

NEW PRAIRIE UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION
Office of the Superintendent
New Carlisle, IN 46552

MINUTES

July 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, July 28, 2008 in the Central Office with Rich Shail, Bernie Baltes, LuAnn Schwingendorf and Shelly Goethals present. Al Williamson was absent. Dr. Bender was also present.

There was a motion by Schwingendorf, seconded by Baltes to adopt the agenda with the amendment of adding Action item "F" - Consultant Agreement. The agenda was approved with a motion by Baltes, seconded by Goethals and approved 4-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Julie Jerzak and the FBLA went over everything they did this past school year and awards that were given out at competitions. Julie also gave out a couple of awards that night.

CONSENT ITEMS

There was a motion by Schwingendorf, seconded by Goethals to approve the consent items as follows:

- Minutes - June 23, 2008
- Financial Reports
- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations
 1. Chelsea McDonnough - 4th Grade - Prairie View - Resignation effective July 2, 2008
 2. Amberly Wendt - Spanish Teacher - NPHS - Resignation effective 7/25/08

- Employment
 1. Nicole Bowen - P.E./Health - Middle School - Effective 8/11/08
 2. Jemiah Feece - 4th Grade - Prairie View - Effective 8/11/08
 3. Gail Banister - Instrumental Band - Transfer from 60% employment to full-time - Effective 8/11/08
 4. Allison Middlebrook - Transfer from Social Services to Elementary Guidance Counselor - Effective 8/11/08
- Employment - Extra-Curricular
 1. Jennifer Smith - 7th Grade Volleyball

NON-CERTIFIED

- Employment
 1. Floyd Tibbs - Bus Driver - New HS/Middle School Route - Effective 8/13/08
 2. Pamela Cosman - Bus Driver - New HS/Middle School Route - Effective 8/13/08
 3. Johanna Pickett - Bus Driver - New HS/Middle School Route - Effective 8/13/08
- Employment - Extra-Curricular
 1. Robert Elkins - Head Boys Swimming - NPHS
 2. Jim Bunton - 8th Grade Girls Basketball
 3. Scott Kresca - Assistant Middle School Football
 4. Deanne Gonzalez - Head Volleyball Coach - NPHS
 5. Staci Mrozinski - Ass't Volleyball Coach - NPHS
 6. Morgan Porter - Freshman Volleyball Coach - NPHS

Bernie asked Phil how we are doing with the price of gasoline and the Driver's Education cars. Phil said we are doing fine and have enough money to have the program again next year.

The motion was approved 4-0.

REPORTS

- Middle School Update:

Keith gave everyone a hand out and went over all of his stuff and said if they had any questions on Mark items they would have to ask him. Keith told the board that we have told all of the contractors that we want them out by the end of the day this Friday. He also told them about the percentage of change orders. Currently we are at about .7%.

The Freshman Academy is moving in the old junior high area (high school east) and the move is going along fine. Rich asked about the fence behind the school. It looks like it is in the way of the Cross Country track. Bernie has concerns also about the detention field. Keith will check out the fence issue and explained the detention field problems.

- Superintendent's Report

Phil said we are aware of the phone problems and if you get calls from parents, just tell them to have patience we are working on it.

Phil discussed the school lunch costs around the state and said he was very happy that Tammy was able to keep ours the same as last year. Next year, she most likely will have to raise them.

He discussed the Bond Bank cash flow and St. Joe Co. tax anticipation fund.

The Budget will be in the papers on August 1st.

Phil discussed a little of the Indiana Chamber letter from Mitch Daniels. He talked about some of the good points and bad points.

He discussed cost over-runs. A school in southern Indiana not even completed with the school project is already 1.5 million in change orders. The project is about the same size as ours.

Two weeks from today is our Back to School Breakfast. All of the board members are welcome to attend. The breakfast starts at 7:30 and Todd Whitaker will be our quest speaker.

ACTION ITEMS

- There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Goethals to approve the Classified Personnel Handbook as presented. The motion was approved 4-0.
- There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Schwingendorf to approve the resolution to designate the LaPorte Herald Argus and South Bend Tribune for legal advertisements. The motion was approved 4-0.
- There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Schwingendorf to table the action item to approve the 403(b) plan. Keith went over the 403b plan and gave some of the options. If the document is approved, we will come back to you with a list of vendors. Rich stated that the plan has not been taken to the Meet and Discuss. We will take it to the Meet and Discuss and bring it back after that. The motion was approved 4-0.
- There was a motion by Schwingendorf, seconded by Goethals to approve the contract services with 1st Source Healthcare Collections of LaPorte for overdue textbook collections. LaPorte Community Schools uses this company. We are currently ¼ of a million dollars in the red in the textbook fund. We have a meeting tomorrow with this company to find out what they need from us. This is no cost to us. They will add an additional \$25 to the bill for their fee. The motion was approved 4-0.
- There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Schwingendorf to approve the MASE Eligibility Coverage as presented. The motion was approved 4-0.
- There was a motion by Baltes, seconded by Schwingendorf to approve the Consultant Agreement for Keith Dennis as presented. The motion was approved 4-0.

No Discussion Items

BORAD COMMENTS

Luann said that she was impressed with the student handbook from the high school. She said all of the extras were a great idea.

Bernie adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Signed:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member

Member