

# Minutes of a Work Session Meeting, August 12, 2021 Novi Community School District Board of Education

A Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Novi Community School District was held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, beginning at 7:02 PM.

Present: Dr. Ruskin (remotely), Mr. Smith, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Roney, Mrs. Hood and Mr. Cook (by Roll Call)

Absent: Mrs. Murphy

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined with the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

## Personnel Report

Gary Kinzer, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presents for your consideration the following personnel changes:

## A. New Hires

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Bldg.</u> | <u>Assignment</u>     | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <b>Effective</b> |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Black, Jillian      | MS           | Special Ed Teacher    | New Hire      | BA          | 08-30-21         |
| Malinowski, Emily   | ECEC         | Speech-Language Path. | New Hire      | MA+30       | 08-30-21         |
| Hackbardt, Kelli    | Adult Ed     | Math Teacher          | New Hire      | Hourly      | 08-16-21         |
| Holtschneider, Donn | na ECEC      | Preschool Teacher     | New Hire      | Hourly      | 08-30-21         |
| Phillips, Kathleen  | Adult Ed     | ESL Teacher           | Rehire        | Hourly      | 08-16-21         |

## **B.** Retirements and Resignations

| <u>Name</u>          | Bldg.       | <u>Assignment</u>                         | <u>Reason</u> | <b>Effective</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|---|---------------|------------------|
| Carty, Claire        | DF          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher             | Resigned      | 08-10-21         |
| Littleton, Gabrielle | VO          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher             | Resigned      | 08-10-21         |
| McDonald, Martin     | MS          | Special Ed Teacher                        | Resigned      | 08-02-21         |
| DeAlmeida, Michelle  | Adult Ed    | Math Teacher                              | Resigned      | 08-09-21         |
| Kelp, William        | St. Matthew | Matthew Shared Time-P.E. Teacher Resigned |               | 08-04-21         |
| Kendall, Susanne     | St. Matthew | Shared Time-P.E. Teacher Resigned         |               | 08-04-21         |
| Rasor, Thomas        | Adult Ed    | ESL Teacher                               | Resigned      | 06-29-21         |
| LaLonde, Lucas       | HS/MS       | Auditorium Supervisor                     | Resigned      | 08-05-21         |
| Morgan, Alice        | TRAN        | Bus Driver                                | Retired       | 06-30-21         |

## C. Leaves of Absence

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Bldg.</u> | <u>Assignment</u>  | <u>Reason</u>   | <u>Effective</u>      |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Ferrari, Emily | MS           | Special Ed Teacher | LOA #1-Personal | 2021-2022 School Year |

It was moved by Mr. Cook and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Board of Education adopts the personnel report recommendations as presented.

Ayes: 6 Dr. Ruskin (remotely), Mr. Smith, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, and Mrs. Roney (by Roll Call)

Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

#### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

## 2021-22 Board Meeting Schedule

On January 7, 2021, at the Board's Organizational Meeting, the Board approved the 2021 meeting schedule. A tentative 2021-22 Board of Education Meeting schedule is presented tonight for review and discussion for District planning and facilities scheduling purposes.

These meetings will be held at the Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi Michigan 48374. The tentative schedule includes proposed dates for the Board Workshops.

#### District Improvement Plan

Dr. RJ Webber, Assistant Superintendent, presented a draft of the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP), formerly the District Improvement Plan (DIP) to the Board this evening. He explained the goals, strategies, communication methods, family engagement, and the implementation process.

The MICIP is a pathway for districts to improve student outcomes by assessing whole child needs to develop plans and coordinate funding.

## Report Cards, Grading, and Reporting

Dr. RJ Webber, Assistant Superintendent, along with Mr. Robert Baker, Mr. Andrew Comb, Mrs. Katy Dinkelmann, Ms. Stephanie Boersma, and Mrs. Darby Hoppenstedt lead a discussion on report cards, grading, and reporting with the Board.

They discussed assessing and grading using:

- the percentage scale, 0-100% versus the five (5) point scale;
- the POWER rubric;
- points-based classroom reporting;
- Universal Design for Learning;
- Target Based Learning; and
- assessment retaking.

## COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were four (4) comments from the audience regarding DEI support and hiring. There was also a comment regarding mask mandates and one on education plans.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Cook and supported by Mrs. Hood that the Novi Board of Education Regular Board meeting be adjourned

Ayes: 6Dr. Ruskin (remotely), Mr. Smith, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, and Mrs. Roney (by Roll Call)

## Nays: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at the Educational Services Building.

| Willy Mena, | Secretary |
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An online recording of this meeting is available on YouTube and on the District Website: novi.k12.mi.us