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# NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS USD 212

BOARD MEETING IN ALMENA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021, AT 6:30 PM  
ALMENA HIGH SCHOOL  
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LONG ISLAND

A Board Meeting in Almena of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, January 11, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Almena High School  
512 W Bryant Street  
Almena, KS 67622.

- I. Call to Order
- II. School Board Leadership Elections
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Approval of Bills
- VI. Hearing of Visitors
  - A. Jessica Reeves
  - B. Hannah Mongeau
- VII. Old Business
  - A. BOE / Administration Evaluations
  - B. Track Season
  - C. Building Walk Throughs
- VIII. Personnel
  - A. Certified Staff
  - B. Classified Staff
  - C. Supplemental Position
- IX. New Business
  - A. Out - of - District Request
  - B. Negotiations Training
  - C. WKLL Scholarship Contest
  - D. Six Month Insurance Review
  - E. School Board Recognition Month
  - F. Board Policy Update
- X. Administrative Reports
  - A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report
  - B. K-8 Principal Report
- XI. Reports of Board Members
- XII. Adjournment



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A Board Meeting in Long Island of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Long Island Middle School, 627 Washington, Long Island, KS 67647.

Shanna Hammond: Present  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Present  
Hilary Van Patten: Present  
Rich Wenzl: Present  
Steven Whitney: Present  
Mr. Tharman, Mr. Gebhard and Mrs. Knapp

### I. Call to Order

Mrs. Gebhard was in attendance via Zoom and Mrs. Krafft arrived at 6:32 PM.

### II. Adoption of Agenda

I recommend the board adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### III. Approval of Minutes

I recommend the board approve the minutes as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### IV. Approval of Bills

I recommend the board approve the bills as presented. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### V. Hearing of Visitors



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Mrs. Krafft thanked the board for supporting the FFA. She also shared that her Food Science class asked to make Dip-N-Dots and she agreed. It was a fun project.

## VI. Old Business

### A. BOE / Administration Evaluations

Evaluations were distributed to all Northern Valley employees, collected by building secretaries and compiled by Nicole Simeon. A motion to table the evaluations until next month to allow board members time to go through them. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### B. Technology Update

Mr. Tharman updated the board on the status of the Chrome Books. He also shared that a cheaper product, for the same money, could be purchased elsewhere. Mr. Tharman decided to wait for the higher quality product, since the students have been able to get by with what we currently have.

### C. Snow Removal and Lawn Care

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to pen session in this room at 6:57 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I recommend the board approve the parking lot snow removal quote as presented. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea  
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## VII. Personnel

### A. Supplemental Positions



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Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:13 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 7:13 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:23 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7:23 p.m. returned to open meeting.

## B. Certified Personnel

Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 7:42 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman and Mr. Gebhard. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7:42 p.m. Returned to open meeting.

## VIII. New Business

### A. Track Season

Mr. Tharman shared that the summer windstorms did a lot of damage to the mat cover. He shared information from Mr. Orme on the cost of a new mat versus replacing the cover. Mr. Tharman shared that maybe we just get a new mat cover due to cost. Another thing we may look at getting is a replacement discus net. Mr. Tharman will get some bids for the mat cover once he has measurements.

### B. Work Release Form



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Mr. Tharman stated that the student is in good standing and recommended the board approve the work release request as presented. I recommend the board approve the work release as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### C. Schedule Building Walk Through

Last year the walk around was done on the same day as the Spelling Bee. At this time, it is still on the calendar. Mr. Whitney asked if the teachers could complete a form that would help expedite the walk through. The board decided to have it on January 20, 2021, starting at 8:00 a.m.

### D. Superintendent Evaluation

These were sent out on Monday, December 7th. They were to be returned to Hilary Van Patten for compilation. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:00 p.m. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 8:00 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:05 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Returned to open session at 8:05 p.m. Recommend the board go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel matters in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and that the board return to open session in this room at 8:10 p.m. Retaining Mr. Tharman. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Absent



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Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1  
8:10 p.m. Returned to open session.

## IX. Administrative Reports

### A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report

Mr. Tharman shared that they will begin recording for the Christmas program tomorrow. The blood drive has been canceled. Miss Reeves has been reviewing past ACT test scores. She has scheduled the sophomores for a pretest to prep them. FFA has a Christmas party on Thursday. Home basketball game on Friday. Board meeting on January 11th. Mrs. Knapp has been working on the IDEA Maintenance of Effort. It is another state report. Negotiation training will be coming along shortly.

#### 1. Thank you

A plant was sent to the Amy Chandler family after the loss of her father.

### B. K-8 Principal Report

Mr. Gebhard shared every year he goes back and looks at what has been going on. He feels bad that he doesn't have a lot to share. Basketball is going well. The Christmas program will be ready to go on the 21st. All but five students met their goal and they will get to watch a movie. They will be setting up the community building for the movie. Just wrapping things up. Have one student in grade school that is in quarantine.

## X. Reports of Board Members

## XI. Adjournment

Made a motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
Christopher Rogers: Absent  
Laquita Smith: Yea  
Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
Rich Wenzl: Yea  
Steven Whitney: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1