

Regular school Board Meeting

Necedah Area School District

Necedah EC-12 – Library Media Center

November 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

1. President Dan Dutschek called the meeting to order. Present were board members Ard, Herried, McNally, Horak for the opening of the meeting. Also present were Pupil Service Director Matthew Sherwood, Elementary School Principal Jessica McCracken, and Superintendent Tanya Kotlowski.
2. President Dan Dutschek began the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Motion by Mike Horak, second by John Ard to approve the agenda, Motion carried.
4. Citizens Forum:
  - 1 No one came forward.
5. Motion by Roger Herried, second by John Ard for approval of the minutes for the Special Board meeting Thursday October 24, 2024. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Mike Horak, second by Roger Herried for approval of the minutes for the Regular Board meeting, Monday October 28, 2024. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Roger Herried, seconded by Matthew McNally to approve the following: **Vouchers and EFTs**
  - Checks for approval: Checks 84304-84517
  - Wire Transfers/ACH 202400XXX ending in 076, 120, 124, 127, 139-145, 147-152, 156-165, 167-180, 189-191

New Business:

**A: FEMA Grant Update - Community Safe Room Project:** I feel we need an agenda item with this optic as to create a transparent action plan toward writing this grant. We have met with Upper 90, our vendor who is drawing up the bus garage schematic. We have worked directly with Jordan Buss, our FEMA grant writer. I will be working on writing draft letters of support for various municipal entities, to receive their support for the grant. As more information comes forward regarding the grant, schematic, or other important information, I will share it in Friday Updates.

- No board action taken.

**B: Board Resolution Adopting the 2024 Juneau County All Hazards Mitigation Plan:** To submit for a FEMA grant, we need to have a school board resolution to approve the county's hazard mitigation plan. The following link has the Juneau County plan for your consideration. I do not see any issues with adopting this plan. I have been in communication with the Director of Juneau County Emergency Management. We have also been in close contact to review our safety plan, etc. I will provide our safety plan next month for your approval. The resolution is in the board packet.

- Motion by John Ard, Second by Roger Herried to adopt the resolution to approve the 2024 Juneau County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. 5 voted yes, 0 voted no; motion carried.

**C: Fund 46: Capital Improvement Fund:** Following our Transportation Committee Meeting (Roger and John) we decided to add a truck/plow to the capital improvement plan. We budgeted it this year; however, there is a timeline to wait for a new vehicle, so we won't get it until spring.

- Discussion about getting the 250 lighter ford truck or the 350 heavier ford truck for the snow plowing.
- Discussion whether we purchase the vehicle and turn it in after 3 years and trade it in for another new snowplow truck.
- The quote is for the purchase of the 350-ford truck.
- Motion by John Ard, second by Roger Herried to approve the Fund 46 Capital Improvement Plan to purchase the 350-ford plow truck. Motion carried.

**D: Continuing Board Member Salary Refusal:**

- Each year I need to notify board members of their right to refuse salary. The refusal needs to happen before December 1, 2024. I do not recommend this to any of you; however, I also know

there are situations in which this pay might jump up your tax bracket and is not worth it. This is the primary reason it is offered each year to board members around the state.

- No board action taken.

**F: Resignations**

- Nothing at this time.

**G: Hiring: (recommendation forms and resumes are included in the board packet)**

- Nothing at this time

**H: Unpaid Leave:**

- No action necessary.

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**I: Hiring**

- **Support Staff Hiring/Resignation and Teacher Reassignment Report**
- None at this time.

**Acceptance of Donations/Grants:**

- Daniel and Sherri Cox: \$1,000 donation to Necedah Powerlifting Club.

Motion by John Ard, second by Mike Horak to approve the \$1,000 donation from Dan and Sherri Cox for the Necedah Powerlifting Club. Motion carried.

- Coughlin Sanford Post No. 277: Donated \$100 for Frigid Five program (winter clothing) and \$200 for Thanksgiving food for families

Motion by Roger Herried, second by Matthew McNally to approve the \$300 donation for Frigid Five and Thanksgiving meals for families. Motion carried.

**8: Administrative reports:**

**a. Elementary Board report: by Jessica McCracken**

**1. Professional Development:**

- Committee Work started: ELA and Read Across America. New
- curriculum considerations for ELA committee
- Collaboration with Student Services Team including Paul
- Started Reading Plan meetings; this is a big undertaking
- (example reading plan)
- Parent sessions for 4K parents with Paul
- November update shared with families

**2. From the Classroom**

- Math night was a success, serving 83 students.
- Families learned math games to play at home as well as visited the book fair!
- Veteran's Day: 4th and 5th essay winners honored at assembly. Great community turn out.  
5th: Vivianna B, Phoebe M, Amari H.  
4th: Lydia A, Oakley M, Novalynn C
- Grades 3-5 got to watch the Freaky Friday dress rehearsal
- G/T Lego competition 11/19!

**3. Upcoming events.**

- Nov 19: PATT meeting 6pm elementary commons
- Dec 6: Elementary PTC
- Dec 16 K-3 Holiday Concert 6:30 pm and PATT bake sale
- Jan 21: 6:00 pm PATT meeting
- Feb 12: Family Reading Night

- b. Administrative report: Superintendent Tanya Kotlowski

**Updates:**

a. **State Report Cards:**

- i. We received our secure state report cards, and they will go public on the 19th. This report card release is, once again, not comparable to other report cards because they changed all the cut-off scores for proficiency. The following link has an update to increase this level of understanding. Basically, our schools performed at the following levels. We had a CESA 5 data retreat meeting with all our administrators to go over the data and causes for impact on final results. This data will be shared as a part of our 23-24 school improvement reports.
  - 1. District - Meets Expectations
  - 2. Elementary School - Meets Expectations
  - 3. N-Vision Charter School - Meets Few Expectations
  - 4. Middle School - Fails to Meet Expectations
  - 5. High School - Meets Expectations
  - 6. N-Gage Academy - Exceeds Expectations

b. **School Improvement Reports:**

- i. We have moved back our school improvement reports by one month. This is due to the change in state report card data, and what we have learned from our data meeting with CESA 5 (last week). The elementary report will be in December and the MS/HS report will be in January. This report will include a dissection of student learning data.

c. **Referendum Update:**

- i. This election cycle had an 80% success passage rate for the school referendum questions around the state. The following link has the final results

d. **Office of School Safety Report:**

- i. The following link has information from Speak Up Speak Out, a reporting portal/program from the Office of School Safety. Basically, the SUSO received 5,270 tips during the 2023-2024 school year, a more than 40 percent increase from the previous school year. Since the inception of SUSO in 2020, bullying has consistently been the number one tip. It is also common nationally for bullying to be the most reported tip. This tip line is available to our students and families and is posted on our website.

e. **Winter Updates:**

- i. Each fall/winter I share an update with families regarding preparation for winter weather. The document will be shared with families this week.

Motion: by Mike Horak, second by John Ard to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Matthew McNally, DC, DCCJP  
Clerk