

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
Regular Board of Education Meeting
North Mac High School Media Center
231 West Fortune Street, Virden, IL
6:30 p.m. – February 22, 2023

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Present – Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays

Present via computer – Christopher

Absent – Alexander – in at 7:33 pm

Also Present – Mr. Kyle Hacke, Sarah Raynor, Jon Langellier, Molly Uhe-Edmonds, Randi Anderson, John Downs, Rob Horn, Michael Riffey, Connie Schroeder, John Cherry, Grant Cherry, Kyle Hawkins, Pam Hawkins, Maggie Hawkins, Jeremy White, Craig Neighbors, Vanessa Reinhart, Tom Reinhart, Claire Reinhart, Charlotte Yeates, Carolyn Mehta, Brian Dayton, Scott Athmer, Laura Wellman, Aprille Kuhar

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hays

3. Communications

3.1 Administrator's Reports – Spann asked for clarification on High School iReady reports. Raynor indicated that students may not have taken the tests seriously. A safeguard will be put in place of using report data for class placement. Raynor emphasized that High School staff are working on having high expectations and bringing students to our expectations. Spann also inquired about the absenteeism at the High School. Uhe-Edmonds stated that High School is working on giving students and staff a purpose to get students to be engaged in school and increase daily attendance. Uhe-Edmonds also emphasized the need to parent and community buy in as well.

3.2 Student Presentation – Middle School – Maggie Hawkins and Grant Cherry presented on the benefits cross curricular teaching. Grady and Reinhart have been working in collaboration to teach the events of WWII and the Holocaust. Hawkins and Cherry indicated that cross curricular teaching brings a deeper understanding of the subject. The Middle School traveled to UIS to watch the play "And Then They Came for Me."

4. Public Comment – Connie Schroeder expressed the second-grade students' sadness regarding their cancelled student presentation due to the snow day last meeting. Schroeder stated that an assembly was held for all elementary students where the second graders were able to share their presentation. Hacke recognized the good behavior from students as well as the quality of the presentation. Horn thanked Schroeder for heading the presentation and assembly.

Craig Neighbors commented on the 4x8 signs attached to the baseball field fencing. Neighbors states that the signs take away from the expensive field. Neighbors also expressed a concern about personal use of the field by coaches/staff.

5. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Kirk to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yea Votes: Christopher, Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays

*** Consent Agenda (ALL ITEMS ITALICIZED AND IN BOLD)**

5.1 *Approval of Minutes from the January 11th Special Meeting and January 25th, 2023 Regular and Executive Sessions*

5.2 Financial Reports

5.3 Bills Payable

6. Employment and Resignation of Personnel**

6.1 Accept Resignation of Bob Etter, Assistant Football Coach

6.2 Accept Retirement of Kris Trojcek, Paraprofessional

6.3 Approve Resolution for Lotus Wind, LLC

****Note: Final employment of all new employees is contingent on the successful completion of a criminal background check and all necessary local and state requirements.**

7. Items to be Considered for Action

*7.1 Motion was made by Spann, seconded by Nichols to approve staffing changes for 2023-24 School Year. Hacke gave explanation of purposed changes. Yea Votes: Kirk, Christopher, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays.

*7.2 Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Spann to approve 2023-2024 High School course description booklet changes. Uhe-Edmonds stated proposed class addition to help with student buy in/attendance. Nichols questioned the removal of Accounting I and Accounting II. Uhe-Edmonds indicated that those two classes will be taught in the curriculum of two new classes. They are not going away. Yea Votes: Nichols, Christopher, Kirk, Spann, Watson, Hays

*7.3 Motion was made by Spann, seconded by Kirk to approve the annual audit contract with Loy, Miller, Talley, PC. Yea Votes, Watson, Christopher, Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Hays

*7.4 Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Watson to approve the employment of Robert Howard as High School P.E. Teacher and Head Football Coach. Uhe-Edmonds noted that Howard comes highly recommended. Yea Votes: Alexander, Christopher, Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Superintendent's Report – Hacke commended the high school staff and first responders for their handling of the lock down issue. Hays indicated that she had heard positive feedback regarding communication and partnering with local law enforcement. Spann expressed his concern with the rising cost factors of the district. Hacke working on lower costs specifically electrical. Hacke will be digging into previous years to see what has change. Usage or per unit cost.

8.2 Gym Cost Opinion Holland Construction – Brian Dayton delivered Holland Constructions cost opinion for gym project. See attached.

9. * Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Nichols to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee or office of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Yea Votes: Alexander, Christopher, Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays

9.1 Evaluations

Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Watson, to return to open session at 8:34 pm. Yea Votes: Alexander, Christopher, Kirk, Nichols, Spann, Watson, Hays

NOTE: No action will be taken after closed session.

10. *Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

***Denotes Actionable Items**