

**NORTH LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2023
NORTH LAKE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM 116**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Susan Schultz called the meeting of the North Lake School District Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Superintendent, Liesl Ackley; Manager of Business Services, Jennifer Sellhausen; and Director of Teaching and Learning, Nancy Meister

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 Deb Schaber seconded to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Guest Speakers:

- **Reilly, Penner & Benton "North Lake School District 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements"**
Annette Moy, North Lake Auditor, reviewed the 2022-2023 audited financial statements for North Lake School District.

4. Public Comments

- Caitlin Schweitzer asked the Board how hiring a library aide fits into our financial situation.

5. Approval of the October 18, 2023 Regular Session Minutes

Marty Iverson moved and John Marchek seconded to approve the October 18, 2023 Regular Session Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approval of the October 2023 Checklist and Treasurer's Report

Bob Gatchel moved and Debra Schaber seconded to approve the October 2023 Checklist and Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Communications and Reports

a. Community Referendum Survey Results with Perry Hibner of the Donovan Group

- Perry Hibner, Lead Survey Strategist of the Donovan Group, reviewed the Community Referendum Survey Results with the Board. Overall, the results were extremely positive for the District and a potential April 2nd referendum question.
- Sue Schultz, School Board President, stated "As a Board, we are heartened by the strong community response to these proposed referendum measures. The collective awareness of our financial constraints is essential, and we are grateful for the community's support in exploring responsible and sustainable solutions. The valuable insights our community provided will play a pivotal role in guiding our decision-making process as we work together to shape the best path forward for the district and our community."

b. Teaching & Learning Report

- Nancy Meister stated that the School Report Card was released yesterday to the public. North Lake School continues to "significantly exceed expectations."
- Nancy Meister stated that there was a collaborative effort between Dr. Ackley, Chad Edstrand, Technology Director, and Ms. Meister in updating the Library Plan & Technology Plan.

c. Facilities Update

- Dr. Ackley stated that the office furnace is out of order, and we are waiting on the delivery of the part. Karl Ashenfelter is in the process of getting quotes for the outside doors, and the community outbuilding has been winterized for the season.
- Dr. Ackley and the Board discussed the new Town of Merton fire fee and how it may affect our referendum results.

8. New Business

a. Action on Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the General Obligation Promissory Notes, Dated March 3, 2014

- Dr. Ackley stated that at the October 2023 meeting, the School Board approved an increase to the Fund 39 levy to allow for the North Lake School District to call the 2024 and 2025 maturities of the 2015 Notes for Redemption on January 26, 2024.
- Deb Schaber read the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, DATED MARCH 3, 2015.

WHEREAS, the North Lake School District, Waukesha County, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation Promissory Notes, dated March 3, 2015 (the "2015 Notes");

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to call the 2015 Notes maturing in the years 2024 and 2025 for redemption on January 26, 2024 with funds of the District on hand;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District, that the 2015 Notes maturing in the years 2024 and 2025 are called for prior payment on January 26, 2024 at the price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District hereby directs the District Clerk to work with Associated Trust Company, National Association to cause timely notice of redemption, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Notice"), to be provided at the times, to the parties and in the manner set forth on the Notice. Further, the District Clerk shall cause the funds necessary to redeem the 2015 Notes to be provided to The Depository Trust Company.

Deb Schaber moved and Bob Gatchel seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the General Obligation Promissory Notes, Dated March 3, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Action on District Library Plan

- Dr. Ackley reviewed the highlights of the updated Library Plan with the Board. She stated that Part 5 of the plan reflects on all of our wonderful community partnerships including collaboration with Lake Country Kindergarten Preschool, Town Hall Library, Social Service Agencies, GALS, Oasis Project, VFW, and the North Lake Education Foundation.

Marty Iverson moved and Debra Schaber seconded to approve the District Library Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Action on Hiring Library Aide

- Nancy Meister stated the library is integrated in all grade levels of learning and our staffing challenges have created a collection management issue to keep the library in order. Without an organized library, we will lose the connection to learning and library becomes abandoned.
- Dr. Ackley explained that as part of the DPI's library framework, it is recommended that proper staffing be maintained for strong library programming. The library aide position is a few hours per week which will maintain the organization of the library and is an inexpensive solution to our staffing challenges.

Bob Gatchel moved and John Marchek seconded to approve hiring Jessica Podkomorski as Library Aide. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Action on Hiring Boys' Basketball Coaches

- Dr. Ackley reviewed the Boys' Basketball Coaches for the 2023-2024 season. Coaches are Brad Lenling - 5th Grade, Pete Nielsen - 6th Grade, Jason Foerch - 7th Grade, and Aidan Weigand - 8th Grade.

John Marchek moved and Marty Iverson seconded to approve hiring the Boys' Basketball Coaches. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Public Comments

- Melanie Dundon stated that she enjoys volunteering at school and is open to other volunteer opportunities at North Lake School.

10. Adjourn

Deb Schaber moved and Marty Iverson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature, appearing to be "M. Iverson", is written in dark ink. To the right of the signature, the date "12.20.23" is written in the same ink.

School Board Clerk Signature & Date