

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
5:30 & 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Public Comment

Angie Topp asked if there was anyone present who wished to make a comment to the Board. No comments were made.

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Cory Krug, Vice-President; Karen Harris, Secretary; Gene Donaghy, Member; Chad Kline, Member, Superintendent Springer, IT Director Jeff Miller, Glen Werling News Banner, and 4 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.

Recognition

The recognition was postponed to a later date.

Approval of the Minutes

President Angie Topp recommended approval of the minutes of the special meetings and the regular board meeting conducted January 26, 2021. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (See Attached)

Approval of Claims

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

Education Fund	\$106,839.49
Operations Fund	87,414.81
COVID-19 Related Supplies	1,866.94
School Lunch	47,525.04
Title I, 2020-21 School Year	3,392.67
<u>Title II</u>	<u>737.00</u>
Total of All Funds	\$247,775.95

<u>Totals by Clearing</u>	
Group Insurance – Health	43,609.60
<u>Group Insurance – Retiree Health</u>	<u>8,219.00</u>
Totals of All Clearing	\$51,828.60
Grand Total	\$299,604.55

Personnel

Superintendent Springer presented the following personnel items.

Termination:

Kristen McGrew – Food Service

Leave:

Adrienne Taylor – NMS Teaching Assistant

Ann Gerber – LES Custodian

Recommendations:

NHS

Damon Kuhlenbeck– Girls Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

Brittany Kuhlenbeck – Girls Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

Show Choir/Band Program Volunteer Assistants (See Attached)

COVID-19 Guidance Document Update

Superintendent Springer shared the following with the Board.

Governor Holcomb’s briefing last week, Dr. Box shared the following guidance updates:

- One million KN95 masks will be going to schools for staff and students as well as an additional 600,000 masks for K-6 students. Those shipments will start next week.
- 120 rapid antigen testing cards will be sent to each school to test symptomatic staff and students. We can order more if needed.
- After weighing the data, the Indiana Department of Health announced that **the need to quarantine or contact trace will no longer be required** if students and teachers remain **at least three feet apart and are wearing a mask in the classroom.** *“This is for the classroom setting only. It does not apply to lunch, athletics, band, orchestra, choir, or any other school setting where students may gather. Nor does it apply to classroom where students have been allowed to remove masks.”* – Dr. Box

- “That data shows that only about 3-5% of infections occur in the classroom.” – Dr. Box
- NWCS is experiencing less than 1% infections in the classroom and less than 1% transmission rates when outside infections are brought into the school. And this low transmission rate is also consistent within our athletic practices and competitions. Athletic activities were once thought to be “super-spreader” environments, but the data has not shown that to be the case at all.

Changes are based upon the guidance from Dr. Box (State Health Commissioner) and the Indiana State Department of Health, the following updates to our Continuing Education Guidance Document are being recommended for approval this evening:

- Within the classroom setting, students and staff, who maintain 3 feet social distancing and are wearing a mask/face covering, are not required to be quarantined as a close-contact.
- For participating athletes, who are not in “sustained” (15 minutes or more) close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case, a quarantined *may* not be required.

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

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Springer shared the following with the Board.

- NMS Future Cities Team is once again a National Finalist. Last year, around this time, they won the national competition. This year, the national competition will be in April and I believe it will be a virtual competition. Our next board meeting will be at the middle school and Mr. Bostain and his team will be there to present their project to us and share about the upcoming competition. Congratulations, again, to our NMS Future Cities Team.
- Data collection, concept planning, and basic cost estimating have been continuing for the anticipated Norwell Middle School Project. We continue to analyze our financial capabilities and to adjust some possible concept ideas with the goal of maximizing the project while staying within our financial limits. Following this board meeting, we will be meeting again in an open work session with Schmidt Associates and Weigand Construction to further discuss those concept adjustments and basic cost estimates. Tonight’s work session will be available via our Facebook Live feed.
- Also, after our February 23rd board meeting, we will be hosting an in-person community meeting at Norwell Middle School. Our goal is to use additional guidance from tonight’s work session to provide our community with two or three clear options moving forward for this potential project. The community meeting also will be on Facebook Live; however, we would love to have community members join us in person on the 23rd. At this time, we are planning to conduct the meeting in the NMS cafeteria.

