

NORTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION & REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021  
4:30 & 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 July 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Angie Topp called to order the executive session of the Board of School Trustees. Present at the meeting were Angie Topp, President; Corey Krug, Vice-President; Karen Harris, Secretary; Gene Donaghy, Member; Chad Kline, Member; and Superintendent Springer.

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):

For discussion of strategy with respect to: A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase;(ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee;(iv) a transfer;(v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Public Comment

President 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, July 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

President 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, Jennifer Nes 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.

### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Springer presented information on the following:

NMS Project Update: Springer shared that June 28<sup>th</sup> was the end of the waiting period for anyone in the community to oppose the project. That did not happen, so the project is a go! He explained that within the tables, there are still many legal boxes that need to be check before we can issue bonds to fund the project and advertise bids for the subcontractors' work. If all goes well, work on the new construction portion of the project will begin in mid-February. (See Attached)

Review of our 2021-22 COVID-19 Guidance Document: Springer shared that he want to clarify that our plan states that we *may* limit spectator capacity at events if the Well's County COVID-19 spread level is at yellow. At this time, the county has moved slightly from blue to yellow, but we are not recommending capacity restrictions at this time. Updates on these restrictions will be posted on our district webpage and on individual school webpages. (See Attached)

CARES & ESSER Budgets: Springer shared with the Board how NWCS has budgeted and spent the federal COVID-19 relief funds that were provided via the CARES, ESSER-II, and ESSER-III grants. With ESSER-II and ESSER-III it allowed the use of funds to renovate and/or expand areas of our facilities. Within ESSER-II, you can see that we have budgeted funds to either offset the costs to expand the seating within our pool facility or create an outdoor learning space at NMS. With ESSER-III, we have budgeted \$1.5M to expand the NMS kitchen and cafeteria. Implementing our social distancing protocols this past school year was very difficult in these areas due to the overall capacities and organization of the spaces. You will also notice that we have committed funds within these grants to support the counseling and mental health needs of our students. The federal dollars have and will continue to provide the spring board for these services, but we are committed to sustaining these supports moving forward. (See Attached)

### Approval of the Minutes

President Angie Topp recommended approval of the minutes of the executive session and regular board meeting conducted June 22, 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	205,469.85
Operations Fund	370,404.78
School Lunch	22,580.95
Curricular Materials Rental	8,261.75
Child Care Program	74.56



Nathan Eggleton – NMS 7th Grade Math Teacher  
Hailee Hormann – LES Special Education Teacher  
Cara Gerber & Deb Brickley – LES Mentors for Hailee Hormann  
and Nicole Williamson  
OES Mentors to New Staff (See Attached)  
Nikki Lenwell, Special Education Assistant

**Donations:**

Employee Appreciation Donations – \$500 Farmers & Merchants State  
Bank  
NMS Jann McAfee Memorial – \$50 The Chapel  
\$25 Kurt & Ann Salscheider  
\$100 Gene & Marla Donaghy  
\$1,000 to NHS Football Program from Pro Therapy Staffing LLC

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Action Items (see below)

Volunteer Guidelines Policy #8120

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve the revised Volunteer Guidelines Policy #8120. Following review by the Board and questions posed, the Board approved the revised Volunteer Guidelines Policy #8120 as presented. (See Attached)

Facility Usage Policy #7510

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve the revised Facility Usage Policy #7510. Following review by the Board and questions posed, the Board approved the revised Facility Usage Policy #7510 as presented. (See Attached)

Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy #3220.01

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy #3220.01. Following review by the Board and questions posed, the Board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy #3220.01 as presented. (See Attached)

2021-22 Certified Evaluation Plan

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve the 2021-22 Certified Evaluation Plan. Following review by the Board and questions posed, the Board approved 2021-22 Certified Evaluation Plan as presented. (See Attached)

2021-22 Preschool Handbook

Superintendent Springer recommended that the Board approve the LES Preschool Handbook. Following review by the Board and questions posed, the Board approved the handbook as presented. (See Attached)

Adjournment

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

The next School Board meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Central Office.

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Angie Topp, President

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Corey Krug, Vice-President

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Karen Harris, Secretary

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Gene Donaghy, Member

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Chad Kline, Member