

BOARD NOTES

To help aid in communication, we were asked to post some notes of what took place at each board meeting. These are *not* the official meeting minutes as they will be approved at the next board meeting. This, however, is the running notes from each meeting.

Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Newton Elementary School

The meeting in December began with a public hearing starting at 5:30 p.m. to hear comments concerning the retire/rehire of the district treasurer. The regular meeting started promptly at 6:00 p.m. Recognitions included Mr. Hollenback for his 4-year service to the board, and Mrs. Stradley for her 10-year total service to the board.

The board started on time at 6:00 p.m. and heard the Superintendent's reports concerning statewide threats to public schools, and the upcoming planning meeting. The treasurer discussed the forecast and state of the district finances and highlighted legislation such as HB187.

For the work session, the board heard a second read of board policy 5460 graduation requirements. In the consent agenda, for personnel, there were several staffing resolutions concerning the hiring of personnel, and accepting the resignation and rehire of our school treasurer. In the finance consent agenda, the board acted on items for payment of bills and purchase orders.

In other board action, a resolution to approve a resolution Determining to Proceed with an issue of bonds in the amount of \$58 million. The board also approved policy 5460 Graduation Requirements. The board discussed and approved a permanent substitute position for the cafeteria.

There were no instructions for either the superintendent or treasurer prior to the meeting being concluded at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting is on January 8, 2024, at Utica High School starting at 6:00 p.m.