

NORTH MUSKEGON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting
January 13, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

President, Steve Bliss, called the **Organizational** meeting of the North Muskegon Board of Education to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: S. Bliss, B. Scheerer, C. Nedeau, L. Winter, K. Senkow, S. Burmeister and L. Potts

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT

C. Babcock, K. Hall, Ashley Westerlund, Paul Henderson, and CJ Bennett

ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

It was moved by B. Scheerer, supported by L. Winter, to appoint Steve Bliss as President of the North Muskegon Public School Board of Education

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstained: 1 Motion passed.

It was moved by S. Bliss, supported by L. Winter, to appoint Carolyn Nedeau as Vice-President of the North Muskegon Public Schools Board of Education

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by B. Scheerer, to appoint Lisa Winter as Secretary of the North Muskegon Public Schools Board of Education

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

It was moved by S. Bliss, supported by L. Winter, to appoint Benjamin Scheerer as Treasurer of the North Muskegon Public Schools Board of Education

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

The following named persons are officers of the said School District duly qualified and shall act as such:

President: Steve Bliss
Vice-President: Carolyn Nedeau
Secretary: Lisa Winter
Treasurer: Benjamin Scheerer

B. Appointment of Board Committees

It is recommended the following committees be established:

- **Financial** – to meet on the 4th Monday of the month
- **Facilities/Negotiations** – to meet as needed
- **Academic Affairs** – to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm
- **Policy** – to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm
- **Personnel** – to meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am

The Board President shall appoint at least 3 members to each committee listed above. C. Nedeau, Vice-President continued Organizational Meeting

The following is the committee member list for the 2025 calendar year

<u>Financial/Facilities/Negotiations</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Policy</u>
Kimberly Senkow	Kimberly Senkow	Lisa Winter
Steve Bliss	Steve Bliss	Carolyn Nedeau
Ben Scheerer	Lisa Potts	Susan Burmeister
Lisa Potts (as needed)	Carolyn Nedeau (as needed)	Ben Scheerer (as needed)
<u>Academic Affairs</u>	<u>City/School</u>	
Lisa Potts	Susan Burmeister	
Carolyn Nedeau	Kimberly Senkow	
Lisa Winter	Ben Scheerer	
Susan Burmeister (as needed)	Steve Bliss (as needed)	

It was moved by C. Nedeau supported by L. Winter, to appoint the committees as discussed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

C. Establishment of 2025 calendar for regularly scheduled dates and times of regular, special and emergency Board of Education meetings

It is recommended the Board consider adopting a meeting schedule as attached. I further recommend retaining the meeting time at 6:00 pm. All meeting will be held in MS/HS Library unless otherwise noted. ** Virtual when deemed necessary. Other special meetings should be called as needed.

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by B. Scheerer, to adopt the meeting schedule with all the time changes discussed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

D. Designation of person responsible for posting regular and special meeting notices for the Board of Education

It is recommended by the Superintendent that Kristie Hall, Administrative Assistant be designated to post meetings of the Board of Education.

It was moved by S. Bliss, supported by L. Winter, to designate Kristie Hall as the person responsible for posting regular and special meeting notices for the Board of Education.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed.

E. Designation of place(s) for the posting of calendar and individual meeting notices of regular and special meetings of the Board of Education

It is recommended that the following places be designated for the posting of calendar and individual meeting notices:

- Outside Superintendent's office
- Middle School/High School Office
- Elementary School Office
- Web Site
- Walker Park Sign (when available)

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by L. Winter, to designate the above place(s) for the posting of calendar and individual meeting notices of regular and special meetings of the Board of Education.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

F. Designation of depository or depositories for Board of Education funds

It is recommended that Huntington Bank be designated as the depository in which the funds of this school district may be deposited, and that the treasurer of the school district be authorized to open and maintain an account or accounts with said bank. Below is a list of funds to be resolved:

- General Fund
- Debt Retirement Funds
- Trust and Agency Fund
- Sinking Fund
- Bond Fund

It was moved by B. Scheerer, supported C. Nedeau, to continue banking with Huntington Bank.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

G. Designation of board members and other personnel eligible to sign checks

It is recommended that the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to sign or endorse by rubber stamp, checks, drafts and other negotiable instruments orders for the payment of or withdrawal of money from said account or accounts on behalf of North Muskegon Public Schools.

It was moved by C. Nedeau supported by S. Bliss, to designate authorized signatures to be the Secretary and Treasurer.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

H. Appointment of legal counsel

Each year, along with other Board organizational matters, a law firm is appointed to handle our legal matters for the calendar year. This includes such things as elections, labor relations matters, and related school law issues. It is recommended to the Board that the firm of **Thrun Law Firm P.C.** be appointed as legal counsel for the 2025 calendar year.

It is also recommended to the Board that the firm of **Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge** be appointed as local legal counsel for the 2025 school year.

It was moved by B. Scheerer, supported by C. Nedeau to designate Thrun Law Firm P.C. and Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge as local legal counsel for the 2025 calendar year.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

I. Appointment of recording secretary for the Board of Education

It is recommended that Kristie Hall, Administrative Assistant, be appointed as the recording secretary for the Board of Education.

It was moved by C. Nedeau supported by L. Winter, to designate Kristie Hall, Administrative Assistant as recording secretary for the Board of Education.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

J. Appointment of Superintendent as Coordinator/Officer of the following:

1. Chief Administrative
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Title IX
4. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
5. Civil Rights Act
6. Section 504
7. Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
8. Americans with Disabilities (ADA)
9. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)
10. Equal Educational Opportunity
11. Compliance Officer
12. Hazard Communication Act (HCA)
13. Sexual Harassment Report
14. Homeless Liaison
15. Designation of personnel authorized to negotiate and implement contracts with vendors.
16. Delegation of election duties

It was moved by C. Nedeau, supported by L. Winter, to designate Dr. Curt Babcock as coordinator of items 1 -16 listed above.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion passed

Adjournment

With there being no further business before the Board of Education, S. Bliss, President, adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie Hall
Recording Secretary

Lisa Winter, Secretary
Board of Education