Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Trustees
Northville Public Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Board of Trustees of Northville Public Schools was held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Hillside Middle School 775 N. Center St. Northville, MI 48167.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Mazurek at 6:33 p.m. at Hillside Middle School.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mazurek led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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<th>Mr. James Mazurek, President</th>
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<td>Mr. Roland Hwang, Vice President</td>
<td>Mr. Dave Rodgers, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources</td>
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<td>Ms. Ann Kalass, Secretary</td>
<td>Mr. Mike Zopf, Asst. Supt. for Finance &amp; Operations</td>
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<td>Mr. Matthew Wilk, Treasurer</td>
<td>Mr. Aaron Baughman, Asst. Supt. for Instructional Services</td>
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<td>Ms. Laurie Doner, Trustee</td>
<td>Mr. Steve Banchero, Director of Operations</td>
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<td>Ms. Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee</td>
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<td>Ms. Sarah Prescott, Trustee (absent, excused)</td>
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President Mazurek noted all candidates are present who are running for School Board in the 11/6/18 Election (3 seats) and introduced them, including acknowledgment of current BOE members running for election/reelection. Candidates include Ms. Angela Jaafar, Ms. Suzanne Lynn, and current BOE members Mr. Roland Hwang and Mr. Jim Mazurek)

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No. 18/19-014 by Vice President Hwang, supported by Treasurer Wilk, that
the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carries 6-0.

5. **Consent Resolutions**

   Motion No. **18/19-015** by Vice President Hwang, supported by Trustee Jankowski, that the Board accept the consent agenda items for approval as presented:

   a) Minutes of the August 7, 2018 Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education;
   b) Minutes of the August 7, 2018 Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education
   c) Field Trip Request by Northville High School Boys' Varsity Hockey for games on December 7 - 8, 2018, in Traverse City, MI
   d) Field Trip Request by Northville High School Boys' Hockey for games near Grand Rapids, MI, from December 21 - 22, 2018
   e) Second Reading and Adoption of Policy # 2131 Student Code of Conduct Revisions
   f) Finance Subcommittee Meeting at 5:45 p.m. on August 28, 2018 at Board Office (Room 302)
   g) Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 21, 2018, start time moved **from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**
   h) Beverage vending contract to the Coca-Cola Company for the 2018-2023 school years.
   i) Bill Warrants totaling $2,184,833.04

   Motion carried 6-0

6. **Communications**

   Secretary Kalass reported the receipt of many Main Street Communications regarding the sale of the property.
   a) Main Street Communications

7. **Superintendent’s Report/Update**

   a) Superintendent Gallagher introduced the Northville Council of PTAs: 18-19 PTA Advocacy Co-Chairs Carin Meyer and Tanya Pitkin. Ms. Meyer and Ms. Pitkin will be attending and advocating at meetings throughout the state, sharing information with the NPS PTAs regarding bills and issues affecting schools, and the position each of our legislators hold regarding these issues.

   The Board thanked them for volunteering as Advocacy Chairs and would like to work together with them on the many issues facing public schools in Michigan.
8. **Public Hearing/Questions**

Geena & Chris Davis introduced themselves as buyers for one of the lots as part of the Old Village LLC proposal.

Mary Keyes shared support of Old Village LLC and spoke about being a good neighbor, the rubric used to evaluate proposals, compliance with the RFP, and the large number of letters submitted in support of Old Village LLC.

Mark Guidobono, Cambridge bidder, shared reasons to support his proposal. He is a Northville family with children who went through NPS. His proposal is the highest by $80,000 and he hopes the Board selects his proposal.

Mike Miller, Old Village LLC bidder, shared reasons to support his proposal. The $400,000 non-refundable deposit, buyers lined up. Pocket park, donation of land, and strong community support.


a) Public Hearing

None.

b) Board Consideration - Opt-Out Provision section 380.1271 Michigan School Code

Superintendent Gallagher noted Northville High School has a grab and go breakfast that can qualify for those students participating in the free and reduced lunch program.

Motion No. 18/19-016 by Treasurer Wilk, supported by Vice President Hwang, that the Board accept administration's recommendation to exercise the Opt-Out provision of the School Breakfast Program, Section 380.1271, Michigan School Code, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

10. **Final Consideration - Sale of Main Street School Property**

Mr. Zopf and Mr. Bowman briefly reviewed the three proposals and clarified questions regarding a proposed park location in the Old Village LLC proposal.

Treasurer Wilk asked where the easement for ATT is located. Mr. Bowman stated it is partially on the donated land and the underground area is likely partially on lot three. All bidders were aware of the easement and none of them expressed any concerns. A survey would be required to give exact dimensions on each parcel.
Treasurer Wilk asked for clarification on the park donation money of $30,000 and the earth work.

