



Newaygo County Area Promise Zone Authority Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
NC RESA Educational Services Center Board Room

Present: Dawn Anderson, Tom Boerger, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Holly Moon, Cathy Obits, Tim Rossler, Scott Rumsey, Scott Swinehart, Rebecca Tuuk (virtually), Steve Witter
Absent: Jack Hendon, Carla Roberts, Don VanSingel
Visitors: Jodi DeKuiper, Emily Truax, Jody Zerlaut

Chairperson Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM

Induction of New Board Members:

Dr. Clark introduced prospective board members, Dr. Tim Rossler, representing the White Cloud community, and Mr. Scott Swinehart, representing the Newaygo community.

Motion by Moon, supported by Boerger, to approve the induction of Dr. Tim Rossler and Mr. Scott Swinehart to the Newaygo County Area Promise Zone Board. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Tim Rossler and Mr. Scott Swinehart recited the Oath of Office.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Moon, supported by Witter, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Moon, to approve the November 13, 2019 Annual Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes – 10, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Participation:

Dr. Tubbergen Clark opened the floor for any citizens who wished to address the board. There were none.

Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark, Representative for the Michigan Promise Zone Association, presented the following report:

Cathy Obits will be attending the next MPZA meeting in place of Dr. Tubbergen Clark. The Michigan Opportunity Scholarship and a new student management system specifically designed for Promise Zones will be discussed.

Dr. Steve Witter, Chair of the Fundraising Subcommittee, presented the following report:

Dr. Witter reported on progression of the capital campaign, which to date has \$1.3 mil pledged (a miscommunication between a large donor resulted in a discrepancy of \$20,000 from the last report). NCAPZ is \$55,000 short of meeting their initial \$1.5 mil goal and has been touted as the poster child for Promise Zone fundraising by Chuck Wilbur. The Fremont Area Community Foundation and Mr. Jacobs played an instrumental role with the campaign development. Dr. Witter stressed the importance of continuing to raise funds even though NCAPZ is close to meeting its initial goal and will be receiving tax capture. With the rise of tuition and operation costs an additional \$150,000 - \$200,000 will be needed. Moving forward, NCAPZ will need to focus on sustainability and plan for possible changes in the economy.

assistant Andrew Jason. Emily Truax and Marcy Stitt will continue to work as in-kind contribution for the 10-month pilot. The Promise Zone will not be paying anything out of pocket between now and the fall. Although most subcommittees have already been collaborating, the Operations and Appeal Subcommittees will continue to work independently since NCPZA is a governmental entity and has requirements under statute. Dr. Tubbergen Clark shared that WE CAN's 10 years of success can contribute to the Promise Zone.

Action Items:

Board Term Renewals – Motion by Moon, supported by Swinehart, to renew the board terms for Mr. Tom Boerger and Mrs. Rebecca Tuuk, to expire on December 31, 2025. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

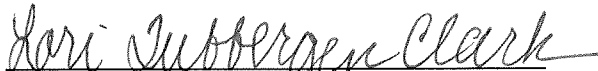
Eligibility Requirements– Motion by Witter, supported by Rumsey, to approve the revision to Promise Scholar eligibility requirements to include attendance at a required orientation prior to beginning their first semester. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Merge We CAN and Promise Zone Operations– Motion Anderson, supported by Boerger, to approve a 10-month pilot to merge the We CAN and the Promise Zone operations. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Winter Tuition: Motion by Rumsey, supported by Boerger, to approve payment of the winter semester tuition up to \$165,000. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously Carried.

Motion by Moon, supported by Witter to adjourn. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.


Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark, Chairperson