Minutes of Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Trustees
Northville Public Schools

A Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education of the Board of Trustees of Northville Public Schools was held Thursday, April 9, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Virtual Zoom Meeting.

1. **Call to Order**

   Meeting called to order by President Wilk at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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<td>Mr. Aaron Baughman, Asst. Supt. for Instructional Services</td>
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<td>Ms. Angela Jaafar, Trustee</td>
<td>Ms. Beth Santer, Director of Special Services</td>
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3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   President Wilk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

   Vice President Hwang noted addition of NEA request to discuss views with the Board of Education, under Distance Learning/Continuity of Learning Plan/ COVID 19.

   Motion No. 19/20-115 by Vice President Hwang, supported by Treasurer Jankowski, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jankowski – yes; Lynn- yes; Prescott – yes; Wilk –yes; Doner – yes; Hwang – yes; Jaafar – yes.
Motion carried 7-0.

5. **Consent Resolutions**
Motion No. 19/20-116 by Vice President Hwang, supported by Treasurer Jankowski, that the Board accept the consent agenda items for approval as presented:

a) Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Board of Education
b) Minutes of the March 31, 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Board of Education

Roll Call Vote: Lynn – yes; Prescott – yes; Wilk – yes; Doner – yes; Hwang – yes; Jaafar – yes; Jankowski – yes. Motion carried 7-0.

6. **Communications**

Approximately 140 communications have been received from parents and teachers regarding the Continuity of Learning Plan. The Board has received them all and appreciates the feedback.

7. **Superintendent’s Report/Update**

Superintendent Gallagher expressed gratitude to many of our community members stepping up and making contributions to our healthcare professionals.

Superintendent Gallagher presented a slideshow which reviewed the Continuity of Learning Plan as presented in item 9.

8. **Public Comments**

There were approximately 150 comments presented to the Board which were submitted both in writing for future follow-up in our FAQ document relating to items such as graduation, grades, summer school, and teaching platforms and direct comments to the Board regarding flexibility, special services, and several notes of thanks for revising the plan.

The comments in writing which were not answered tonight will be addressed over the next few weeks as answers become available and placed into our FAQ document available on our website.

9. **NPS Distance Learning / Continuity of Learning/COVID-19 Response Plan Application -Discussion**

a) Northville Education Association - Request to Address the Board of Education pursuant to Article II(E) of the NEA Collective Bargaining Agreement - Right to Discuss Views with the Board of Education. *The Board provided an initial
opportunity for the NEA to discuss this item at the 4/6/20 Board of Education, and is providing a second opportunity at this meeting pursuant to the written request of the NEA.

President Wilk read a statement from the NEA and noted they have deferred taking action on the Article II request with the expectation of a continuation of the collaborative approach.

b) Continuity of Learning Plan Presentation / Update

Superintendent Gallagher reviewed the updated Continuity of Learning Plan covering the following topics: Timeline & Context; Required Assurances; Guiding Principles; Application Components; and Process / Consideration of Input.


Ms. Santer provided an overview on Special Services and noted there aren’t many adjustments from the original plan. The Mental Health Hotline is still available, the food distribution program will also continue.

Mr. Baughman reviewed the Teacher Instruction Coordination which included Identifying Standards and PD for staff – participation. He also provided an update on Grading / Accountability / Participation.

Superintendent Gallagher noted there should be guidance soon regarding credit, incomplete, a grade, etc. Once more information is available, a recommendation will be presented to the Board.

c) Opportunity for Public Comment regarding this Agenda Item

See Item 8.

d) Follow Up Comments / Additional Information - Central Office Leadership Team

Superintendent Gallagher noted there should be guidance soon regarding credit, incomplete, a grade, etc. Once more information is available, a recommendation will be presented to the Board.

Mr. Baughman shared there will be opportunities for students who were struggling on 3/12/20 to help with the grade.
e) Board Discussion

Each Board member thanked the administration for all the work in the last 48 hours to make revise the plan and come up with something that worked for our teachers and families.

Trustee Jaafar said the new plan answered a lot of question and a lot of progress was made. Teacher voice is important and these revisions show collaboration. There are still a lot of unanswered questions with seniors, graduation, etc. but those answers will come as this plan rolls out.

Trustee Prescott would like to see assignments still issued in a group, possibly on Sundays, to make it easier for parents of younger learners help keep organized. She likes the idea of teachers collaborating and working together on a lesson that could be used across the district. It may also be helpful to offer training to parents on the different platforms which our teachers will be utilizing.

Secretary Doner is proud of the work of the administration for listening to voices and presenting this plan. Feels it is a good plan and is happy to hear it will be a slow roll out.

Trustee Lynn has great pride in the new plan and shared thanks to all who helped to get us here. She appreciates everyone’s willingness to adapt to all the rapid change and hopes we never have to do this again. Ms. Lynn also feels a weekly roll out of materials would be beneficial to families.

Vice President Hwang thinks the idea of teachers collaborating is great. He asked if the district is considering a virtual graduation. Mr. Hwang also likes the idea of lessons for parents on the technology our students will be using.

Treasurer Jankowski is happy we are moving forward and is grateful for the feedback on Tuesday and the amazing work of the COLT team to bring this all together so quickly. She also noted there are several creative ways in the works to celebrate our seniors.

President Wilk stated although we would all prefer to be back to our normal life, this is a good result to move forward and keep our students learning. These lessons created may be good for future use, perhaps we can create an online library. If a student has an extended absence, these lessons would be great to have.

f) Next Steps/Other

Superintendent Gallagher will be submitting the plan to Wayne RESA and believes it will be approved quickly. The plan will begin implementation on
Monday, April 13, 2020 and will be a gradual rollout beginning with teacher contact and touching base with students.

Superintendent Gallagher asked to give a big shout out to our principals who have worked tirelessly to help develop and revise this plan.

Mr. Baughman echoes Superintendent Gallagher’s kudos for principals. They have done an amazing job.

10. **Added Agenda Items**

   None.

11. **Public Comments**

   None.

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

   Trustee Jaafar noted the Governor declared the Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny as essential.

13. **Adjournment**

   There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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   Laurie Doner, Secretary