



Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting, August 31, 2022
Novi Community School District
Board of Education

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Novi Community School District was held Thursday, August 31, 2022, beginning at 5:13 PM.

Present: Dr. Ruskin, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Mena, and Mrs. Roney
by Roll Call Vote

Absent: Mr. Smith, Mr. Cook

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined with the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Mena and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Community School Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5 Dr. Ruskin, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Roney, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was one comment from the audience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ben Mainka, Superintendent of Schools, reported that it has been a phenomenal couple of weeks. He stated that we had completed the elementary reading tour for every single elementary building and there was a great turnout. Mr. Mainka said that people really want to be together.

Mr. Mainka reported that we cast a vision for the staff in the District this year for making this year a year of healing, coming out of the last three (3) years. He stated that they talked about refocusing our effort and making sure we are confident in the work. Mr. Mainka said that we cannot do a million things at once, too many irons in the fire concept. He mentioned that we talked about the stress that educators are under and how we address that.

Mr. Mainka reported that we did some activities and then really reconnecting with their why did we go into this field...for the kids. He stated that there was a lot of energy and excitement around IMPACT this week. Mr. Mainka said there were session yesterday and there are more on Tuesday. He mentioned that Mr. Giromini and the Office of Academics team planned a great week and it has gone well. Mr. Mainka expressed his gratitude to everyone involved.

Mr. Mainka reported that it would be great if the Board could be present on the first day of school, no pressure, but he would love to see it. He stated that if the Board could email him with their building preferences and he will compile that, so the Board could divide and conquer and greet the children at some point during the first day of school.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members commented that they saw Novi Meadows staff got to sign the beam. Mr. Mainka commented that on Thursday, there will be a topping off ceremony, at 10:00 AM and the Board is welcome to attend. Board members mentioned that they had the opportunity to attend the opening day ceremony and the staff was energized, excited to be there and stated this year feels different and they are happy to be back together. Board members mentioned that there is a big varsity game tomorrow.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Report

Dr. Laura Carino, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the personnel report.

It was moved by Mrs. Roney and supported by Mrs. Murphy that the Novi Community Schools Board of Education approve the personnel report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Dr. Ruskin, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Roney, and Mrs. Murphy

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Mena and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Board of Education Regular Board meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 5 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Roney, and Mrs. Hood

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the Educational Services Building.

Bobbie Murphy, Secretary