

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

Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2017

The Board of Education of the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Board Members Present:  
Candy Brew; President, Wendy Mattia;  
Vice-President, Cory Heigl; Treasurer,  
Gerald Cieslak; Secretary, Dennis Lynch,  
Jenny DeDecker and Bill O'Brion; Trustees

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent:  
none

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Administrators Present:  
Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent  
Steve Andrews, IT Director  
Chuck Pellegrini, Facilities Manager  
Brad Grayvold, K-8<sup>th</sup> Principal  
Shawna Lindow, Finance Director

ADMINISTRATORS  
PRESENT

Administrators Absent:  
Micah Wilson, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATORS  
ABSENT

Others Present:  
Tasha DeBernardi, Nikki Younk, Jennifer Loomis,  
Lia Kelly, Rae Anne Seat

OTHERS PRESENT

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

96. Motion by W. Mattia supported by  
C. Heigl to approve agenda

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion Approved 7-0

97. Motion by D. Lynch supported  
by B. O'Brion to approve consent agenda,  
Regular meeting minutes from March  
8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Treasurer's Report & Manifests

Motion Approved 7-0

## **School Reports**

- a. Shawna Lindow - budget update
- b. Brad Grayvold - PTO report, assemblies, Kindness Project in Elementary, M-STEP testing report
- c. Joe Tinti - Prom is May 13<sup>th</sup>, Student Council Elections, Mock interviews, PSAT, SAT, 7-12 chorus & band concerts, physicals grades 6-11 are May 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, Athletic Banquet is May 21<sup>st</sup>, Athletic Booster Club Event is Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Stat Panels donate by UP State Credit Union, Recognition Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> & Graduation is May 26<sup>th</sup>
- d. Chuck Pellegrini - clean up outside, equipment ready for summer work
- e. Steve Andrews - M-STEP going smoothly, cyber security staff training
- f. Micah Wilson - absent

## **Public Participation**

Carli Kelly - basketball resignation letter  
Kevin Kangas - basketball resignation letter

Jennifer Loomis - discipline procedure/bullying

## **Action/Discussion/Information Items**

98. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by  
D. Lynch to approve the Collaborative  
Course Agreement

COLLABORATIVE  
AGREEMENT

Motion Approved 7-0

99. Motion by C. Heigl supported by  
W. Mattia to approve Business  
Consortium Agreement

Motion Approved 7-0

100. Motion by D. Lynch supported by  
W. Mattia to approve Tanya Popp to  
the position of Head Coach Girls' Varsity  
Track

COACHING POSITIONS

Motion Approved 7-0

101. Motion by D. Lynch supported by J. DeDecker to approve Rae Anne Seat to the position of Head Coach Cross Country

Motion Approved 7-0

102. Motion by W. Mattia supported by C. Heigl to approve Tracy LaCount to a volunteer cross country coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

103. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by W. Mattia to approve Mike Maule to a volunteer baseball coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

104. Motion by C. Heigl supported by D. Lynch to approve Ron Faull to a volunteer baseball coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

105. Motion by C. Heigl supported by D. Lynch to approve Jon Lasater to a volunteer softball coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

106. Motion by W. Mattia supported by J. DeDecker to approve Jeff Bal to a volunteer softball coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

107. Motion by D. Lynch supported by J. DeDecker to approve Brian Gyselinck to a volunteer softball coach position

Motion Approved 7-0

108. Motion by C. Heigl supported by D. Lynch to approve Joe Tinti to the Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach Position

Motion Approved 7-0

109. Motion by D. Lynch supported by J. DeDecker to approve Tony Adams to the position of Junior Varsity Basketball Head Coach

Motion Approved 7-0

**Informational**

Scheduled 2 meetings; Athletic Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. and a Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.

TriG Grant - approval to spend \$27,400 from TriG Grant plus proceeds from the sale of current teaching staff computers to purchase new teaching staff computers, June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline

110. Motion by W. Mattia supported by C. Heigl to amend the agenda

Motion Approved 7-0

111. Motion by C. Heigl supported by J. DeDecker to add to agenda to buy teaching staff computers with TriG Grant and sale of current computers

Motion Approved 7-0

112. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by J. DeDecker for approval to buy teaching staff computers with TriG Grant and sale of current computers

Motion Approved 7-0

Superintendent Comments - Informational

- i. Initial School Aid Budget Proposals from House, Senate & Governor
- ii. Graduation rates are good
- iii. Collaborative messaging - public service ads, positive message ads, Jobs Fair at Bay West on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

113. Motion by D. Lynch supported by J. DeDecker to move into closed session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion Approved 7-0

114. Motion by C. Heigl supported by B. O'Brion to return to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion Approved 7-0

115. Motion by W. Mattia supported by D. Lynch to have student 2017-A be suspended for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. The board will revisit this matter at its regular board meeting in August of 2017 in order to determine re-admittance for the 2017-18 school year or continuance of this long term suspension.

Motion Approved 7-0

116. Motion by D. Lynch supported by C. Heigl to return to closed session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss negotiation strategy and Superintendent's evaluation

Motion Approved 7-0

117. Motion by D. Lynch supported by B. O'Brion to return to open session at 9:33 p.m.

Motion Approved 7-0

There being no further business before the Board, President Candy Brew adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

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Candy Brew, President

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Gerald Cieslak, Secretary