Vice President Hwang asked if the $30,000 is specifically for the Creative Corner park concept. Mr. Bowman stated it is designated specifically for that. The donated 10x155 lot is planned as a green belt buffer, not part of the $30,000.

President Mazurek accepted an additional Public Comment on the Main Street School Property topic.

Greg Presley is the architect for Old Village LLC, Miller and Morad, and is a historic preservation architect. He has designed many homes in Northville and intends to build homes on the lots which will be a legacy in the Northville community.

President Mazurek clarified all three proposals are still on the table.

The Board had lengthy dialog regarding the three single family home proposals under consideration for development of the Main Street School Property. Each Board member shared thoughts on the proposals and the factors which influenced their decision.

Trustee Doner thanked the bidders and community for the thoughtful work throughout this process. From her educator lens, she supports the Creative Courtyard; four houses on five lots; and welcomes a garden club or neighborhood maintenance of the courtyard, but is unsure how this will work. Superintendent Gallagher stated the Courtyard will be on our property and we will have control on what is put there and ultimately will be responsible for maintenance. However, much like our schools relying on PTA and Dads’ Club for maintenance, the idea of a garden club fits right in and would be welcomed.

Trustee Jankowski spent a lot of time reviewing the proposals. She thanked all the folks who played a role in the bid process. The Malloure Family option was fantastic but the unknowns with the city were concerning. The Cambridge proposal is amazing, the brochure provided highlights spectacular homes and although they build many dream homes, the fit for the homes on Main Street didn’t appeal as much as the Old Village LLC. The Old Village LLC bid was impressive, lots of attention to detail. The four houses on five lots is advantageous and going out into the community to hear what they want and give such thought to what is best for the neighborhood is extraordinary.

Secretary Kalass noted she was not at the Committee of the Whole meeting on 8/7/18 and President Mazurek filled her in on what she missed. Impressed with the community and all the thought and work they put in to presenting the Board with their viewpoint. The Malloure Family option had a lot of unknowns and a large price differential. The other two were close in price and ultimately likes the Old Village LLC proposal best.
Vice President Hwang thanked everyone for all the work on this process. He prefers the Old Village LLC proposal overall. The idea of a parent park, fewer houses on the lots, and the parcels being presold is important. Although both Cambridge and Old Village LLC have the capacity to complete the project, the Old Village historic renderings are appealing.

President Mazurek feels the price is a wash and the park is nice but not a deal maker. The three things he looked at to make his decision were: Old Village LLC has buyers lined up; there are four houses on five lots; and the community strongly supports the Old Village LLC proposal.

Treasurer Wilk thanked all the folks involved in this project. He spoke about school funding in Michigan and noted we cannot maintain two buildings, Main Street must come down. He also noted he supports Old Village LLC as the risk of financial delivery and capacity is less in his view with this project since buyers are lined up. The builder will ultimately have to get plans approved by the HDC and since the community strongly supports the Old Village LLC, it may impact the approval process and get things moving. Finally, the 10ft. piece of land is a big buffer and has value, which is also part of the Old Village LLC proposal.

President Mazurek asked Superintendent Gallagher if the district has a preference. She stated all proposals were carefully considered. A significant amount of work and review by the administrative team, legal counsel, Board of Education, the bidders, and the community went into getting where we are tonight. Ultimately, the historic preservation of the ambiance of Main Street is something the district is looking forward to as Old Village School reopens this fall.

Motion No. 18/19-017 by Treasurer Wilk, supported by Vice President Hwang, that the Board adopt the Main Street School Property Resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jankowski – yes; Kalass –yes; Mazurek –yes; Prescott – absent; Wilk – yes; Doner –yes; Hwang – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

11. **Instructional Materials: Middle School Science**

Motion No. 18/19-018 by Vice President Hwang, supported by Treasurer Wilk, that the Board authorized the administration to award a contract to Activate Learning for IQWST Materials for Middle School Science in an amount not to exceed $118,057 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

12. **New Hires: Teachers**
Motion No. 18/19-019 by Vice President Hwang, supported by Trustee Jankowski, that the Board award one-year probationary NEA teacher contracts for the 2018/19 school year to the following certified staff as presented:

- Katharine Farmer, FTE TBD
- Chelsea Gillette, 1.0 FTE
- Abigail Jeong, 1.0 FTE

Motion carried 6-0.

13. **Added Agenda Items**

None.

14. **Public Comments**

None.

15. **Questions/Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Rodgers stated the 2018-19 calendar change is ready to be made official and the NEA has signed the LOU. We will send out a communication to families informing them of the change.

Superintendent Gallagher shared the plan to add .5 FTE to NHS with the assistant principal not going back and forth between NHS and Hillside. Also, a Student Support Services position will be added at Hillside. Treasurer Wilk asked we keep the addition of staff in mind as the Hillside building is designed.

16. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Ann Kalass, Secretary