

Tawas Area Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
June 24, 2024

The special meeting of the Tawas Area Board of Education was called to order by President Bruning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024 in the boardroom at the administration office.

Mrs. Bruning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Edmonds, Jenkins, Lentz, Ulman, Klenow, Bruning
Absent: Butzin
Tardy: None

Administrators Present: Klinger, Danek

PUBLIC COMMENTS – INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Mrs. Bruning asked if there were any public comments on agenda or non-agenda items. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Klenow, support by Jenkins to approve the consent agenda items which included the approval of the June 10th regular meeting minutes. Letters of resignation were received from Devan Bridget as a high school teacher effective immediately and contingent upon the full approval and acceptance of new employment and from girls' varsity basketball coach, Amy Edwards, effective July 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS & REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Klinger said that Mr. Mejeur is recommending that Mr. Derek Moe be hired as the JV football head coach. Mr. Moe has coached and volunteered in the Tawas football program in the past and is dedicated to teaching the sport. He was chosen as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Ulman, support by Jenkins to hire Mr. Derek Moe as the JV football head coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger said that Mr. Mejeur is also recommending that Mr. Dustin Falls be hired to fill the JV football assistant coach vacancy. Mr. Falls has coached and volunteered with various age groups throughout the years and was selected as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Ulman, support by Lentz to hire Mr. Dustin Falls as the JV football assistant coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger said that Mr. Mejeur is recommending Mr. Mark Dodridge be hired as a varsity football assistant coach. Mr. Dodridge has coached and volunteered over the years and was chosen as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Ulman, support by Lentz to hire Mr. Mark Dodridge as a varsity football assistant coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger went on to say that Mr. Mejeur is recommending that the Board hire Mr. Matt Torrez to fill the other varsity football assistant coaching vacancy. Mr. Torrez has also coached and volunteered his time in various football programs throughout the years and was selected as the top candidate for this position. Motion Ulman, support by Jenkins to hire Mr. Matt Torrez as a varsity football assistant coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger said that Mrs. Danek is recommending Ms. Emma Hilton be hired as the band instructor. Ms. Hilton is a Central Michigan University graduate and has a major in music education and a minor in instrumental. She has 6 years of experience in band and choir instruction

and was chosen as the top candidate for this position. Motion by Lentz, support by Jenkins to hire Ms. Emma Hilton as the band instructor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger said that Mrs. Kristina Warner has been providing high school counseling services for our students. This has been accomplished through a long-term substitute status while she works to complete her full certification. Mr. Klinger stated that he is recommending to extend this contract for another year. Motion by Ulman, support by Edmonds to renew the long-term substitute contract with Mrs. Kristina Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports – Mr. Klinger said that the budget committee met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss the amended 2023-2024 budgets. He reminded the Board that we will not have the actual numbers until our audit in the fall. The details of the budget amendments are discussed under new business.

Legislative Report – Mr. Klinger said that he is still following the legislation regarding the MPSERS rate and the push for the money that was saved being reinvested. He said there have been meetings at the State level regarding a possible computer science mandate. Lastly, he mentioned that there is legislation out there for mandatory seizure training.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Klinger said that Mr. Mejeur is recommending that the girls golf team join the Mid-Michigan Golf Conference starting in the fall. The North Star League does not offer girls golf and currently the MMGC includes Breckenridge, Houghton Lake and Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart. The conference has extended an offer to both Tawas and Oscoda to join the league. Mr. Mejeur is asking the Board to approve this recommendation. Motion by Lentz, support by Jenkins to approve the girls golf team joining the Mid-Michigan Golf Conference starting in the fall of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Klinger stated that at this time we amend all of our budgets to reflect closer to actual revenue and expenditures for the year. He stated that final numbers will not be available until the audit presentation in the fall.

Mr. Klinger said that we have amended the general fund revenue to receive approximately \$16,565,229 for the 2023-2024 school year. Expenditures are expected to be \$15,367,073. This means an excess of revenue over expenditures equaling approximately \$1,198,156. The projected general fund balance for June 30, 2024 is \$6,827,730.

Mr. Klinger said that the lunch fund will finish the year with approximately \$920,137 in revenue and \$861,473 in expenditures, including reimbursing indirect costs to the general fund, leaving an estimated fund balance on June 30, 2024 of \$252,576. This is a program profit of \$58,664 for the year.

Mr. Klinger discussed the debt retirement fund next and stated that this fund is ending the year with revenue of \$601,295. After bond payments of \$582,663, we will increase our ending fund balance to \$125,465. We changed our debt millage to .92 mills for the 24-25 school year.

Mr. Klinger moved on to the sinking fund next and said that this fund is ending the year with revenue of \$326,709 and expenditures of \$335,745. This will leave a fund balance of \$641,348 going into the 24-25 school year.

Mr. Klinger said that the student/school activity fund had revenues of \$297,665 and expenditures of \$224,974 leaving a projected fund balance of \$296,281.

Mr. Klinger then stated that Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Fisher were here to answer any questions and then Mrs. Klenow would read the resolution to amend the 2023-2024 budgets.

Mrs. Lentz asked about the freezer project. Mr. Klinger said there was a meeting today regarding this project and the RFP will be sent out soon. They are hoping to bring a recommendation to the August meeting.

Mrs. Klenow made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the 2023-2024 Budgets. Support by Jenkins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

Superintendent Report – Mr. Klinger said that he had nothing new to share.

Student Representatives – No student representatives were present.

Administration – Mrs. Danek said that Mrs. Clouse and Mr. Livingston are at EdCon in Traverse City and have been messaging her with new ideas and information. She said that we currently have 3 students attending the RYLA camp which will give them an opportunity to gain leadership and networking skills. Mrs. Danek highlighted the new members of the eBoard. She thanked Mrs. Spaid and Mrs. Bingle for their continued support and said that she has more interviews coming up this week. Mr. Mejeur said that 2 students were named as all state honorable mentions for golf, Walker Hazen and Austin Baker. He said that soccer also got a lot of awards, too many to mention.

From the Board – Mrs. Lentz asked about Mrs. Perrot's position and whether her replacement would be required to have the appropriate credentialing to teach computer science. Mr. Klinger said that this course is not required at this time but they are watching it. Mrs. Lentz went on to say that she accepted Mrs. Bridget's resignation with regret. Mrs. Jenkins thanked Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. McCoy for their work on the budgets and thanked Mr. Mejeur for all of his work to get our sporting teams into a conference, allowing them to get recognition. Mrs. Ulman told everyone she hoped they enjoy their summer.

ADVANCE PLANNING

Mr. Klinger said that he just wanted to remind the Board of the workshop on July 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to review resumes for the superintendent position. He also reminded them of the superintendent evaluation training workshop on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Klinger said that any Board members who are unable to attend this workshop must sign up to take the course online prior to October 1, 2024 and to remember to review the list of dates sent by Mrs. Harvey and get signed up.

Mr. Klinger said that the updated Title IX policies have been released. These policies are federally mandated. There are very few options, and NEOLA is recommending not adopting the options because they pertain more to post-secondary institutions. Mr. Klinger stated due to the new Title IX regulations going into effect on August 1, the Board may need to consider doing only one reading of the new and revised policies and waive the second reading to be compliant. The Policy Committee will meet on July 8 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss these changes and the Board seemed to consent to only having one reading as long as they received the new policies ahead of time for review.

Motion by Ulman, support by Jenkins to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.