer to home plate to create room for a concrete area for people to sit allowing people to view the field better. Gray said the quote was for \$18,095 which included a discount, NBC Donation of \$15,000, and the rest of the funds were raised by private donations. President Scott Elzey asked Coach Andy McClain if he was fully on board with the plan to which he replied, yes. Gray said there would be no cost to the Board and asked for approval of the project. Superintendent Mills asked Gray if the metal for the old fencing was going to be recycled. Mills stated that typically the school donates old metal to the Music Boosters for recycling. Gray said he would look in to that. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the NHS Backstop Project as presented. (See Attached)

#### LES 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Out of State Trip

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board approve an out of state trip for LES 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta Ohio of May 10, 2018. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the trip as presented. (See Attached)

#### NMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Out of State Trip

Superintendent Mills recommended that the Board approve an out of state trip for NMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Kings Island Mason, OH on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the trip as presented. (See Attached)

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mills reported that the district's website now has an activities calendar on the home page where activities for all of our schools and the central office are listed and can be viewed with ease. Mills also shared that the district would be rolling out a new app for the website making it more user friendly.

Mills shared that Spring Break this year is Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and also includes Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the School Board meeting was adjourned.

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Scott Elzey, President

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Donna Spear, Vice-President

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Angie Topp, Secretary

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Gene Donaghy, Member

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Peggy Eschenbacher, Member