

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

Regular Meeting
October 11, 2017

The Board of Education of the Norway-Vulcan
Area Schools met in a Regular Meeting
on Wednesday, October 11th 2017.

Board Members Present:

Wendy Mattia; Vice-President Cory Heigl; Treasurer,
Gerald Cieslak; Secretary, Dennis Lynch, Jenny DeDecker
and Bill O'Brion; Trustees

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent:

Candy Brew; President

MEMBERS ABSENT

Administrators Present:

Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent
Joe Tinti, 9-12 Principal
Vania Brown, Finance Director

ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT

Administrators Absent:

Chuck Pellegrini; Facilities Manager
Rico Meneghini; EK-6th Principal
Steve Andrews: IT Director

ADMINISTRATORS
ABSENT

Others Present:

Darcia Schooler, Katie Dahlman, Brittany Conery,
Tammy DeBakker, Danielle Harms, Ann DeLong,
Linda Lobeck, Bob Rochon, Al Trudeau, Kathy Wilson,
Kaitlyn Ware, Mary Witter, Norma Raboin, Linda Michaud,
Jennifer Baciak, Carli Kelly, Kevin Kangas,
Jeannette Sword, Erin Berndt, Tasha DeBernardi

OTHERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
by Vice-President, Wendy Mattia.

Approval of Agenda

49. Motion by D. Lynch supported by
J. DeDecker to approve agenda

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion Approved 6-0

50. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by
B. O'Brion to approve Consent Agenda, minutes
from Regular Meeting on September 13, 2017,
Special Meeting on October 3rd, 2017, Manifests
& Treasurer's Report

Motion Approved 6-0

Correspondence

Thank you letter from VMS 7th grade class trip to Isle Royal

School and District Reports

- a. Rico Meneghini; EK-8th Principal - absent
- b. Joe Tinti; 9-12 Principal/A.D. - conferences, professional development, playoffs, Veteran's Day Program
- c. Vania Brown; Finance Director - contract changes, lunch prices
- d. Steve Andrews; IT Director - absent
- e. Chuck Pellegrini; Facilities Manager - absent
- f. Danielle Harms; Student Representative - Homecoming, Prom fundraising, YAC Pink Day

Public Participation

Jeannette Sword - sick bank, negotiations
 Erin Berndt
 Bob Rochon - asked about posting bus routes in January and a revolving contract. Superintendent will look into getting further information and it will go to Committee.

Action/Discussion/Information Items

Informational - Annual audit & Report from Auditor Scott Sternhagen

Informational - Bike Trail proposal - Beau Anderson -would like Board support

51. Motion by D. Lynch supported by C. Heigl to approve band travel request

BAND TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion Approved 6-0

52. Motion by D. Lynch supported by J. DeDecker to approve the Summer Tax Resolution

SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION

Motion Approved 6-0

53. Motion by C. Heigl supported by B. O'Brion to approve Kevin Kangas to the position of JV Girls' Basketball Coach

COACHING RECOMMENDATION

Motion Approved 6-0

54. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by D. Lynch to approve Tanya Popp to the position of MS Boys' Basketball Coach

COACHING
RECOMMENDATION

Motion Approved 6-0

55. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by D. Lynch to approve Derek Gagne to the Position of MS Boys' Basketball Coach (pending background check)

Motion Approved 6-0

56. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by C. Heigl to cancel ERIN contract

Motion Approved 6-0

57. Motion by D. Lynch supported by C. Heigl for approval to post for snow plow bid

SNOW PLOW BID

Motion Approved 6-0

58. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by J. DeDecker to approve the Resolution regarding Adair vs. State of MI

Motion Approved 6-0

59. Motion by C. Heigl supported by D. Lynch to approve FMLA request by Jackie Backlund

Motion Approved 6-0

60. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by D. Lynch to update authorized signers to District Accounts at Northern Interstate Bank of Norway

Motion Approved 6-0

Superintendent Comments

- i. May 2018 Bond Effort
 1. Update
 2. Committee of the Whole

- ii. Legislative Update
 - 1. Crossborder Dual Enrollment and the U.P.
 - 2. 31 a language restoration
 - 3. 9th grade career exploration consideration
- iii. Teacher shortage
 - 1. Interpreting data accurately
 - a. Not unlike what happens when enrollment falls
 - b. MASA action
- iv. Online learning and oversight of the same
 - 1. 58%
 - 2. Fair and equitable FTE's
- v. School safety
- vi. Fall count
 - 1. 712 students
 - a. 277 elementary 277
 - b. 211 middle school
 - c. 224 high school

61. Motion by C. Heigl supported by
D. Lynch to move into closed session
at 8:05 p.m.

Motion Approved 6-0

62. Motion by C. Heigl supported by
B. O'Brion to return to open session
at 9:40 p.m.

Motion Approved 6-0

There being no further business before the
Board, Vice-President Wendy Mattia adjourned
the meeting at 9:41 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

Wendy Mattia, Vice-President

Gerald Cieslak, Secretary