



**Newaygo County Area Promise Zone Authority Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
NC RESA Educational Services Center Board Room

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Lori Tubbergen Clark (chairperson), Scott Rumsey, Don VanSingel, Becky Tuuk, Holly Moon, Cathy Obits, Dawn Anderson, Tim Rossler, Kathy Pope, Pat Brown

Absent: Jack Hendon, Scott Swinehart, Dick Dunning

Visitors: Melissa Miller, Jody Zerlaut, Loretta Towne (recorder)

Chairperson Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Tuuk, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Anderson, supported by Rossler, to approve the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes with spelling error correction. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Public Participation:**

Dr. Tubbergen Clark opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

**Ms. Obits presented the following report on behalf of the Operations Subcommittee:**

- A paper introduction was shared of Blake Prewitt, NC RESA Superintendent and Promise Zone Chairperson. Mr. Prewitt's first day at NC RESA will be January 3, 2022.
- A review of the Board makeup and Committees was given. There are eleven (11) Board Members and two (2) ex-officio members. The Board has four (4) committees – Operations with four (4) members, Fundraising with five (5) members, Promise Success Initiatives with four (4) members and Marketing & Communications with four (4) members.
- The current actuarial and cash flow was presented.
- Discussion was open for considering lowering the GPA requirement of the Scholarship and Apprenticeship.
- The proposed NCAPZA and WE CAN! Newaygo County Integration MOU was reviewed and discussed.

**Mrs. Moon presented the following report on behalf of the Fundraising Subcommittee:**

- The subcommittee met in September and will reconvene later this month to further identify and categorize potential fundraising efforts.
- The annual year-end appeal mailing is in process and will go out later this month.
- Giving Tuesday is November 30 and there will be a Facebook post to encourage giving.
- All Promise Zone Board Members are encouraged to help with fundraising, not just the committee, by having eyes and ears open to potential fundraising opportunities.

**Mrs. Tuuk presented the following report on behalf of the Promise Success Initiative Subcommittee:**

- Chelsea Reynhout has been hired as the part-time Success Coach. She has been on board for about a month. Chelsea looks forward to connecting with our Promise Scholars and cultivating relationships while helping students navigate their college or apprenticeship journey. Chelsea is passionate about helping people and will be a great addition.
- A Kick-Off Party was held on August 19 for all current Promise Scholars. The event was at Henning Park in Newaygo and offered free food, giveaways, and drawings for students. Students also heard about Success Groups, met Success Leaders and signed-up for Success Groups. There were six (6) students and ten (10) Success Leaders in attendance.

**Mrs. Miller presented the following report on behalf of the Marketing and Communications Subcommittee:**

- All Board Members are invited to join our presentation team. This team helps when there is a need or opportunity to present to schools or community events about the Promise Zone. Mrs. Miller and the Subcommittee will offer one-on-one or small group training for those interested in being on the presentation team.
- The Promise Zone’s new Facebook page has been launched and running for a few months. The success of this page depends on the “followers”. Mrs. Miller invited Board Members to “like and share” the Promise Zone Facebook page.

**Action Items:**

MCC Tuition Payment: Motion by Anderson, supported by Tuuk, to approve fall tuition from MCC totaling \$154,284.90. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

MSU Tuition Payment: Motion by Moon, supported by Brown, to approve fall tuition from MSU totaling \$3,548.75. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Dissolution of MSU and GVSU Consortium Agreements: Motion by Rumsey, supported by VanSingel, to approve the dissolution of the MSU and GVSU Consortium agreements. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. VanSingel left the meeting at 12:35pm.

GPA Requirements: Motion by Moon, supported by Anderson, to change the minimum GPA to 2.0 for a student to qualify for an apprenticeship program. The scholarship GPA will remain at 3.0 or higher. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

NCAPZA and WE CAN! Newaygo County MOU: Motion by Moon, supported by Tuuk, to approve as amended, the NCAPZA and WE CAN! Newaygo County MOU. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Information from Promise Zone Board Members:**

Ms. Obits read a letter of appreciation from the Board to thank Chairperson Dr. Tubbergen Clark for her years of service, dedication, and talents she has shared with the Promise Zone. Her hard work and dedication are the reason Newaygo County has a Promise Zone. Her tireless contributions will leave a lasting impact on our students and families. Mrs. Tuuk presented Dr. Tubbergen Clark with gifts of appreciation. Mrs. Moon shared words of gratitude on behalf of the Promise Zone Authority members. Dr. Tubbergen Clark shared that it has been a privilege of her career to be a part of the Promise Zone.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Brown, to adjourn. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark, Chairperson