Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Northville Public Schools

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools was held Tuesday, July 11, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Office (Room 302) 501 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Jankowski at 6:34 p.m. at the Board of Education Offices (Room 302).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Jankowski led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

| Ms. Cynthia Jankowski, President | Ms. Mary Kay Gallagher, Superintendent |
| Mr. James Mazurek, Vice President (absent, excused) | Mr. Mike Zopf, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations |
| Mr. Roland Hwang, Secretary | Ms. Deanna Barash, Asst. Supt. |
| Mr. Matthew Wilk, Treasurer | Ms. Nadine Harris, Director of Special Services |
| Ms. Laurie Doner, Trustee | |
| Ms. Ann Kalass, Trustee | |
| Ms. Sarah Prescott, Trustee (arrived at 6:36 p.m.) | |

4. Adoption of Agenda

Superintendent Gallagher asked for Board input on adding a Title II-A Resolution discussion under Added Agenda Items. The Board recommended including this additional item.

Motion No. 17/18-001 by Trustee Kalass, supported by Treasurer Wilk, that the agenda be adopted as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Communications

None.
6. Consent Resolutions
   Motion No. 17/18-002 by Trustee Kalass, supported by Secretary Hwang, that the Board accept the consent agenda items for approval as presented:
   a) Minutes of the 6/27/17 Special Call - Budget Hearing Board of Education Meeting
   b) Minutes of the 6/27/17 Board of Education Meeting
   c) Minutes of the 6/27/17 Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education
   d) Bill Warrants totaling $2,670,550.82
   Motion carried 6-0.

7. Superintendent’s Report/Update
   a) Superintendent Gallagher shared the highlights of the 2016-17 Partnership with Community Financial Credit Union. A few partnership examples were:
      - Student-Run credit Unions
      - Classroom presentations
      - NEF support
      - Kids’ Against Hunger Donation
      - Security Donation

8. Public Comment
   None.

9. New Hires: Teachers
   Motion No. 17/18-003 by Trustee Kalass, supported by Secretary Hwang, that the Board award one year probationary NEA Contracts to the following certified teachers for the 2017/18 school year as presented:
      - Shelby Graber
      - Christopher Jacobs
      - Kelly Kreitman
   Motion carried 6-0.

10. Bond Proposal Update
    Superintendent Gallagher reviewed the Bond Proposal Follow Up memo
summarizing the outcome of items under further review from the 6-14-17 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Items included Partition Walls at Meads Mill, Moraine Silver Springs and Winchester; Lighting; Bus Allocation; Old Village School Renovation; Updates Bond Planning document revised 7-5-17; Bonding Capacity Update; 7/6/17 Thrun Cover Letter re: Special School Election on 11/7/17; Calendar for Bond Election on 11/7/17 – Important Dates; and Campaign Finance Law – FAQs.

11. **NPS Bonding Proposal / Election Resolution**

President Jankowski noted for the record that although Vice President Mazurek is unable to attend tonight’s meeting, he fully supports the Bond Proposal and Ballot Language.

The Board reviewed the language of the Resolution and Treasurer Wilk suggested it sounded awkward and didn’t flow. Trustee Prescott suggested edits by moving around some of the wording for a better flow. Mr. Zopf confirmed suggested edits were allowable and the Board Secretary would need to initial the changes made to the Resolution.

Motion No. 17/18-004 by Treasurer Wilk, supported by Trustee Kalass, that the Board adopt the Election Resolution for a bond proposal to be submitted to voters at a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as amended. Roll Call Vote: Jankowski – yes; Kalass – yes; Mazurek – absent; Prescott – yes; Wilk – yes; Doner – yes; Hwang – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

12. **Reimbursement Resolution: Bond Proposal**

Motion No. 17/18-005 by Treasurer Wilk, supported by Trustee Kalass, that the Board adopt the Reimbursement Resolution to permit the district, if the bond election is successful, to reimburse General Fund dollars expended for bond projects as presented. Roll Call Vote: Kalass – yes; Mazurek – absent; Prescott – yes; Wilk – yes; Doner – yes; Hwang – yes; Jankowski –yes. Motion carried 6-0.

13. **Consideration of Resignation**

Motion No. 17/18-006 by Trustee Kalass, supported by Treasurer Wilk, that the Board accepts the resignation of Mr. Robert Watson effective August 3, 2017 as referenced, and ratifies the Superintendent's execution of the agreement on behalf of the District. Motion carried 6-0.

14. **Board of Education By-Laws Review**

There was a lengthy Board discussion regarding Board of Education By-Law review, including: timing; minimalist approach to changes; more detailed approach to changes; and MASB model.
Trustee Kalass noted the By-Laws are different than the Standards of Practice (SOP) with the By Laws being the enduring and the SOP will reflect how this particular Board choses to do things.

Trustee Prescott suggested that the By Laws edits would be quick and easy to adopt, and that it could be done in advance of the deeper Standards of Practice discussion.

Adding an additional Board meeting for opportunity to have a deeper dive was suggested by Trustee Kalass. Superintendent Gallagher recommended the Board review the By-Laws and Standards of Practice, and send feedback to Trustee Prescott. Treasurer Wilk will also forward the MASB language to each Board member for review.

Trustee Prescott suggested that an already scheduled BOE meeting that has a light agenda would be good opportunity to add a Committee of the Whole meeting for a Standards of Practice discussion, rather than having to schedule a separate meeting. Trustee Kalass also suggested that dedicating an hour at the beginning of a Committee of the Whole meeting would also be acceptable rather than beginning a discussion after 9 p.m.

The Board concurred with a more timely By Laws review, with the scheduling of the Standards of Practice review to take place when time can be allocated as noted above.

15. **Public Comment**

None.

16. **Added Agenda Items**

Superintendent Gallagher gave background information on the Title II-A funding Resolution. Ms. Barash provided a handout detailing a summary of the Title II funding support for 2017-18. The proposed expenditures amount to $88,200.00.

Trustee Kalass reviewed why she asked Superintendent Gallagher to add this item to the agenda for discussion. It is funding for teacher growth and development and without this funding, the district would have to use the Gereral Fund.

Treasurer Wilk stated he doesn’t support taking federal funding and being told what to do with it. We cannot have it both ways. We cannot accept the funding, but then say we don’t want to be told how to spend it. In addition, Treasurer Wilk stated the district only receives about ½ of the money we should be allocated.

Trustee Prescott state she supports federal funding and the fact that dollars are spent in other districts is also okay with her. She fully supports the Resolution.
The Board decided to move forward with a vote on this issue.

Motion No. 17/18-007 by Trustee Kalass, supported by Trustee Prescott, that the Board adopt the Resolution in Opposition to Elimination of Title II-a Funding as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mazurek – absent; Prescott – yes; Wilk – No; Doner – yes; Hwang – yes; Jankowski –yes; Kalass – yes. Motion carried 5-1.

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

   Superintendent Gallagher would like to have Finance Committee check schedules for the possibility of an August 8, 2017 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

   Sue Campbell with Northville Youth Assistance has a retirement party coming up on 8/13/17.

18. **Adjournment**

   There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Roland Hwang, Secretary