

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

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 5:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central Jr/Sr High School

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Fazer at 5:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John, Nathan Fleetwood, Craig VanEnkevort
Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Wendy Granquist – Board Appointed Secretary/Business Manager, Matt Wells - Maintenance/Transportation working supervisor.

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Kelly Plunger (Virtual)

4. Agenda:

A. There were no items to be added or deleted from the agenda.

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

C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Approval to pay the bills

A. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the payment of the May/June bills. Motion carried, 6-0.

General: \$42,324.65 Activity: \$891.04 Lunch: \$1,203.00

6. Board Discussion

A. Presentation by Cross General on Construction Management Services

B. Presentation by Viau Inc. on Construction Management Services

C. Presentation by Miron on Construction Management Services

D. Presentation by Gundlach Champion on Construction Management Services

The Board deliberated on all candidates:

Board agrees all candidates are right there in terms of price.

Miron stands out as a favorite among most of the Board members in terms of their knowledge, personnel, and the presentation that they gave. Very strong team, has experience with passing bonds, dedicated people for different aspects of project. St. John felt they did a great job of making everything look beautiful and were very good salesmen. Some members voiced slight concern of their lack of experience with IDI. Mercier said it makes sense seeing as they've only had an office in Marquette for a couple of years.

Board members looked at the other 3 candidates.

Gundlach was a strong contender. Members felt they came in confident and without much knowledge in terms of helping with pre-bond projects.

Mercier – was glad Viau cleared up the 12% question in terms of price.

VanEnkevort expressed interest in Viau Inc. – Said if you want someone to get it done right, he is the man.

Other members expressed concern about Viau's company size and lack of personnel compared to the other candidates.

St. John expressed concern over change orders in regard to Cross General.

Bouty felt Cross General presented better than the packet they had provided. Felt Viau was very knowledgeable as a designer and builder.

Fleetwood – Noted that with the price clarification from Viau, all candidates are back in. Feels Cross is lighter on experience. Felt Viau was very knowledgeable, but also noted the lack of teams - budget, bond, finance, etc.

Fazer – Likes Viau's knowledge, but felt that the knowledge of other companies was very important as they are the people who build schools.

VanEnkevort – Said if getting a bond passed and having all of these different people in on the project is what we want, then Miron would have to be the option.

Plunger – Likes Viau's knowledge, but also understood lack of staff. Did not feel the lack of IDI and Miron working together was even a question – knows both companies. Stated that Gundlach is very much a CM company when it comes to large projects.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fazer to enter into contract negotiations with Miron.

Roll Call Vote: St. John – Yes, Bouty – Yes, Fleetwood – Yes, Fazer – Yes, Mercier – Yes, VanEnkevort – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0.

- B. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the first reading of Neola Policy 6116. Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the resignation of Tina Hall as JH/HS Special Education Teacher. Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Fleetwood to approve the hire of Bree Arsenault as JH/HS Special Education teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, 6-0

8. Public Comment

- A. None

9. Other Business

- A. Mercier asked if work study would continue next year. Depuydt stated that it would have to be run through the ISD as it is a CTE program.

10. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to adjourn from the June 17, 2025 Special Board of Education Meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary