

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:00 PM CDT

**Location:** North Central Elementary School

**1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Fazer at 6:00 PM.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call:**

A. PRESENT: Nathan Fleetwood, Craig VanEnkevort, Melissa Mercier, Kelly Plunger, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John  
Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Donny Bianco – MS/HS Principal & Athletic Director, Matt Wells - Maintenance/Transportation working supervisor.

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT:

**4. Agenda:**

A. Action Item G “Hire of Boys Varsity Basketball Coach” will be added to the agenda.

B. There were no items to be excluded from the consent agenda to be dealt with individually.

C. Motion by Plunger, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Reports

- i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: Mr. Wells gave his report
- ii. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report
- iii. Director of Online Learning Report: Mr. Depuydt provided the written report
- iv. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.

v. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Mr. Depuydt gave his report.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

i. April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

C. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**6. Approval to pay the bills**

A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to approve the payment of the April/May bills. Motion carried, 7-0.

General: \$21,206.31 Activity: \$1,329.18 Lunch: \$12,647.18

**7. Action Items**

A. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Plunger to approve the resolution designating Craig VanEnkevort as the NCAS representative, and Chris Fazer as the alternate, for the biennial election of the Menominee County ISD. Motion carried, 7-0.

B. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the second reading of the 39-2 NEOLA Policies, rescind policy 2264, and revert back to policy 2266. Motion carried, 7-0.

C. Motion by Fleetwood, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Kyle McGillviray as JH Science Teacher beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, 7-0

D. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve Schneider, Larche, Haapala & Co, PLLC for NCAS audit services. Motion carried, 7-0.

E. Depuydt provided information on Integrated Designs Inc. in regards to the consolidation project. They have worked with NCAS since 2021. They stated they could do the project at a cost of 6.25% of the project cost.

VanEnkevort - Questioned if we had paid IDI already. No.

VanEnkevort - Building and Grounds committee should be meeting as soon as an architect is chosen. Stated we should also hire a CMA as soon as possible. Everything should be exposed to the public from design to the architect, then choose a CMA. Also asked the Building and Grounds committee if they were on board with IDI. They were.

Plunger – Stated that the finance committee met with the architect, Gundlach, and Viau about the money and how far they can make it go. Meeting was about dollars and cents.

VanEnkevort – Asked when we are making a decision about either building.

Depuydt – Decision can be made once we have a plan in place from the architect. Also stated the grant was created for 3 districts downstate, and only a select few were awarded money. Not many restrictions as long as it is used for consolidation.

VanEnkevort – Can we sell a building if we wanted to? Yes.

Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by St. John to approve Integrated Designs Inc. as the architect for the NCAS internal consolidation project. Motion carried, 7-0.

- F. Motion by Bouty, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Menominee County Intermediate School District General Education Fund Operating - Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.
- G. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Jon Haight as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried, 7-0.

## **8. Public Comment**

- A. John Raab – Where he used to live the used corporate sponsors to pay for portions of buildings that were community centers, attached to the school building.

VanEnkevort – Hats off to John Raab as wrestling coach.

## **9. Written Correspondence**

- A. Thank you from the staff for Staff Appreciation Day
- B. Congratulations card from Connie Wells on the grant.

## **10. Board Discussion**

- A. 12d Grant Initial Talks/Timeline – Work with Thrun on a contract, work with IDI, go over CMA bid packet and work scope. We want to do everything by the book.
- B. No Cell Phone Policy – Michigan Senate and House each have bills that would limit cell phone use in schools. Board agrees that phones should not be allowed during instructional time in classrooms. Depuydt said at his former district that parents had to pick up phones once they were confiscated. Everyone needs to be on board for it to work.

## **11. Other Business**

- A. June meeting will move from June 18, 2025 to June 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM. Will begin with Budget Hearing with regular meeting to follow.

B. St. John asked if Great Lakes Timber had reached out to the school yet.

**12. Adjournment**

A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fleetwood to adjourn from the May 20, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:29 PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary