

## Board of Education

The meeting of Northwest Education Services Board of Education was held on December 5, 2023. Board President Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### Roll call

#### Board Members Present:

Birgy  
Brown  
Fisher

Lajko  
Thomas

#### Board Members Absent:

Petrella  
Scherrer

Motion by Member Brown, supported by Member Thomas, to approve the December 5, 2023 agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### Welcomed Visitors & Public Comment

There were none

### Student/Staff/Local District Highlights/Presentations/Recognitions:

#### SAIL(ORS) On Deck – Organizational Recognition System

Board of Education members recognized this month's SAIL(ORS) On Deck. This month's standout is Jenny Jesse, Administrative Assistant, who has exemplified strengths in the organizational value of Excellence, presented in recognition of operating in a transparent, fair, honest manner.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Lajko, to approve consent grouping items 1-4 as presented.

1. Minutes of November 14, 2023 regular meeting
2. Monthly Accounts Payable Check Summary and Financial Report November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023. Check Numbers: 194635-194912. Total for Month: \$4,963,511.60
3. Personnel:
  - a. New Positions:
    - Medicaid Financial Coordinator, effective January, 2024
    - Medicaid Program Compliance Coordinator, effective January, 2024
  - b. New Employees:
    - Dawn Hankins, Paraprofessional, effective November 20, 2023
    - Caley Malik, Paraprofessional, effective December 4, 2023
    - Lisa Migazzi, MiSTEM Regional Director, effective December, 2023
    - Glenn Olsen, Paraprofessional, effective December 11, 2023
  - c. Employee Resignations:
    - Jessie Smith, Teacher Assistant, effective November 22, 2023
    - Hailee Miller, Teacher Assistant, effective December 8, 2023
    - Marissa Brief, Teacher Assistant, effective November 28, 2023
    - Jeffery Pataky, Third Party Road Test Examiner, effective November 30, 2023
    - Sabrina Gunning, Payroll Manager, effective June 30, 2024 (Retirement)
    - Julie Churchill, School Social Worker, effective December 1, 2023

4. Out of State Travel:

1. Robin Hornkohl, Great Start Collaborative Coordinator, to attend the Thinking Collaborative Annual Symposium, January 25-27, 2024 in Greenwood Village, Colorado.
2. Brian Matchett, Instructor for Career Tech Agriscience program, to attend the 2023 National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE) Convention, November 29 – December 2, 2023, Phoenix, Arizona. (All expenses paid by NAAE, Brian was elected to serve on the NAAE executive board)

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member Thomas to approve Architect and Engineering Design Services for Special Education Capital Project from GMB Architects for Life Skills Center in the amount of \$54,510. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Brown to approve Architect and Engineering Design Services for Vocational Education Capital Project from GMB Architects for Career Tech in the amount of \$79,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Lajko to approve Contract for Virtual Certified Interpreter with Michigan Interpreting Services in the amount of \$32,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items:

There were none

Discussion Items:

There were none

Updates:

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Following the approval of the new Medicaid positions tonight we will bring a consortium agreement for board action in January between North Ed, Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque ESD and Charlevoix-Emmett ISD. The agreement will help ensure compliance and maximize Medicaid dollars.
2. Legislators are on recess and we continue to have dialogue with our representatives over break regarding upcoming educational topics. He will be meeting with Representative Coffia later this week.
3. He attended a holiday breakfast event with Dean Transportation staff and appreciated hearing from several bus drivers about their bus routes and compassion for students. Our transportation staff provide a great service to this region.
4. There are several public acts that have been repealed and recently passed pertaining to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act. We will have policy updates for the board to review for

a first read in January to consider action at the February regular meeting to comply with the law by February 13, 2023.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

Member Birgy asked for clarification on the upcoming changes for superintendent evaluations. Dr. Ceglarek said changes for both teacher and administrator evaluations will take effect July 1, 2024 on rating levels and growth-based model to 20%. We will have an update on the changes from Thrun this Friday.

Dates to Remember:

January 9, 2024 Board of Education Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

January 17, 2024 Board Workshop for Regional Board Members at 5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:00 program at Northwest Education Services, ISD Conference Center. Attorney Katy Broaddus from Thrun Law will present on PERA from 6 – 7:00 p.m. and Attorney Bob Schindler from Miller Johnson will provide an update on the ORS lawsuit.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Joseph Fisher, President

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Rachael Birgy, Secretary