

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

Regular Meeting
March 11, 2020

The Board of Education of the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Board Members Present:

Cory Heigl; President, Bill O'Brion; Vice-President
Jan Van Gasse; Treasurer, Jenny DeDecker; Secretary,
Brady Gustafson, Mark Rietveld and Wendy Mattia; Trustees
Kassandra Kay; Student Representative

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent:

none

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Administrators Present:

Louis Steigerwald; Superintendent
Rico Meneghini; EK-8th Principal
Joe Tinti; HS Principal

ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT

Administrators Absent:

None

ADMINISTRATORS
ABSENT

Others Present:

Marybeth Langin

OTHERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
by President, Cory Heigl.

Approval of Agenda

94. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by
W. Mattia to approve agenda

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion Approved 7-0

Approval of Consent Agenda

95. Motion by J. Van Gasse supported by
J. DeDecker to approve consent agenda,
Regular Meeting minutes from Feb. 11th, 2020
Manifest & Treasurer's Report

Motion Approved 7-0

Correspondence

none

Public Participation

none

Congratulations

- a. Mr. Meneghini: Summer School Reading grant for \$2,508.45
- b. Mrs. Gustafson: YMCA donation of 6 stationary bikes in the weight room
- c. Mrs. Leiker: \$10,000 grant for purpose of elementary room make-over

Student Report: Kassandra Kay

YAK Grant money: for Grace United Lunch Pack, Coat closet
\$144 cloths for kids 20 time project
National Honor Socociety Banquet was March 18th
Junior college tour will be changed to a different date
Robotics went to their first competition 25-40 teams

Action/Discussion/Information Items

- a. Third Grade Reading Law - Informational
 - i. First year in force (4 students from ISD would have been affected) there are some off-ramps in play to help move this more appropriately
 - ii. Notification to be made by the MDE via certified mail to parents; parents can then come in and talk to school about options
 - iii. Expected impact
 - iv. Multiple alternatives to potential retention...IEP off-ramp
- b. Kindergarten Readiness - Informational
 - i. First year in force will be the 2020-2021 school year...Kindergarteners have to be given a standardized test. Training through the ISD late April/early May
 - ii. Must be given in November in the fall of 2020...designed to evaluate retrospectively about programs that have brought the kids to where they are
- c. Schedule Curriculum Committee Meeting to review ELA material choices from staff. \$123,000 for a six-year supply. Make recommendation at the April meeting March 16th at 5:00 PM - J. DeDecker, B. Gustafson & J. VanGasse Committee Members
- d. Schedule Athletic Committee Meeting to review proposal from Athletic Boosters regarding weight room equipment. The Booster Club is offering \$10,000 and would like the District to match that. March 31st @ 5:00 pm M. Rietveld, C. Heigl & W. Mattia Committee Members
- e. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting to review Neola Policies Vol. 34, No. 1 March 16th @ 5:45 pm - M. Rietveld, B. Gustafson & J. Van Gasse Committee Members

96. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by
J. DeDecker to hire Rae Anne Seat as Varsity
Girls' Track Coach

Motion Approved 7-0

97. Motion by J. Van Gasse supported by
B. O'Brion to approve Robert Amundson III
to position of volunteer boys' baseball
coach

Motion Approved 7-0

98. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by
B. Gustafson to hire Sarah Freiberg
to the position of Guidance/Athletic
Secretary position

Motion Approved 7-0

f. Committee of the Whole Meeting: Goals: April 20, 5:00-8:00pm

g. Curriculum mapping: Report by Jan: ELA: Elementary - very dated materials and did not map out well between grades. Informational and literature requirements as well as different types of writing. K-11 were all looking at the same materials which has been a great process. Still need to look at other areas. Hopefully start the process in Science as soon as possible. Funding will begin to be an issue. Followed up with social studies. We will have a written curriculum for math and English by the end of the year.

h. Election: lost by 15 votes. We have until May 12 if we want to be on the August ballot. Add brainstorming to the meeting on 4/20.

i. Coronavirus - school is a large gathering with varying levels of immune systems and underlying medical condition (specifically asthma). Met with the staff today to begin to prepare. Staff was asked to prepare 2 weeks of lessons either electronically or parents could pick up packets. A plan could be viable for upwards of 2 weeks. However, there are several unknowns...the state does not have a recommendation at this point. Lou has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the admin and will get back to us about notes from that.

Admin comments:

Joe: preparing for any potential changes with school schedule. Meeting with freshman parents to start scheduling for next year. Pending unfoldings.

Rico: maybe change the May date for the meeting for the Scholarship banquet at 6:30

Board Comments:

Brady: need to post Kevin Kangas's position sooner than later; look at admin contracts

Mark: music banquet was great today

Bill: we need to talk strategy; awesome for grant awards! And focus on the positives and maybe highlight more staff weekly on a Facebook page or something of the sort.

Jan: Create action steps to honor the people that are doing great things! Rico asked for something different in his contract. Lou can come up with options for working with Rico's contract and we can put it on the agenda. New meeting set for tomorrow at 7:00 to talk about administration contracts.

There being no further business before the Board, President Cory Heigl adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

Cory Heigl, President

Jenny DeDecker