

## Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on January 9, 2024. Board Vice President Scherrer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### Roll call

#### Board Members Present:

Birgy  
Petrella  
Scherrer

Lajko  
Thomas

#### Board Members Absent:

Brown  
Fisher

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Birgy, to approve the January 9, 2024 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none

### Student/Staff/Local District Highlights/Presentations/Recognitions:

#### Grant Application for 31 aa Funding – Matt Olson, Assistant Superintendent

This funding is available for student safety and mental health supports. This line item is a state resource of approximately \$80,000. One of the requirements is to share this information publicly and give an update of what we are doing in the region. This is a regional effort to better serve kids with mental health needs through social and emotional learning. Significant efforts were made with professional learning and over time has evolved through ongoing collaboration with our LEA partners. The outcome has been to support regional assessments including SSIS and SELWeb. These assessments measure competencies such as self-awareness, social awareness, responsible decision making, self-management and relationship skills. North Ed is committed to ongoing collaboration with our region in support of student safety and mental health.

#### SAIL(ORS) On Deck – Organizational Recognition System

Board of Education members recognized this month's SAIL(ORS) On Deck. This month's standout is Megan Woolcott, ASD Teacher at Bridgeway, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Equity, presented in recognition of meeting the varying needs of all.

Motion by Board Member Petrella, supported by Board Member Thomas, to approve consent grouping items 1-4 as presented.

1. Minutes of December 5, 2023 regular meeting
2. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Check Numbers: 194913-195220. Total for Month: \$6,302,842.70
3. Personnel:
  - a. New Employees:
    - Olivia Washburn, Behavior Specialist Assistant, effective December 11, 2023
    - Mary Collins, Elementary Literacy Coach, effective January, 2024
    - Qushaun Edwards, Custodian, effective January 22, 2024

- Glenn Olsen, Paraprofessional, effective December 11, 2023
- b. Employee Resignations:
  - Natalie Bowman, School Social Worker, effective December 22, 2023
  - Caley Malik, Paraprofessional, effective December 8, 2023
  - Tammie Clous, Teacher Assistant, effective January 5, 2024 (retirement 23 ½ years)
  - Andrea Greck, Teacher Assistant, effective January 5, 2024

4. Out of State Travel:

1. Career Tech Instructors Debby Oliver, Deb Menchaca, Raquel Torres, and Michael George and 40 students, to attend the National Robotics Competition, Marion, Ohio, April 17-20, 2024.
2. Migrant staff members Deb Neddo, Brittany Adams, Guadalupe Garcia, and Katherine Will, to attend the National Migrant Conference (NASDME), Portland, Oregon, April 20-24, 2024. (Paid through Title I Part C Migrant Education grant)

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Pretella to approve Contract with Public Sector Consulting (PCG) for EdPlan for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$70,520.32. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Lajko, supported by Board Member Pretella to approve Medicaid Consortium Agreement with Charlevoix-Emmet ISD and Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD in the amount of \$65,286. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items:

Biennial Review of Emergency Operations Plan - The Plan was reviewed with our school resource officer and updates were made as necessary. This is a requirement to update this document every two years.

First Read Board Policies – The Professional Staff Board Policy Updates provided by Thrun Law were provided to board members and will be included in board action items at the February 6, 2024 meeting. Some of the policies have to be in place by February 13, 2024. In addition, some of these policies are updated but effective on July 1, 2024.

Discussion Items:

There were none

Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Thanked all of our board members for their service and dedication to Northwest Education Services in honor of School Board Recognition Month. He presented a short video thank you from students across our center programs.
2. Tomorrow starts a new legislative session and most likely no action will be taking place right away. There are 2 House of Representative seats vacant which leaves the House deadlocked at 54

seats until a special election is held in April. There are some significant areas we are tracking around school safety legislation and FAFSA requirements for graduation.

3. Thanked Pat Lamb for his efforts in leading the North Ed Foundation and thanked Lisa Thomas for being the Board representative on this Advisory Board. This was developed to support several community members wanting to make contributions to North Ed since we acquired 501C3 status.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

There were none

Dates to Remember:

January 17, 2024 Board of Education Workshop, ISD Conference Center at 5:30 p.m.

February 6, 2024 Board of Education meeting 5:30 p.m., ISD Conference Center

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Joseph Fisher, President

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Rachael Birgy, Secretary