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June 11, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Change Name of Newaygo County Intermediate School District

Section 180.604 of the Revised School Code requires that an Intermediate Board of Education obtain the approval of the State Board of Education prior to adopting a distinctive name:

“Sec. 604. An intermediate school district is a body corporate governed by an intermediate school board, to be known as “the intermediate school board of the intermediate school district of the county (or counties) of _____,” and under that name may sue and be sued. The intermediate school board may choose a distinctive name for the intermediate school district if approval is given by the state board.”

A letter dated May 13, 2003, has been received from the Superintendent of the Newaygo County Intermediate School District requesting approval to change its name to “Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency.” A copy of the letter of request is attached as Exhibit A.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request of the Newaygo County Intermediate School District to change its name to Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency, as described in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated June 11, 2003.

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May 13, 2003

State Board of Education
P.O. Office 30008
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ATTN: Eileen Hamilton

Dear Members of the Board:

At the May 12, 2003 Board Meeting the board members of the Newaygo County Intermediate School District voted to change the name of the Newaygo County Intermediate School District to the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution and board minutes from that meeting. The Board of Education is asking the State Board to approve this name change. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert E. DeVries, Supt.
Newaygo County ISD

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Enclosures

“UNOFFICIAL MINUTES”

**REGULAR MEETING
NEWAYGO COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Service Center
4747 W. 48th Street, MI 49412
Monday, May 12, 2003
8:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bruce Rollston. The following members were present: Mike Anderson, Kim Roehrig, David Hewitt, Brian Karsten and Bruce Rollston. Absent—None.

Others Present:

ISD Administration: Bob DeVries, Superintendent; Joe Gasper, Deputy Superintendent; Bill Westphal, Executive Director of Administrative Services. **Guests/Association Representatives:** Aaron Brandon, Welding Instructor at CTC; Dr. Carmen Baldus, School Psychologist, Neway Center.

There was no citizen participation.

Board minutes were distributed in board packets for review. One correction was noted on Resolution 02-105. The motion needs to be stated to defeat NOT table the resolution of the Newaygo ISD name change. The following resolution was offered:

02-114 Moved by Mike Anderson and supported by Brian Karsten be it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2003, with the correction of Motion 02-105. Ayes—5; Nays—0. Motion carried.

Check registers for the month of March were distributed in Board packets prior to the meeting for review. There being no disputes, the following resolution was offered:

02-115 Moved by Mike Anderson and supported by Kim Roehrig it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education approves the bills for the month of March as follows:

Capital Projects--\$305,396.53;
Career-Technical Education--\$159,638.25; Community Services--\$18,315.99;
Debt Retirement--\$207,668.75;
Econ. Dev. & Training--\$875.00;
General Education--\$171,931.21; NCATS Fund—\$45,811.11;
Special Services--\$103,036.30
TOTAL--\$1,012,673.14

Including Expense Reimbursements to Board Members as follows:
Bruce Rollston--\$45.84; Mike Anderson--\$40.95; Brian Karsten—31.10;
David Hewitt--\$30.00.

Ayes—5; Nays—0. Motion carried.

Cash Flow Report – Cash flow is in good shape. However, now we start the downward slope to the low point of the year (September).

The Board had the opportunity to review the agenda and offer any suggestions for modifications. Two items were modified & the following motion was offered:

02-116 Moved by Mike Anderson and supported by Kim Roehrig be it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education accept the Agenda as presented Ayes—5; Nays—0. Motion carried.

The Board held a second reading of proposed Board Policy #5033. Superintendent DeVries stated this policy is necessary to have a procedure in place for the application of a charter school. The following resolution was offered:

02-117 Moved by Brian Karsten and supported by David Hewitt be it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education adopt Board Policy #5033 Public School Academies. Ayes—5; Nays—0. Motion carried.

Information relative to approving a resolution to levy property taxes was included in board packets for review. Bill stated that the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 211.24e) requires the district to approve a tax resolution prior to the combined tax and budget hearing scheduled for next month. The following resolution was offered to satisfy the requirements of the section of the Act:

02-118 Moved by Kim Roehrig and supported by Mike Anderson be it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education approve the attached resolution to satisfy the requirements of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 211.24e). Ayes—5; Nays—0. Motion carried. *Attachment A*.

Superintendent DeVries shared that he sent an all-staff e-mail regarding input on the suggested name change to the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency. He got about 12 responses—about 8 of those remarked that they didn't feel the "timing" was appropriate due to State budget cutbacks, etc. He also stated that he outlined the expenses involved, which amount to around \$6,000. More information will be coming from the State regarding budget, etc. If the Board approves the name change today, it is nothing that has to be implemented in a hurried fashion. We could take anywhere from six months to a year to implement. Trustee Roehrig commented that he didn't feel the ISD would get any kind of economic return for this expenditure. Also, the manpower for the impact of the change in the technology department, i.e, Web pages, etc., also needs to be considered. President Rollston suggested to put a motion on the table, and then see how the Board feels about it. The following resolution was offered:

02-119 Moved by Mike Anderson and supported by Brian Karsten be it resolved that the Newaygo Intermediate Board of Education adopt a name change from the Newaygo County Intermediate School District to Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency. Resolution attached. Ayes—4; Nays—1. Motion carried. *Attachment B*. Superintendent DeVries stated the next step is to get it to the State Board of Education for approval, then internally transition over the next year.

Newaygo County Intermediate School District, Michigan

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the district was held in the Board Room, in the district, on the 12th day of May, 2003, at 8:00 o'clock, a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Rollston, President.

Present: Mike Anderson, Vice-President; David Hewitt—Secretary;
Brian Karsten—Treasurer; Kim Roehrig—Trustee;
Bruce Rollston—President.

Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Mike Anderson and supported by Member Brian Karsten:

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Section 604 of the Revised School Code, this Board of Education may choose a distinctive name for this intermediate school district if approval is given by the State Board of Education.
2. This Board of Education is of the opinion that changing the name of this district to Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency more adequately describes this district's role and mission as an educational agency that markets and delivers cost-effective services on a regional basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board of Education hereby changes the name of this intermediate school district to Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (commonly referred to as NC RESA). Upon State Board approval, this intermediate school district shall be known as the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency, effective July 1, 2003.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Bruce Rollston, Mike Anderson, David Hewitt, Brian Karsten

Nays: Kim Roehrig.

Resolution declared adopted pending State Board of Education approval.