

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
Regular Board of Education Meeting
North Mac High School Media Center
231 West Fortune Street, Virden, IL
6:30 p.m. – March 27th, 2024
AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Present – Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

Absent – Nichols

Also Present – Kyle Hacke, Sarah Raynor, Jon Langellier, Molly Uhe-Edmonds, Brian Carman, John Downs, Randi Anderson, Debbie Poffinbarger, Denise Waggener, Michael Riffey, Taylor Edwards, Deb Marsaglia, Connie Schroeder, Hailey Marie, Steve Adams, Tori Baragiola and spouse, Aprille Kuhar

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Christopher

3. Communications

3.1 Administrator's Reports – Alexander questioned why we are charging for Summer School this year. Raynor advised these were for credit recovery classes at the High School level. Kirk asked how the curriculum mapping was going at the High School. Raynor indicated it is still a work in progress and they will be meeting again regarding this.

4. Public Comment – Tori Baragiola spoke expressing her gratitude to the board and administrators for the opportunities she has been given. Baragiola recognized the NMPSF for the grants she was given to improve learning. Baragiola also stated that she was grateful for the employee benefit for staff members to be able to bring their out of district students to the district.

5. ***Consent Agenda (ALL ITEMS ITALICIZED AND IN BOLD)**

5.1 *Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Held on February 28, 2024 Regular and Executive Sessions*

5.2 *Financial Reports*

5.3 *Bills Payable 6.13*

5.4 *IHSA Renewal for 2024-25*

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Pinkston to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yea Votes: White, Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, Christopher

6. ***Employment and Resignation of Personnel*****

6.1 *Accept Resignation of Ashley Creasey, Intermediate School Counselor, as of the end of the 2023-24 School Year*

6.2 *Accept Resignation of Tori Baragiola, High School Science Teacher, as of the end of the 2023-24 School Year*

6.3 *Accept Resignation of TJ Dunlevy, High School Paraprofessional as of March 15, 2024*

6.4 *Accept Resignation of Gail Glass, Cook as of the end of the 2023-24 School Year*

6.5 *Accept Resignation of Joey Horn, Bass Fishing Coach*

6.6 *Accept Resignation of Joanne Munchalfen, Cook, as of the end of the 2023-24 School Year*

6.7 *Accept Resignation of Amanda Castleman, Middle School Special Education Teacher, as of the end of the 2023-24 School Year*

6.8 *Approve Employment Contract for Nicholas Troutwine, High School Principal*

6.9 *Approve Employment Contract for Brian Carman, Assistant Principal, High School*

6.10 *Approve Employment Contract for Melissa O'Neal, Food Service Director*

- 6.11 Approve Employment Contract for Aprille Kuhar, Payroll Clerk/District Administrative Assistant**
 - 6.12 Employ K.C. Kirchner as Bass Fishing Coach**
 - 6.13 Employ Haley Wills, Middle School Math, for 2024-25 School Year**
 - 6.14 Employ Chelsea Ashlock, Intermediate School Teacher, for the 2024-25 School Year**
 - 6.15 Employ Macy Walker, Grade 3 Teacher, for the 2024-25 School Year**
 - 6.16 Employ Natalie Keith, Kindergarten Teacher, for the 2024-25 School Year**
- **Note: Final employment of all new employees is contingent on the successful completion of a criminal background check and all necessary local and state requirements.**

7. Discussion Items

- 7.1 Superintendent's Report & Board Discussion Items – Gymnasium Update – Hacke discussed the following items.
 - Gym Project – Fencing for the project has been moved back to April 5th. We are still working on the city sewer issue. Kirk requested Hacke resend the project timeline.
 - South Campus Gym Floor Replacement – Vendor for flooring worried about the white on the logo turning yellow over years of refinishing the floor. Will be used a lighter wood instead of white paint. A rendering of the gym floor was presented to the board.

8. Items to be Considered for Action

- *8.1 RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,700,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Alexander to approve the RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,700,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Steve Adams presented information regarding the purpose of refunding bonds and information about the refunding process. Yea Votes: Watson, Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, White, Christopher

- *8.2 RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion was made by White, seconded by Kirk to approve the RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Steve Adams presented information regarding the purpose of refunding bonds and information about the refunding process. Yea Votes: Pinkston, Alexander, Kirk, Watson, White, Christopher

- *8.3 RESOLUTION setting forth and describing in detail claims heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes which are presently outstanding and unpaid, declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$600,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law.

Motion was made by Alexander, Seconded by Kirk to approve the RESOLUTION setting forth and describing in detail claims heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes which are presently outstanding and unpaid, declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$600,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law. Steve Adams presented information on refinancing these debt certificates to free up funds for building projects and the process that would need to be followed. Yea Votes: Watson, Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, White, Christopher

- *8.4 Approve Request from City of Girard Regarding Storm Sewer Installation

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Kirk to approve the request from the City of Girard regarding the Storm Sewer Installation. Hacke stated that this request is different from last months due to access to hook up. The city will own the man holes we currently have. Yea Votes: White, Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, Christopher

- *8.5 Approve Finalized Calendar for 2023-24 School Year

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Pinkston to approve the Finalized Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Alexander asked who develops the calendar. Hacke advised that he created the calendar with Administration and then it is presented to the Union leadership. Yea Votes: Kirk, Alexander, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

- *8.6 Approve High School Schedule Change for 2024-25 School Year

Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Pinkston to approve the High School schedule change for the 2024-2025 school year. Uhe-Edmonds advised that this will allow more productive use of study halls. Yea Votes: Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

- *8.7 Approve Middle School Schedule Change for 2024-25

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Pinkston to approve the Middle School schedule change for the 2024 2025 school year. Downs advised this change is to add a time dedicated for writing. Yea Votes: White, Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, Christopher

- *8.8 Approve Facility Improvements

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Pinkston to approve the facility improvements presented. Yea Votes: Kirk, Alexander, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

- *8.9 Approve Martin Engineering Contract

Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by White to approve the Martin Engineering Contract. Yea Votes: Pinkston, Alexander, Kirk, Watson, White, Christopher

*8.10 Public Use of Track - Possible Action Pending Discussion

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by White to approve the public use of the track. Discussion was held regarding access changes, new policy and rules as well as access to turf. New policy/rules will be brought for the May board meeting. Yea Votes: Watson, Alexander, Kirk, White, Christopher

*8.11 Approve Resolution for Non-Reemployment of Provisionally Licensed Employees

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Pinkston to approve the resolution for the non-reemployment of provisionally licensed employees Hailey Marie and Donnette Etter. Hack stated that this was in no way a reflection of performance. This is an attempt to find a licensed teacher. Yea Votes: Kirk, Alexander, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

9. *Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or office of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – No Closed Session needed.

10. *Adjournment

Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Alexander to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Yea Votes: Alexander, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

***Denotes Actionable Items**