



NORTHERN OZAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, January 15, 2024 · 6:30 p.m.
OMS/OHS Library

- Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m. by B. Neis. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the reading of the District’s Strategic Plan.
- Members Present:** Brent Neis, Dan Large, Jennifer Clark, Steve Burmesch, Jeff Decker, Kevin Klas, Hal Steffen
- Others Present:** Dave Karrels, Josh McDaniel, Mike Leach, Lynn Kucharski, Kent Schueller, Kelley Janowski
Michael Babcock
- Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda in print was made by K. Klas, seconded by H. Steffen.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Forum:** None
- Celebrations and Announcements:** Please see page 6 of the board packet for January’s celebrations and announcements.
- Consent Agendas:** Motion to approve Consent Agenda Part I was made by K. Klas, seconded by H. Steffen.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda Part II, the resignation of Lori Loof, District Nurse, effective January 29th was made by S. Burmesch, seconded by D. Large. *Motion carried unanimously.*
- Monthly Reports:** Board chairpersons will provide updates next month.
- Information/Action Items:**
- Charter School Contract Amendment - Sugar Maple Nature School:** Currently, Sugar Maple Nature School (SMNS) has students in K-5th grade. Due to a strong level of interest from current 5th grade families, SMNS is interested in adding 6th grade beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. If 6th grade is added, 5th and 6th grades would be a combined class. We believe adding 6th grade makes sense academically and financially. In order to ensure that the charter contract has specific language regarding K-6th grade, we recommend amending the current contract. Motion to approve the contract amendment, as outlined, was made by J. Clark and seconded by J. Decker.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Open Enrollment Seats Approval:** As required by State of Wisconsin law, the Northern Ozaukee School District must determine open enrollment seat availability ahead of the open enrollment period. The 2024-2025 open enrollment period runs from February 5, 2024 through April 30, 2024. We recommend the number of available seats for NOSD, WVL and Sugar Maple based on the needs of our responsibilities and to allow for student growth. Motion to approve the open enrollment seats for the 2024-2025 school year, as outlined, was made by K. Klas, seconded by H. Steffen.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 2024-2025 School Calendar Approval:** Each January, the school calendar is approved for the following school year. Our calendar exceeds all hourly requirements for student instruction, provides an opportunity for time off around each of the holidays, keeps the school year compact, saves on operational costs and is student and staff focused. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar was made by D. Large, seconded by K. Klas. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution Authorization: The following resolution was moved by K. Klas and seconded by J. Clark:

Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit
by \$1,700,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

Upon the vote being taken, the following voted:

Aye: Brent Neis, Dan Large, Jennifer Clark, Steve Burmesch, Jeff Decker, Kevin Klas, Hal Steffen
The resolution was declared adopted.

Ballot Question Resolution: The following resolution was moved by D. Large and seconded by K. Klas:

Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a
Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$1,700,000
Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes

Upon the vote being taken, the following voted:

Aye: Brent Neis, Dan Large, Jennifer Clark, Steve Burmesch, Jeff Decker, Kevin Klas, Hal Steffen
The resolution was declared adopted.

Each member received the *Operational Referendum April 2024 Flipbook of Key Facts*. D. Large presented a brief overview of the key components of the flipbook. The goal is to use the flipbook as a tool when talking to community members about the referendum. There is a QR code on the back of the flipbook which links to the Referendum 2024 webpage on the NOSD website.

Potential School Bus Purchase Approval: The Finance/Buildings and Grounds Committee has continued to explore options for meeting the needs for co-curricular transportation in the District. In discussion with Andy McKee, Athletic Director, it was determined that while the two small buses are helping alleviate some of the transportation issues, having a large bus would more easily meet the needs of our larger teams.

As Random Lake School District looks to enhance their school bus fleet, they have reached out to us with an opportunity to purchase a 2021 International CE School Bus with a capacity of 72 passengers for \$70,000.00. The bus has approximately 37,000 miles and it comes with what remains on a transferable 10-year extended warranty. It is recommended that we purchase this bus as it is a newer bus that will meet our needs, it will be dependable and it is a long-term investment that will last for many years.

To help cover the cost of this purchase, we are looking to sell one of the 28-passenger buses that we currently own on the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction. We will be listing the minimum accepting bid at \$32,000 which is what the District originally paid. The additional funds would come from the District's general unassigned fund balance. Motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 International CE School Bus for \$70,000.00 from the Random Lake School District by utilizing the sales proceeds from one of the 28 passenger buses and the spend down of unassigned fund balance was made by S. Burmesch and seconded by D. Large. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Next Agenda:

Topics suggested for the February 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting include:

- District Audit Report
- New Course Additions
- Neola Policies - 1st Reading

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 19, 2024 OMS/OHS Library @ 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourn Regular
Session/Convene
Closed Session:**

B. Neis made a motion at 7:18 p.m. to adjourn regular session and convene into closed session. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), the Northern Ozaukee School Board of Education will adjourn the regular session and convene in closed session to confer with legal counsel for the governing body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding a pending lawsuit against the District, seconded by D. Large. ***Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.***

**Adjourn Closed
Session/Reconvene
Regular Session:**

Motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene regular session made by D. Large, seconded by K. Klas at 7:53 p.m. ***Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.***

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn regular session made by D. Large, seconded by K. Klas.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miller
Board Clerk

Brent Neis
Board President