

**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 28, 2024**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Present – Alexander, Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White,

Absent – Christopher

Also Present – Kyle Hacke, Sarah Raynor, Jon Langellier, Denise Waggener, Randi Anderson, John Downs, Molly Uhe-Edmonds, Brian Carman, Connie Schroeder, Taylor Edwards, Christina Hart Smith, Bruce Paisley, Janice Hawkins, Shane Dowell, Kara Dowell, Piper Dowell, Whitney Bell, Dawn Sanson, Philip Sanson, Morgan Sanson, Jaylon Bearup, Elleighna Burgess, Jason Burgess, Hailey Barnard, Jim Barnard, Hailey Marie, Michael Riffey, Aprille Kuhar

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Alexander

3. Communications

3.1 Administrator's Reports – no questions

3.2 Student Presentation – Intermediate/Middle School – The Intermediate/Middle school student leadership team presented a project they will starting this year. They will be hosting a Wellness Week. This week is in honor of Mr. Charlie Pohlman and ALS. Pohlman retired from the District after years of being a PE teacher and track coach. Wellness week is to encourage healthier living among our students and help raise money for the scholarship that is given in honor of Mr. Charlie Pohlman to a student who exhibits wellness traits. The students will be hosting a Nike Air Jordan shoe raffle as well as a week of activities promoting wellness and dress up days.

4. Public Comment – Christina Hart Smith spoke regarding opening the track to the public. Smith stated that this would allow a safe area for exercise for our communities. Smith urged the board to reconsider their policy and open the track to the public.

Bruce Paisley – spoke regarding opening the track to the public. Paisley encouraged the board to consider the benefits to the community being able to use the track.

Janie Hawkins – would like to see the track open to the public. Hawkins advised that this would offer a safe, level walking surface for community members. Hawkins indicated that the public is proud of the facility and would like to use it.

5. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Kirk to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yea Votes: Pinkston, Kirk, Nichols, Watson, White, Alexander

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

***5.1 Approval of Minutes from the January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular and Executive Sessions***

***5.2 Financial Reports***

***5.3 Bills Payable***

6. ***Employment and Resignation of Personnel\*\****

***6.1 Accept Retirement of Lynette Ashton, Paraprofessional, as of May 24, 2024***

***6.2 Accept Retirement of Jon Langellier, Director of Technology, as of June 28, 2024***

***6.3 Accept Resignation of Molly Uhe-Edmonds, High School Principal, as of June 28, 2024***

***6.4 Accept Retirement of Roseanne Hasara, Student Information Manager, as of July 1, 2024***

***6.5 Accept Retirement of Sydney Weber, Intermediate Teacher, as of September 12, 2024***

***6.6 Accept Resignation of Judy Gregory, Cook, as of March 1, 2024***

**6.7 Accept Retirement of Penny Whalen, Bus Driver, as of March 1, 2024**

**6.8 Employ Clifford Bangstad, Custodian**

**6.9 Employ Robbi Howard as Assistant High School Track Coach**

**6.10 Employ Alyssa Carman as Volunteer Assistant High School Track Coach**

**6.11 Employ Jason Blankenship as Technology Coordinator for 2024-25 School Year**

**\*\*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 Kirk, seconded by Watson to adopt the 2024-25 School Calendar. Kirk stated that he would like to see graduation included on the calendar. Hacke indicated that the administrative team would start looking at dates in the near future. Yea Votes: Watson, Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, White, Alexander

\*7.2 Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Pinkston to approve the High School Course Descriptions for 2024-25. Alexander asked Uhe-Edmonds if the Lincoln Land Community College Now class was going to be in person or online. Uhe-Edmonds indicated that it will be in person. There could potentially be the ability to use the RISE room for the class but LLCC is not ready for that at this time. Uhe-Edmonds indicated after meeting with surrounding schools on course offerings, North Mac is providing a wide variety of classes for our students. Yea Votes: White, Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, Alexander

\*7.3 Motion was made by White, seconded by Watson to approve an PMA Agreement to Restructure Debt. Hacke indicated that 2018 series B and 2019 series B bonds are now callable and able to get a better rate. This could provide a significant savings to the District. Yea Votes: Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Alexander

\*7.4 Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Kirk to approve the plan for City of Girard to upgrade the storm sewer at South Campus. Hacke stated that this saves the city funds by cutting through our parking lot. Edwards stated that he talked with the Mayor today and expressed, on the Mayor's behalf, the appreciation from the City for the District allowing this to happen. Yea Votes: Pinkston, Kirk, Nichols, Watson, White, Alexander

\*7.5 Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by White to approve the NMEA Contract Bargaining Agreement for the 2024-2027 school years. Alexander stated that the contract was ratified by the union in a 95-10 vote. Schroeder thanked the Board for a smooth and easy process. Hacke thanked the Union for the same. Yea Votes: Watson, Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, White, Alexander

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- Gym Project Update – project is on schedule. Hacke will resend schedule to the board. Riffey will be meeting with ground work trades in the coming weeks. April is target start date for the project.

- Grant Opportunity – unsure of the amount of funding or specifics of spending. Hacke will be working with grand administrators to get more specifics and bring back to the board.

- Summer Projects – Hacke and Riffey have been working to price cost for projects for the summer.

- Transportation – Hacke will also meet with Lancaster/Fetter to see the needs for the upcoming year.

9. \*Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Kirk 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) and Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of

employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Yea Votes: Nichols, Kirk, Pinkston, Watson, White, Alexander

9.1 Superintendent Evaluation

\*Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

9.2 Discuss Pending Agreement with North Mac Education Association

Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Pinkston to return to open session at 8:07 pm. Yea Votes: Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Alexander

10. \*Motion was made by Pinkston, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Yea Votes: Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Alexander