

**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Sue Schultz called the meeting of the North Lake School District Board of Education to order at 5:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Schultz, Debra Schaber, Bob Gatchel, Marty Iverson and John Marchek.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Superintendent, Liesl Ackley; Manager of Business Services, Jennifer Sellhausen; Director of Teaching and Learning, Nancy Meister; and Director of Buildings & Grounds, Karl Ashenfelter.

2. Confirmation of Posting, Open Meeting Clarification, Final Agenda Approval

Public notification was reviewed, and clarification of the open meeting's ruling was given.

Marty Iverson moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Guest Speaker: 6th Grade Write IT Students

- The 6th grade Write It students wrote letters to the community on the things that make North Lake School great. Students reading their letters at the board meeting included Preston Drake, Ava Berghouse, and Jude Liebenthal. Mrs. Ruck read Sophie Bourgeois' letter to Board. These letters can also be read at the Town Hall Library.

4. Public Comments

- Caitlin Schweitzer stated that the "Say Yes" Community Group along with the 3rd and 6th grade Girl Scouts will be running a community canvassing day on March 10, 2024. They have 35 signs that will be placed throughout the community in favor of the referendum.

5. Approval of the January 17, 2024 Regular Session Minutes

Bob Gatchel moved and Deb Schaber seconded to approve the January 17, 2024 Regular Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approval of the January 2024 Checklist and Treasurer's Report

John Marchek moved and Bob Gatchel seconded to approve the January 2024 Checklist and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Communications and Reports

a. Technology Report

- Chad Edstrand, IT Coordinator, addressed the issues of cyber security via video recording. Mr. Edstrand reviewed what North Lake School has accomplished, and what we are planning to do to keep our computer network secure. Staff and student internet safety is a top priority at North Lake School.

b. Teaching & Learning Update

- Nancy Meister stated that parent conferences were held last week and all families were given the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers. Meghan & Tom Findley along with their team of volunteers provided a wonderful meal for the staff.
- The Lake Country Kindergarten has donated tooth necklaces for teachers to hand out in the classroom when a student loses a tooth.
- Nancy Meister presented the Board a new project that Mr. Dave Richman has incorporated into the Lakers Manufacturing class called Tic-Tac-Check. The students learned how to use the Corel Drawing program, the 3-D printer, laser printer, and practiced how to measure, design, and create.
- Dave McConville and Carey Wagner have three teams of 7th and 8th grade students that will compete in the Fluid Power Challenge sponsored by Price Engineering.

c. Facilities Update

- Karl Ashenfelter stated that he is planning on repairing the window sills that are deteriorated, the kitchen grease trap has been pumped, and two replacement doors have been ordered.

d. Referendum Update

- Dr. Ackley stated that a second referendum postcard will be mailed to the community the 1st or 2nd week in March.

- The funds will not reinstate the 2023-2024 school year cuts totaling just under \$500,000.
- These funds would cover ongoing costs for the day-to-day operation of the district.
- They will also address the increased costs for items like transportation, utilities, and special education.
- The funds may reinstate two important part time positions: Reading at an additional cost of \$5,287.86 and Lakers Manufacturing program for an additional cost of \$15,193.53.
- If the referendum is approved, the district will be able to avoid devastating cuts which will significantly affect student learning in 2024-2025.
- These devastating cuts could include: fine arts teaching positions, technology resources, and regular education classroom teachers.

8. New Business

a. Action on Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Psychologist 2024-2025

John Marchek moved and Debra Schaber seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Psychologist for 2024-2025. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action on School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement 2024-2025

Bob Gatchel moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve the School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement for 2024-2025. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action on Hiring Assistant Night Custodian

Marty Iverson moved and John Gatchel seconded to approve the hiring of JP Flannery as Assistant Night Custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Action on Alternative Open Enrollment Application

Deb Schaber moved and Bob Gatchel seconded to approve the Alternative Open Enrollment Application. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Discussion on Referendum Presentation and Community Information

- Dr. Ackley and Mike Clark, School Business Specialist from Robert W. Baird, presented information on the upcoming referendum.
- On April 2, 2024, the North Lake School taxpayers will vote on the following question:

“Shall the North Lake School District, Waukesha County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$850,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes to sustain operational costs?”

- Dr. Ackley, Mr. Clark, and the Board fielded questions from the audience about the referendum. Some questions asked about the term of the referendum, the state of the facility, and the potential for change in school funding from the state of Wisconsin.
- The 2015 Facilities Debt Referendum has been paid off early and the facility is in excellent condition. The 2024 Operational Referendum is for ongoing operational costs not building improvements.

9. Public Comments

- None

10. Adjourn

Marty Iverson moved and Bob Gatchel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Signature of School Board Clerk / Date