

To be approved on September 23, 2024

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, September 9, 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Newman-Bale, Vice President Humphreys, Secretary Ballenger, Treasurer Raymond, Trustee Moon Mohr, Trustee Bird, and Trustee Pack

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Houghton, Smith, Taylor, Thomas-Hill, and VanWagoner

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: Tiesworth

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Newman-Bale led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board welcomed staff and citizens, reviewed the agenda. President Newman-Bale recommended amending the agenda to include a moment of silence.

Approval of agenda as amended.

Moved by: Ballenger

Seconded by: Pack

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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4. **RECOGNITION**

Dr. VanWagoner recognized Traverse Heights Elementary Principal Bryan Kay for receiving the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) Outstanding Principal Award for Region 13 and West Middle School Teacher Sarah DeKett for receiving the Michigan Art Education Association Middle Level Art Educator of the Year Award.

5. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Trustee Raymond led those in attendance in a moment of silence and reflection for everyone affected by the tragic event on the first day of school.

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

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

- Grant Parsons
- Scot Richards
- Bill Wiesner
- Jenny Walter

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. **Legislative Update**

Dr. VanWagoner shared that there is talk of passing a bill in the next 30 days that would put in code the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System (MPERS) rollback of the percentage of the liability that the district has to pay. It has also been expressed by legislators that a supplemental for school safety and mental health is a high priority. Dr. VanWagoner asked that the community continue to advocate for those funds. Christine Thomas-Hill shared that the district originally allocated \$1.9 million for this funding based on the Governor's proposed budget and only \$190,000 was allocated by the state.

b. **District Highlights**

Rotary Backpack for Kids

The Sunrise Rotary handed out 1,122 backpacks this year to students, including all Traverse Heights and Blair Elementary students. Dr. VanWagoner thanked community members, TCAPS staff, and Board members for helping to stuff backpacks this year.

Student Support Network (SSN)

Dr. VanWagoner shared that SSN received some generous donations in the past week from various organizations and individuals, including West Shore Bank, 100 Women Who Care, and Yes! for Kids. The Back to School Pop Up event was very successful, 185 students participated and 45 additional students received back to school items.

Meemic Foundation \$1,000 to Kick Off the School Year Grant

Congratulations to East Middle School Instructional Coach, Ali Sullivan, who was a recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Meemic Foundation to help kick off the 2024/25 school year.

TruNorth Giving Pump

Dr. VanWagoner shared that TruNorth has a "Giving Pump" program that designates one fuel dispenser per store and donates one cent per gallon sold on that pump to the district. This typically generates around \$5,000 - 7,000 per year for the district.

c. **USDA/TCLP Presentation - pending**

Dr. VanWagoner shared that at this time he does not have a presentation. Traverse City Light and Power (TCLP) is still working with their attorney's to determine how to move forward with the application.

8. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

Board members provided a brief summary of meetings held, and discussed miscellaneous topics.

a. **Board Curriculum Committee (August 27)** → Report out by Moon Mohr

- b. **Board Executive Committee (August 29)** → Report out by Newman-Bale
- c. **Michigan Association of School Boards (August 16-18)** → Report out by Ballenger
- d. **Board Office Hours 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
 - i. August 22, 2024 → Report out by Ballenger
 - ii. September 26, 2024 → Attending: Raymond

9. 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. **Personnel Recommendations (Informational only per Board Policy 3120)**
The Board reviewed personnel recommendations that have been included in the agenda packet.
- b. **Field Trips/Conferences**
The Board considered the following:
 - i. League of Innovative Schools 2024 Convening
- c. **TCAPS District Course Catalog with Amendments**
The Board considered approval of the 2024-2025 TCAPS District Course Catalog with amendments.
- d. **Meeting Minutes**
The Board considered the minutes from the August 29, 2024 Special Meeting.

Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented and without discussion.

Moved by: Raymond

Seconded by: Humphreys

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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10. DISCUSSION

a. **School Safety Update**

Dr. VanWagoner shared that the district has begun installing large white numbers on some of the exterior doors. These numbers were installed specifically to aid first responders, helping to expedite their response times when they arrive at the schools. Each number is paired with our digital critical mapping software and the 'E911' emergency calling system at central dispatch. When all of these elements work together, they not only pinpoint the location of the call within each school but also enable the emergency dispatcher to guide incoming units in real time. This system ensures that responders can navigate directly to the specific location within the school without having to rely on school staff, thus minimizing further disruption to the student population.

b. Certification of Board of Education Voting Delegates for MASB Assembly

The Board considered certification of the official voting delegates and alternates who will represent the Board of Education at the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Assembly on Thursday, October 24. As a district with 5,001 – 11,000 students, TCAPS is entitled to four (4) Voting Delegates and four (4) Alternates. All delegates must be certified by Friday, October 4.

Approval that the Board of Education certify Josey Ballenger, Scott Newman-Bale, and Beth Pack as voting delegates for the Michigan Association of School Boards 2024 Delegate Assembly on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Pack

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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c. Inter-District Open Enrollment

The Board considered action to reaffirm the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996 (Senate Bill 851), and not accept applications of non-resident students from outside the District for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years (This means to opt-out of the State plan and adopt the Northwest Education Services' plan).

Scott Newman-Bale was absent from the meeting from 7:05 -7:07 p.m.

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Moved by: Bird

Seconded by: Ballenger

The following Roll Call vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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d. Bertha Vos Property Update

Dr. VanWagoner informed the Board that he does not have any updates to discuss at this time. The realtor continues to work with the interested parties to prepare a proposal for the Board to review at a later time.

Flournoy Humphreys was absent from the meeting 7:17-7:19 p.m.

e. October 28 Study Session Topic Discussion

Upon discussion, the Board reached a consensus to discuss budget formulation, including Title and At-Risk funding allocation at the October 28 Board Study Session. They determined that bond discussions will happen during regular meetings. The Board Recording Secretary will work on a schedule for 2025 that will include six (6) Study Sessions - three (3) of which will be specifically for Strategic Planning in the Spring.

f. Board Policy Discussion

Associate Superintendent, Coni Taylor, reviewed and discussed recommended technical changes to the Thrun policies that will be brought to the Board at a later meeting for adoption. The Board provided direction on some of the technical changes. Ms. Taylor will make all the recommended updates and bring a resolution to the October 21 Board meeting to adopt Thrun Law's policies.

Holly Bird was absent from the meeting 8:38- 8:41 p.m.

g. Central High School Tennis Facility Naming

The Board discussed requests from the community to name the Central High School tennis complex after long-time tennis coach Larry Nykerk. They reviewed the policy regarding naming of facilities and determined that they would take action on the request once the Thrun Law policies have been approved at the October 21 meeting. They did agree that any signage and future repair/replacement would have to be paid for through donations/fundraising.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (Green Card)

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

- Dana Greensky

12. BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS

President Newman-Bale indicated that the Board will have Dr. VanWagoner's quarterly evaluation in October, which all Board members can participate in. He reminded Board members that in order to participate in Dr. VanWagoner's evaluation in December, they will have to complete the MASB Superintendent Evaluation and Rater Reliability training.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Moved by: Raymond

Seconded by: Bird

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Nay: N/A

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Respectfully Prepared By,

Stacey Hozak

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Board Recording Secretary

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Next Board of Education Meeting - Study Session

Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Administration at Glenn Loomis

1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Board of Education:

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