

Board of Education
Norway-Vulcan Area Schools
300 Section Street
Norway, MI

Committee of the
Whole Meeting
October 29th, 2019

The Board of Education of the Norway-Vulcan
Area Schools met in a Committee of the Whole Meeting
on Tuesday, October 29th, 2019

Board Members Present:

Cory Heigl; President, Bill O'Brion; Vice-President,
Jenny DeDecker; Secretary, Jan Van Gasse; Treasurer,
Mark Rietveld & Brady Gustafson Trustees

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent:

Wendy Mattia; Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Administrators Present:

Lou Steigerwald; Superintendent
Joe Tinti, HS Principal

ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT

Administrators Absent:

None

ADMINISTRATORS
ABSENT

Others Present:

Kaitlyn Ware, Cassandra Gustafson,
Sam Galvin, Katie Dahlman, Erin Berndt,
Tony Adams & Elizabeth Benz

OTHERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm
by President, Cory Heigl.

Approval of Agenda

35. Motion by J. Van Gasse supported by
B. Gustafson to approve agenda

Motion Approved 5-0

Public Participation

none

Action/Discussion/Information Items

The Board heard comments and insight regarding technology from
attending staff members. Points included:

- 1) Our basic supporting infrastructure for technology is
up to date and should be fine for the next few years.
- 2) A drawback for iPads is that they do not have a keyboard.

- 3) There was strong support for technology in classrooms from staff. There is a strong desire for any additional support that can be provided in regard to control of devices by the teacher in the classroom. There are possibilities for this depending on what sort of device we are talking about.
- 4) The two main devices on the market for students are iPads and Chromebooks. There is no perfect device. An essential part of a study of devices will need to cover the advantages and disadvantages of the two devices.
- 5) It is possible to have different devices for different grade levels. There is a cost associated with having to move to different supporting elements to non-Apple devices.
- 6) As staff evaluate devices with an eye toward a recommendation, there will need to be strong consideration regarding how students use any device for writing specifically.
- 7) Any recommendation regarding devices/technology needs to be made by late April or early May.

There being no further business before the Board, President, Cory Heigl adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

Cory Heigl, President

Jenny DeDecker, Secretary