

*To Be Approved on February 10, 2025*

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Benzie, Michigan, was held at the TCAPS Administration at Glenn Loomis, 1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, Michigan, on Monday, January 27, 2025.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Newman-Bale, Secretary Ballenger, Trustee Bird, Trustee Pack, Trustee Schmidt

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-President Moon Mohr, Treasurer Raymond

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Houghton, O'Branovic, Tiesworth, VanWagoner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Central Elementary students led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board welcomed staff and citizens, reviewed the agenda, considered any suggested rearrangement of items, and determined if any changes in the agenda were needed.

**Approval of the meeting agenda as presented.**

**Moved by: Ballenger**

**Seconded by: Bird**

**The following vote was held:**

**Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Newman-Bale and Schmidt**

**Nay: N/A**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT #1** (Orange Card)

President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up for public comment and the following addressed the Board.

- David Richardson

5. **CONSENT**

The purpose of the consent calendar was to expedite business by grouping items together to be dealt with by one Board member motion without discussion. Any member of the Board may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

a. **Meeting Minutes**

The Board considered the Regular and Closed Session Organizational meeting minutes from the January 13, 2025 meeting.

**Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented without discussion.**

**Moved by: Bird**

**Seconded by: Ballenger**

**The following vote was held:**

**Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Newman-Bale, and Schmidt**

**Nay: N/A**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

6. **STUDY SESSION - Artificial Intelligence**

Dr. VanWagoner introduced Evan O'Branovic, Executive Director of Technology, to address Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the district and in the classroom. Some highlights include:

- AI literacy in terms of understanding, evaluating and integrating.
- Examples of AI being used in and out of the classroom as a study tool.
- Student security being a priority and how privacy and data are protected.
- The future of AI for staff and students as an effective tool to enhance teaching and learning.

The presentation slides are available in the agenda packet or [click here](#) to view.

**Trustee Pack arrived at 6:24 p.m.**

**Trustee Bird was absent from 7:04 p.m.-7:10 p.m.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT #2** (Green Card)

President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up for public comment and no request was made.

8. **BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS**

President Newman-Bale shared that the upcoming meetings are a Regular Board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and a Study Session on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.**

**Moved by: Bird**

**Seconded by: Ballenger**

**The following vote was held:**

**Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt**

**Nay: N/A**

**MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Respectfully Prepared By,

*Tammy Brunan*

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Board Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary

**Next Board of Education Meeting**  
**Monday, February 10, 2025**  
**Administration at Glenn Loomis**  
**1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684**

***Board of Education:***

***Josey Ballenger, Holly T. Bird, V., Erica L. Moon Mohr,  
Scott Newman-Bale, Beth Pack, Andrew R. Raymond and Ty Schmiddt***