

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central MS/HS Library, Powers, MI 49874

1. Meeting called to order by President Craig VanEnkevort at 6:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Nathan Fleetwood, Jordan St. John, Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Dave Florenski, Board Appointed Secretary: Wendy Granquist, MS/HS Principal/Athletic Director: Donny Bianco, Maintenance/Transportation: Matt Wells.

B. TARDY: Kelly Plunger

C. ABSENT: None

4. Agenda:

A. There were no items to be added or deleted.

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

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

5. Jeff Soles- Thrun Law

A. Jeff Soles of Thrun Law answered questions about a sinking fund. Max 10 years, 3 mils – Used for technology, security, transportation. Cannot be used for maintenance/salary. Can be accumulated for a large project. Deadline May 2024 for ballot.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: Mr. Wells gave his report

ii. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report

- iii. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report
- iv. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Mr. Florenski gave his report
- v. Building & Grounds – Mr. Florenski and the Building & Grounds committee gave their report
- vi. Finance Committee – Mr. Florenski and the Finance Committee gave their report

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fazer to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Approval to pay the bills

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve the payment of the September/October bills.
General Fund: \$49,375.22, Activity: \$8,513.39, Lunch: \$11,436.03, Debt: \$75.00
Motion carried, 7-0.

8. Action Items

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the wood chip bid for the 2023-2024 school year for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0 (Whitens)
- B. Motion by Fazer, supported by VanEnkevort to adopt the resolution calling the election for North Central Area Schools Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal on February 27, 2024 or March 12, 2024. Motion carried, 7-0.
- C. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Rebecca Gorzinski as Middle School/High School Cheerleading Advisor. Motion carried, 7-0.
- D. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the draft copy of the 2023 Audit for North Central Area Schools. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Board Discussion

- A. Discussed selling of property – carbon credit not an option, land swap not an option
- B. Discussed hiring out snow removal – no bidders
- C. Discussed student enrollment and how the “blend” count works

10. Public Comment

- A. Cheryl Christiansen – Communication is of concern. Administrative communication, coaches practice schedules, teacher updates on kids. Would like to see testing results, NWEA, etc. Why are we losing kids? Discussed various items such as PE credit with extracurriculars, electives, art class, stem class, science class, iPads, Chromebooks, bullying issues, and bussing. Long term subs are a disservice to the district.

11. Other Business

- A. Fleetwood – would like to catalog all buildings and grounds to see what is wrong
- B. Mercier – Does STEM count for art? Why not put in woodworking?

12. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to adjourn from the October 18, 2023 Regular Board of Education meeting at 7:25 PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary