

Watersmeet Township School District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2021

6:30pm

President P. Peterson Jr. called the online meeting to order at 6:30pm and began with the pledge.

Present: P. Peterson Jr., T. Holland, J. Chiochios, N. Christ (newly appointed and sworn in at this meeting), M. Hazen (sworn in at this meeting), T. Pallin (sworn in at this meeting), and Superintendent Peterson by Roll call.

Absent: T. Williams

Motion made by T. Holland to add organizational meeting (electing board officers) and calendar dates to agenda, second by T. Pallin. Roll call vote: P.Peterson-Aye, T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Holland to nominate Nicklas Christ to the trustee position, second by T. Pallin. No other nominations. Roll call vote: P.Peterson-Aye, T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, All ayes-Motion carried.

Swearing in of board members by R. Williams. N. Christ (new), M. Hazen (new), T. Pallin (reappointed).

Organizational meeting of board officers:

Motion by T. Holland to nominate P. Peterson Jr. for President, second by T. Pallin. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –abstain. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion by P. Peterson Jr. to nominate T. Holland for Vice President, second by T. Pallin. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-abstain, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. -Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion by T. Holland to nominate N. Christ for Treasurer, second by T. Pallin. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Abstain, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. -Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion by T. Holland to nominate T. Pallin for Secretary, second by J. Chiochios. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Abstain, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion to T. Holland to keep the 3rd Monday of the month as the day for board meeting, but change the time to 5:30pm for start time of the meetings, second by N. Christ. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Visitors: Charlene Kemppainen, Richard Thomas

LVD Representation: None

Student Council Representation: None

P. Peterson Jr. informed the board that the Auditor will go thru the Audit with the Board at the February meeting.

The Indian Policies and Procedures were approved and signed by the Board President and Superintendent Peterson.

Motion by T. Holland, second by T. Pallin to approve the minutes from December 17, 2020. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Abstain, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion by T. Pallin, second by j. Chiochios to approve the minutes from January 8, 2021. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Abstain, M. Hazen- Abstain, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Accounts Payable – J. Oliver presented virtually.

Financial Report – J. Oliver presented virtually.

Motion by T. Holland, second by T. Pallin to approve the NEOLA policies. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Abstain, M. Hazen-Abstain, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Nimrod Store: how to operate it and move forward, inventory, auditing, etc. M. Hazen asked if a Safety Plan was in place for when we begin operation of the store.

Motion made by T. Holland, second by J. Chiochios to accept the contract for the District Administrator with one change in item #5. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Nay, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. 5 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Holland, second by T. Pallin to accept the contract for the Administrative Assistant with one change in item #18. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Abstain, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Nay, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

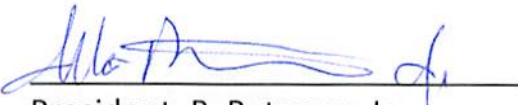
A building/maintenance report update was provided from D. Williams. The need of a strategic plan was discussed.

Motion by T. Holland, second by N. Christ to hire Tony Basanese as the Head Teacher for the remainder of the year with a \$3,500 stipend. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Motion by T. Holland, second by T. Pallin to hire Kathy Leonard as the Food Service Director for the remainder of the year with a \$2.75 per hour pay increase. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.

Superintendent/Principal's report was gone over.

Motion by N. Christ, second by T. Holland to adjourn at 8:23pm. Roll call vote: T. Pallin-Aye, J. Chiochios-Aye, T. Holland-Aye, N. Christ-Aye, M. Hazen- Aye, P. Peterson Jr. –Aye. All ayes-Motion carried.



President, P. Peterson Jr.



Secretary, T. Pallin