

**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. –September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Also Present – Kyle Hacke, Sarah Raynor, Jon Langellier, Molly Uhe-Edmonds, Brian Carman, John Downs, Randi Anderson, Debbie Poffinbarger, Connie Schroeder, Taylor Edwards, Courtney Klaus, Jordan Crim, Deb Marsaglia, Denise Pope, Donnette Etter, Angie Williamson, Isabella Travous, Hailey Marie, Alex Barnes, Abigail Walls, Aprille Kuhar

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Christopher

3. Communications

3.1 Student Presentations (Middle School) – Izabella Travous presented on this past summers Washington DC trip. Travous stated that the trip was eye opening and enjoyable. Raynor thanked Jordan Crim for all her hard work to make this trip happen. Crim stated that there are 30 students signed up for the 2024 trip and there is a unique opportunity to take the 2025 trip during the Inauguration. Crim reminded the board that there are multiple fundraising opportunities as well as scholarship opportunities to make the trip affordable for everyone.

3.2 Ms. Walls – Mr. Barnes – Walls stated that she and Barnes had an opportunity through a grant to travel to California to the Museum of Tolerance to help write a curriculum to “Combat Hate” based on the Museum of Tolerance. Walls and Barnes were the only 2 educators invited to be on the panel. Barnes gave information regarding the museum and how it was used in their discussions for the curriculum. Walls and Barnes both shared how this curriculum could be implemented.

3.3 Employee Recognition – Donnette Etter was recognized as 1 of 15 nominees state wide for the Nutrition Champion Award. Donnette was presented with a certificate from ISBE.

3.4 Administrator Reports – Christopher inquired as to how POD time is going at the High School. Uhe-Edmonds stated that POD time was going well. She thanked Hailey Marie for putting together the “rush” to sign up for clubs. Uhe-Edmonds said that students were excited about participating in the clubs. Walls indicated that she as a staff member liked the clubs because it gave her an opportunity to interact with students she wouldn’t normally see.

4. Public Comment – Deb Marsaglia made a general comment to the board. Marsaglia stated that she was advocating for teachers and administration. Marsaglia commended the North Mac staff for the wonderful work done day to day in the buildings.

5. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Alexander to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alexander thanked Debbie Butler for the work done to add more detail to the bills payable. Nichols commented that he was happy to see that two of the hires on agenda were former North Mac graduates. Yea Votes: Kirk, Alexander, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

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

- 5.1 ***Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 3, 2023, Regular and Executive Session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023***
- 5.2 ***Financial Reports***
- 5.3 ***Bills Payable***
- 5.4 ***Approve FY24 Budget***

6. ***Personnel***

- 6.1 ***Approve Employment of Jennifer Branch, Paraprofessional***
- 6.2 ***Approve Employment of Hannah Hogan, Paraprofessional***
- 6.3 ***Approve Employment of Joshua Kelarestaghi, Custodian***
- 6.4 ***Approve Hailey Marie as Sponsor Class of 2027***
- 6.5 ***Approve Tina Leonard as Sponsor Class of 2024***
- 6.6 ***Approve Chris Blankenship as Interim Assistant Golf Coach***
- 6.7 ***Accept the Resignation of Lesa York, Elementary Paraprofessional***
- 6.8 ***Accept the Resignation of Heath Caufield, Custodian***

**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. Superintendent's Report & Board Discussion Items

- 7.1 Facility Update
  - Opened bids on the 26<sup>th</sup> from the bid packages that no one bid on in the first round. Will bring those to the board for approval at the October meeting.
  - Hacke thanked Taylor Edwards and Robert Dufner for their roofing work that was done to repair buildings.
  - Air handler on the South Campus gym is broken. Repair should be covered under warranty
- 7.2 Enrollment Report – see attached report.
  - Hacke presented this report to show the enrollment cycle for the past few years and that the data seems to show a slowing of student loss.
- 7.3 Other Items
  - Reminder of audit report set to be presented at October's meeting
  - Reminder of tax levy for November's meeting

8. Items to be Considered for Action

- 8.1 \*Motion was made by Kirk, seconded by Nichols to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Notice of Remedial Warning to tenured teacher Sally Meierdirks. Yea Votes: Pinkston, Alexander, Kirk, Nichols, Watson, White, Christopher

9. \*Closed Session – No closed session took place  
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)
10. \*Motions as a Result of Closed Session – No closed session took place
11. \*Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Kirk to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Yea Votes:  
Alexander, Kirk, Nichols, Pinkston, Watson, White, Christopher

**\*Denotes Actionable Items**