

## Meeting Minutes

### Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

TCAPS Administration at Glenn Loomis - Boardroom

1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684



*Approved on March 10, 2025*

A Special 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 TCAPS Administration at Glenn Loomis, 1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, Michigan, on Monday, March 3, 2025.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** VanWagoner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Newman-Bale welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 3:00 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, Bird, 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:

- Bill Wiesner

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 considered the minutes from the February 10, 2025 Regular meeting.

**Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented.**

Moved by: Bird

Seconded by: Moon Mohr

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: N/A

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

6. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Selection of Interim Board Candidates**

The Board considered candidates for the interim Board position created by the resignation of Andrew Raymond. This term will expire on December 31, 2026. President Newman-Bale explained that the original number of 11 candidates was now nine after two of the 11 withdrew their applications. The Board discussed what traits they believed to be important for the new member and to consider these traits when looking at finalists.

There was discussion on how many candidates to progress. President Newman-Bale asked through a show of hands those members who wanted to move all candidates forward. Trustee Bird and Trustee Schmidt raised their hands. President Newman-Bale then suggested that the top five vote getters would progress to the March 10, 2025 meeting. Board members wrote down their top three candidates. President Newman-Bale tallied the votes and the Board Recording Secretary confirmed.

- Gerald DeGrazia-one vote
- Jessica Forster-four votes
- Scott Hardy-five votes
- Michael Lee-zero votes
- Becky Lent-two votes
- Chris Linsell-zero votes
- Peter Mooney-four votes
- Eamon Smith-one vote
- Dee Zuidersma-one vote

The Board decided that candidates receiving the top number of votes would move forward to the March 10, 2025 meeting.

**Motion to move forward candidates Jessica Forster, Scott Hardy, Becky Lent, and Peter Mooney to the March 10, 2025 meeting for consideration of the open Board seat.**

Moved by: Moon Mohr

Seconded by: Ballenger

The following Roll Call vote was held:

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

Nay: N/A

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

The finalists will be contacted and with permission their resume, letter of interest and written responses to the Board questions will be added to the agenda packet and posted online. The Board discussed the process of choosing the new Board member at the March 10, 2025 meeting. The finalists will give a statement up to five minutes, each Board member will be given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions with the candidate response being up to one minute. The process for voting will be as follows, three points for first choice, two points for second choice and one vote for third choice. The finalist who received the most points will be named the new, interim Board member. Board members thanked all of the candidates and were very impressed with the quality of candidates.

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

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

- Scot Richards

8. **BOARD PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS**

President Newman-Bale again thanked all of the candidates.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Moved by: Ballenger

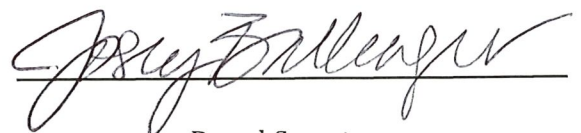
Seconded by: Pack

The following vote was held:

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

Nay: N/A

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**



Board Secretary

*Next Board of Education Meeting*

*Monday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m.*

*Administration at Glenn Loomis*

*1009 S. Oak Street, Traverse City, MI 49684*

*Board of Education:*

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