

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
NORTHERN CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Present: Sean Jalbert, Penny Johnson, Travis Moser, Chris Murch, Lori Steffes

Dr. Cory Steiner – Superintendent

Absent: Brad Bjerke, Todd Olson

Paige Carlson – Business Manager,

Grayson M. – Learner Member

Meeting called to order by Chris Murch.

Also present: Crysta Schenck, Elementary Principal; Sam Johnson, Middle School Principal; Doug Margerum, High School Principal; Stacy Erickson, Administrative Assistant; M. Johnston and S. (Reichel) Savrnock

Board Norms were recited by Chris Murch.

Jalbert motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Moser seconded the motion which passed on roll call vote.

ACKNOWLEDGING GREATNESS - Mrs. Schenck and Sam Johnson shared an update on the High Reliability Schools Summit. Mrs. Savrnock was recognized as being Level 1 certified.

Dr. Steiner provided an update on the items included on the budget items within the consent agenda. Jalbert moved to approve the consent agenda for the following: minutes from January 13, 2025, regular meeting and January 22, 2025, special meeting; General Fund, Activity Fund, Hot Lunch financial reports for January; investment tracking report; heating and electric reports for January; and General Fund bills for payment as presented. Moser seconded the motion which passed on roll call vote.

Administrative reports presented by Dr. Steiner, Mrs. Schenck, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Margerum. Reports are accessible on the Northern Cass School Board website.

S. (Reichel) Savrnock left at 6:38 pm.

#### TEACHING, LEARNING, & LEARNER ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Steiner provided an update on the 2025 Personalized Learning Institute.

#### BOARD EDUCATION

Principals shared Winter Assessment Data. Board members engaged in discussion for the superintendent evaluation area Learner Growth.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steffes moved to approve second reading of policies GACB Patriotic Exercises, GBA Curriculum Adoption, GBA-R Curriculum Design & Evaluation, GBEDA Service for English

Learners, GDB Interscholastic Activities, GEF Animals in the Classroom. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

#### NEW BUSINESS

Teaching and Learning committee report: National School Lunch Review update, policies to review, identify 'next' section in board policy to review, governance discussion, Literacy Specialist discussion, update on Leadership Competency work, legislative updates, OpenEd discussion, new course proposal, program update, budget discussion.

Murch moved to approve the first reading of new policies ACDB - Surveillance and Recordings in Schools, ACF - Whistleblower Protections Policy, DBFA - Educator Evaluations, DBFA-R - Educator Evaluation Procedures, DBG - Professional Development Plan, and GBEBA - Sex Education. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Murch moved to approve the new course proposal for Technology Inquiry. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Building and Grounds committee report: update from Mr. Laxdal, Mr. Gutknecht, Mr. Lerew, and Mr. Bauer, building fund update, safety mill discussion, governance model discussion, major purchases for 2025-26, project updates, legislative updates.

Budget and Human Resources committee report: update on 2024-2025 budget, safety mill update, discussion on 2025-26 budget, governance model discussion, board retreat feedback, major purchases for 2025-26, feedback from NCEA meeting, review of potential budget cuts, brainstorm items for negotiations, legislative update.

Johnson moved to set the annual school board election for Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Polls to open from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Terms are up for: Area #2 Olson, Area #3 Jalbert, and #7 Murch. Steffes seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Superintendent summative evaluation will be shared to all board members via Rocky Mountain Evaluation System. They must be completed by February 28, 2025.

Dr. Steiner led discussion on the National School Lunch Program review that occurred in December 2024.

Steffes moved to approve the bid received from Pine Cove for the building camera system upgrade to be purchased with COPS grant funding. Jalbert seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to approve spring 2025 co-curricular contracts for A. Anderson, JH softball, K. Weisbeck, and R. Bowman, JH baseball. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Johnson moved to accept reduction-in-force non-renewal for 6<sup>th</sup> period prep contracts for L. Bush, K. Wittner, and M. Walter. Steffes seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve the second reading of the 2025-2026 school year calendar as presented. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to approve offering the preschool program for the 2025-2026 school year. Johnson seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Jalbert moved to approve the petition from the Northern Cass Education Association as the negotiating unit and to post the Notice of Recognition. Steffes seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Steffes moved to nominate board member Moser as an alternative negotiator for the 2025-2027 master agreement. Jalbert seconded the motion which passed (Yes: Jalbert, Johnson, Moser, Murch, Steffes).

Moser moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Brad Bjerke, President

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Paige Carlson, Business Manager