

Meeting Minutes

Study Session of the Board of Education

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 5:00pm

Northwest Education Services - Conference Center

1101 Red Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684



Traverse City Area Public Schools

Great Community, Great Schools

Approved on May 12, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Benzie, Michigan, was held at the Northwest Education Services Conference Center, 1101 Red Drive, Traverse City, Michigan, on Monday, April 28, 2025.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ballenger, Hardy, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Houghton, OBranch, Pomaville, Smith, Taylor, Thomas-Hill, Tiesworth, and VanWagoner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Newman Bale led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board welcomed staff and citizens, reviewed the agenda, considered any suggested rearrangement of items, and determined if any changes in the agenda were needed.

Approval of the meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Pack

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Hardy, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT #1** (Orange Card)

President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up for public comment and the following addressed the Board.

- Chrissine Cairns, Board seat recommendation
- Briana Motley, School Board opening
- Cheryl Herschleg, Jessica Forster
- Kristy Denny, Support of Jessica Forster
- Julie Delezenne, School Board vacancy
- Jessica Forster, Board vacancy
- Wendy VonCourter, School Board appt.
- Bette Dickinson, School Board opening

- Jennifer Beutuin, TCAPS Board vacancy
- Dave Botbyl, Applicant for Board Trustee
- Bill Wiesner, Request that you will vote for a new school board member that will not sexualize and groom the children
- Barbara Rowlett, School bd. Member suggestion
- Tina Frankenberger, Recommendation for interim Board seat
- Mary VanValin, nominee and equity
- Chris Linsell, Board vacancy

5. CONSENT

The purpose of the consent calendar was to expedite business by grouping items together to be dealt with by one Board member motion without discussion. Any member of the Board may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

a. **Meeting Minutes**

The Board approved the Regular meeting minutes from the April 14, 2025 meeting.

Approval of the consent calendar as presented.

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Pack

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Hardy, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

6. DISCUSSION - Interim Board Member

President Newman-Bale explained the voting process and the Board members voted for the new interim Board position to fill the vacancy of Holly T. Bird. This term will expire on December 31, 2026. Votes were as follows:

- Sara Bageris - 15
- David Botbyl - 2
- Melissa Cisneros - 0
- Jessica Forster - 10
- Dana Greensky - 1
- Michael Lee - 0
- Becky Lent - 0
- Chris Linsell - 4
- Erica Smith - 0
- Kyler Warner - 0

Approval of Sara Bageris as the interim Board member. This term will expire on December 31, 2026.

Moved by: Pack

Seconded by: Ballenger

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Hardy, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

7. **STUDY SESSION - Strategic Plan**

Dr. VanWagoner introduced Dr. Nick Ceglarek, who was facilitating the study session on the next TCAPS Strategic Plan. Dr. Ceglarek explained the schedule for the night and introduced Matt Olson and Cathy Meyer-Looze. Board members, the Executive team, and union group leaders then separated into 3 groups for a break-out session. The next study session to continue working is scheduled for June 23, 2025 although the date may change. This will be determined at the May 12, 2025 Board meeting.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT #2** (Green Card)

President Newman-Bale opened the meeting up for public comment, and no request was made.

9. **BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS**

President Newman-Bale thanked all of the candidates. He stated that the next Board meeting would be on May 12, 2025 at the TCAPS Administration Building, Glenn Loomis at 6:00 p.m.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by: Pack

Seconded by: Ballenger

The following vote was held:

Ayes: Ballenger, Hardy, Moon Mohr, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Schmidt

Nay: N/A

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Respectfully Prepared By,

Tammy Brunan

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Board Recording Secretary


Board Secretary

Next Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Administration at Glenn Loomis

1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Board of Education:

*Josey Ballenger, Scott Hardy, Erica L. Moon Mohr,
Scott Newman-Bale, Beth Pack, and Ty Schmidt*