

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

Regular Meeting
May 8, 2019

The Board of Education of the Norway-Vulcan Area Schools met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Board Members Present: MEMBERS PRESENT
Cory Heigl; President, Bill O'Brion; Vice-President,
Jenny DeDecker; Secretary, Jan Van Gasse; Treasurer
Wendy Mattia, Brady Gustafson, and Mark Rietveld; Trustees

Board Members Absent: MEMBERS ABSENT
none

Administrators Present: ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT
Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

Administrators Absent: ADMINISTRATORS
ABSENT
none

Others Present: OTHERS PRESENT
Elizabeth Benz, Brian Christensen (The Daily News)

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.
by President, Cory Heigl.

Approval of Agenda

103. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by J. Van Gasse to approve agenda & Regular Meeting minutes from 4/10/19 AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion Approved 7-0

Correspondence

none

Public Participation

None

School and District Reports.

a. K-8 Update: Rico Meneghini- State testing concluding next week. M-Step was taken on the iPads for grades 3-5 for the first time at NVAS. Very few glitches, so far. Teachers reported much more comfortable setting than trying to coordinate the computer labs. Kindergarten testing is completed.

Community Schools

Developing summer programs with t-ball, yoga, golf, and Tot-Lot. We will advertise other sports/activity camps in the brochure as well.

Title I

Mrs. Mendina is mostly/completely done with DiBels testing. Met with Holy Spirit to go over fund allocation for next year, same format of sending Mrs. Mendina to Holy Spirit, looking at ways to allocate Title II funds for PD.

Early Literacy program - 3 week program, starting late July/early August.

Identified students

26) entering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades for 19-20 school year.

Transportation

Checking feasibility of offering transportation for students qualified for our early literacy summer program.

b. Student Representative: Danae Anderson-absent, Mr. Steigerwald reported spring sports, Recognition Days in May/June...Graduation May 24

c. 9-12/Athletics: Joe Tinti-HS and Athletics

It is an extremely busy time in the high school. We have completed all of our state testing for this school year and are currently administering the final NWEA test in our high school classes. Spring athletics are in full-swing and scheduling has been a challenge with the weather we have been having but I appreciate the flexibility of our coaches, students athletes, and parents. We held the Athletic Awards Program on Wednesday (5/1) and we tried a different format with the awards program in the auditorium and food and refreshments following in the elementary gym. So far, we have seen a positive reaction to the change. A huge thank you goes to Ms. Pollard, Mrs. Berndt and sons, and other volunteers for helping with the food set-up and take-down.

Seniors only have a week of school left and will be taking exams and then preparing for the Graduation ceremony. Recognition Day is on Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:30 in the auditorium and Graduation will be held Friday, May 24th at 6:00 in the auditorium also. We hope to see you there.

d. Business Update: Vania Brown-no changes to report

e. Tech Update: Steve Andrews-M-Step testing on the iPads has gone smoothly

f. Buildings & Grounds: Chuck Pellegrini:

1. Two of the Fine Arts Center boilers have cracked cast iron blocks and need to be replaced

- Best Heating inspected the boilers and noticed the problem and believes that temperature differential caused cold shock to the system

2. The rotary broom on the tractor needed repairs, had to replace the shaft and bearings

3. Turned on water supply for outside concession stand/bathrooms and also for the irrigation system

4. State Boiler Inspector visited and performed inspections of boilers

5. Started installing Nightlock Lockdown safety devices in each classroom

Action/Discussion/Information Items

Informational - Curriculum Update & Course Addition,
Peer-to-Peer in the HS Curriculum

104. Motion by W. Mattia supported by
J. DeDecker to approve .10 lunch price
increase for 2019-2020

Motion Approved 7-0

105. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by
W. Mattia to approve Resolution in
Support of Adequately Funding MI Schools

Motion Approved 7-0

106. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by
J. Van Gasse in Support of DIISD General
Fund Budget

Motion Approved 7-0

107. Motion by W. Mattia supported by
J. DeDecker to approve RaeAnne Seat
for the position of Cross Country
Head Coach

Motion Approved 7-0

Set date for Board goals and workshop
Committee of the Whole at 4:00
Special Board Meeting at 6:00

108. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by
B. Gustafson to recommend Steve Zimmerer, pending
background check, for MS Social Studies Teacher

Motion Approve 7-0

Set date for meetings for ISD Board Election:
Wendy, Brady, Cory, Bill: 6:00 AM., May 13th

Survey Discussion: Staff Survey from last spring,
resent out before end of the school year

Board Comments: Wendy has an admin job available, Cory sending a note to the teachers for appreciation, Choir doing great: Students received high standings, athletic banquet went well, senior tea today was great, thanks again to Erin, try to gets involved in extracurricular activities and support our new hire in helping kids make that happen.

Superintendent Comments: E-sports; looking at bringing them to the school, congrats to the graduates, Graduation May 24 @ 6:00. Meet at 5:45 at the back entrance

109. Motion by B. O'Brion supported by W. Mattia to move into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Motion Approved 7-0

110. Motion by J. DeDecker supported by B. O'Brion to return to open session at 9:02 p.m.

Motion Approved 7-0

There being no further business before the Board, President Cory Heigl adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Louis Steigerwald, Superintendent

Cory Heigl, President

Jenny DeDecker, Secretary