The next School Board meeting will be February 23rd at Norwell Middle School, following the meeting there will be a Community Meeting at NMS for input on the project.

Adjournment

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

Special Meetings

Public notice of the date, time and place of the special meeting had been previously posted according to statute on February 4th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Special meeting included a work session held at 6:00 p.m. in reference to the Norwell Middle School Renovation Project.

Angie Topp, President

Corey Krug, Vice-President

Karen Harris, Secretary

Gene Donaghy, Member

Chad Kline, Member

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING
NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
5:30 & 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Public Comment

Angie Topp asked if there was anyone present who wished to make a comment to the Board. No comments were made.

Call to Order

Public notice of the date, time and place of the Board meeting had been previously posted according to statute on Friday, February 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Cory Krug, Vice-President; Karen Harris, Secretary; Gene Donaghy, Member; Chad Kline, Member, Superintendent Springer, IT Director Jeff Miller, Glen Werling News Banner, Jennifer Nes and guests.

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Recognitions

Superintendent Springer and the Board recognized the following.

- NHS Swimming & Wrestling State Qualifiers
- NMS State-Placing Wrestlers
- NMS Student Council and Sponsors (Food Drive)
- Lilly Teacher Creativity Grant – Melissa Bussel
- NMS Future Cities Team Members and Sponsors

Superintendent's Report:

NMS Future City Presentation - Mr. Bostain and the Future City Team Members were there to present their project and share about the upcoming competition.

Superintendent Springer and the Board thanked the team members for their presentation and congratulated them for their achievements.

Approval of the Minutes

President Angie Topp recommended approval of the minutes of the special meetings and the regular board meeting conducted February 9, 2021. Following review by the Board and responses to questions posed, the Board approved the minutes as presented. (See Attached)

Approval of Claims

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

Education Fund	1,523.47
Debt Service	825.00
Operations Fund	180,405.00
School Lunch	351.89
Curricular Materials Rental	50,540.68
Drivers Ed Program (was 3900)	245.00
NESP 20-21	25.94
Title I, 2020-21 School Year	1,218.95
Title IV – Project Year 2019	1,890.00
Title II 2020-2022	1,201.91
<u>Total of All Funds</u>	<u>\$238,227.84</u>

Totals by Clearing

AF Cancer Ins/Deduction Codes 558-559	364.86
AF Critical Illness Ins/Ded Code 560	100.32
ECA Clearing Account	36.10
<u>IPAD Repair Reimbursements</u>	<u>51.45</u>
<u>Totals of All Clearing</u>	<u>552.73</u>

Grand Total \$238,780.57

Personnel

Superintendent Springer presented the following personnel items and donations.

Resignations:

Mary Anne Ridgley – Food Service
 Paul Schorey – NMS Track Coach
 Phyllis Dowty – OES Teaching Assistant
 Destinea Mason – LES Teaching Assistant
 Carlee Turner – OES Teaching Assistant

Leave:

Katy Burnau – OES 4th Grade Teacher
 Rebecca Gordon – OES 2nd Grade Teacher
 Kailey Till – OES 2nd Grade Teacher
 Chip Coldiron – NHS Science Teacher
 Candis Coldiron – NHS Teaching Assistant

Recommendations:

NHS Spring Sports Coaches 2020-21 (see attached)

Thomas Crum -Girls Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
Zach Tschannen -Girls Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
Kaytlin Hart – Boys Golf Assistant Coach
NMS Spring Sports Coaches 2021 (see attached)
David McConnehey – Boys Soccer Head Coach
Melissa Bussel – NMS Swim/Dive Assistant Coach
Kyle Brown – NMS 8th Grade Math Long-Term Substitute
Hannah Ridenour – OES Teaching Assistant/Floater
Kaela Snyder – OES 2nd Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Carlee Turner – OES 2nd Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Donations:

\$100 Anonymous Donation to NHS Baseball Program

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

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

The next School Board meeting will be March 9th at Ossian Elementary

Special Meetings

Public notice of the date, time and place of the special meeting had been previously posted according to statute on February 19th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

The Special Meeting/Community Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in reference to the Norwell Middle School Renovation Project.

Angie Topp, President

Corey Krug, Vice-President

Karen Harris, Secretary

Gene Donaghy, Member

Chad Kline, Member