

**TRAVERSE CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION**

Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan (the "District").

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the District was held in the Tompkins Boardman Administration Center on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6 o'clock p.m. by President Scott Newman-Bale.

Present: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Newman-Bale, Pack, and Raymond

Absent: Moon Mohr

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Ballenger and supported by Member Bird.

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking is a problem that affects our community, our health and our future. It exacts a terrible toll on individuals and families, and it places a costly tax burden on the community at large for law enforcement, medical services and other social services involved in the prevention and treatment of underage drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking has severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware. Consequences of underage drinking may include injury or death from accidents; unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems; and drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing alcohol-free environments; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who start drinking before age 15 years are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21 years; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, educators, and community leaders who work with our young people every day are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, 100% of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from an adult. At one time, an adult over the age of 21 was in control of the alcohol and a minor gained access to it; and

**WHEREAS**, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents, and adults have the authority and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Traverse City Area Public Schools of Grand Traverse County, a community committed to UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION, does hereby proclaim that April 2023 is Social Host Responsibility Month. We also call upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

Ayes: Ballenger, Bird, Humphreys, Pack, and Raymond


Nays: N/A

Abstain: Newman-Bale

Resolution declared adopted: 5-0-1

  
Josey Ballenger, Secretary  
Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Traverse City Area Public Schools, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Education meeting held on March 13, 2023, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

  
Josey Ballenger, Secretary  
Board of Education