

BOARD NOTES
October 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, October 27, 2014 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, and Phil King present. Bernie Baltus, Board Member, was absent.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by the Board to adopt the agenda, seconded by Phil King and approved 4-0

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Laura Schreiber, teacher at Olive Elementary, did a presentation on the new after school program called Tiger Time, funded by the 21st Century Grant. Laura created a very insightful PowerPoint presentation of all of the different educational opportunities the students participate in after school. There are many research based programs offered such as Robotics, IU Health, Biomed, 1XLMath & ELA, Girls on the Run, Young Astronauts, and Change the Play. Students have the opportunity to complete their homework with help. This is a growing program that provides children with educational assistance and opportunities.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:
 - Minutes – August 28, 2014
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Amy Wolfe – Rolling Prairie Elementary 1st Grade Teacher – FMLA Leave beginning 11/17/14 – 2/15/15
 2. Gale Gonder – NPHS Math Teacher – ECA Resignation as Hoosier Academic Decathlon Sponsor
- Employment
 1. Elena Tur Ramon – Spanish Teacher – High School – beginning 09/25/14
 2. Juliet McFadden – Temporary Rolling Prairie Elementary 1st Grade Teacher – beginning 11/17/14 – 2/15/15
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Jim Groendyke – Librarian NPHS- Key Club Sponsor – NPHS
 2. Becky Reider – Kindergarten Teacher, Prairie View Elementary – ¼ PL 221 ECA
 3. Lauren Dyer – Title 1 Teacher, Prairie View Elementary – ¼ PL 221 ECA
 4. Mark McBride – Olive Elem. Teacher – 6th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for 2014-15

- Adjustments
 1. Cassandra Trapp & Angela Ruby, High School Counselors - 5 additional contracted days for high school counselors in addition to their already approved 10 additional contracted days for extra scheduling duties.
 2. Jim Dermody, Superintendent – Stipend - \$2,000 upon formal approval of A-F Growth Model Categories

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Cody Sims, Custodian-Olive Elementary School, Resignation effective 9/19/2014
 2. Guy Hart – Lead Custodian – NPHS- Retirement effective January 1, 2015
 3. Jim Napiwocki – FMLA Leave beginning 9/11/14 – 12/13/14
 4. Kathleen Csenar – FMLA Leave beginning 9/16/14 – 12/5/14
 5. Jamie Pauley – Food Service Worker – NPMS – Resignation effective 10/20/14
- Employment
 1. Jamie Cornelius - Bus Aide
 2. Lonnie Whitlock – Substitute Bus Driver
 3. Terry Dobrucki – Substitute Bus Driver
 4. Valaina Mossman – Food Service Worker – HS beginning 9/8/14
 5. Krystal Howard – Food Service Worker – MS beginning 9/2/14
 6. Elizabeth Hall – Food Service Worker – PV beginning 9/8/14
 7. Ruth Phelps – Food Service Worker – HS beginning 9/22/14
 8. Meredith Igaz – Instructional Assistant – RPE – Effective upon receipt of Criminal Background Check
 9. Lory Samford – Secretary/Clerical- ½ Bus Garage & ½ Middle School - beginning 10/13/14
 10. Christal Jonas – Central Office Receptionist - beginning 10/27/14
 11. Meghan Goad – Night Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary School – beginning 10/
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. William Gatlin – Boys 7th Grade Basketball Coach @ NPMS for the 2014-15 School Year.
 2. John Haggard – Boys Basketball Varsity Assistant – NPHS for the 2014-15 School Year.
 3. Kristen Freitag – Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for 2014-15 school year
 4. Garrett Curless – 8th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach
 5. Andrew Saylor – 7th Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
 6. Koby Keck – 8th Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
- Adjustments
 1. Bruce Lasley, Transportation Director – Adjust salary compensation to 69,084 due to additional assigned responsibilities

Mr. Dermody thanked Mr. Hart for his 20 years of dedicated service to the NPUSC and wished him well in his retirement.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Dermody introduced and congratulated the NPHS Marching Band Director, Patrick Teykl, NPMS Band Director, Timothy Mitchell, and the NPHS Marching Band senior members who advanced to the State Finals for the first time in NPHS history.
- Mr. Dermody recognized IHSAA Sectional Champion, freshman Kara Blair. She is the first golfer in NPHS history to acquire this honor.
- Mr. Dermody also recognized NPHS students, Jacob Colglazier & Ian McSherry for their work with the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership group on a very successful canned food drive.
- Mr. Dermody stated that a Dunebrook representative emailed him, commending the NPHS National Honor Society students for their professional and positive impact on the Dragonboat Races Fundraiser. Mr. Dermody wished to recognize Melanie Groves, NPHS Math Teacher and National Honor Society Sponsor for her leadership of these students. She has increased the intensity level of service projects and enhanced the positive impact these students are providing.
- Alex Suppinger, NPHS senior, was introduced by Mr. Dermody as New Prairie High School's National Merit Scholar Semi-finalist. Mr. Dettinger went on to list Alex's impressive resume' of accomplishments. Mr. Dermody presented Alex with a certificate from the Board and extended best wishes.
- Ruth Trujillo received a certificate from Mr. Dermody and the Board for being named the 2014 LaPorte County Prevention Leader of the Year.
- NPMS student Tyler Bowen was presented with a certificate from Mr. Dermody and the Board for being named Youth Coalition Leader of the Year. This is a very impressive honor.
- Mr. Dermody introduced Curt Pletcher with Umbaugh who presented to the Board financing options for the 3rd Phase Energy Savings projects. The Board will review and decide how they want to proceed.
- Mr. Dermody handed out spreadsheets to the Board on detailed enrollment data.
- Parent/ Teacher Conferences have concluded with nearly 100% at the Elementary Schools, 82% at the Middle School, while the High School experienced approximately 41%.
- Mr. Dermody reported a great extra-curricular weekend for the high school: Trunk-or-Treat was great success, an outstanding Fine Arts Concert was held, the Football Team moved ahead in the playoffs, a successful Cross Country Semi-State with one runner moving on to State, and the Girls Volleyball team won the Sectional Championship.
- Red Ribbon Week activities are progressing. NPUSC offered many Red Ribbon Week activities within the schools.
- Seclusion and Restraint training for identified NPUSC personnel will conclude on October 28th. The Board at the September Meeting approved the NPUSC Seclusion and Restraint Plan.
- Mr. Dermody announced his Superintendent's Night Out event, on November 6, 2014, at 6:00 pm, at the Middle School. Members of the NPUSC school community are invited to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board Accepted Donations:
- Childrens Books and Supplies from Feed The Children
 - 100 CPR Safety Kits from Hamilton Grove.
 - \$1,100.00 to Lead & Seed Program from the LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership
 - \$5,000.00 to the NPHS Robotics Team from I/N Tek I/N Kote.
 - Baby Grand Piano to NPHS from the Pottawatomie Country Club in Michigan City.
- (B) The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies – Volume 26, No.2 - - #0130, 1220, 1241, 1543, 1615, 1617, 2221, 2700, 3124, 3131, 3215, 3217, 4215, 4217, 5111, 5114, 5320, 5512, 5605, 5630.01V2, 5772, 5830, 7217, 7434, 7510, 8311, 8432, 8500, 8510, 8540, 9210, 9270. Policy 1240 was tabled.
- (C) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests for:
- FBLA, November 3 & 4, 2014 in Indianapolis, IN
 - NPHS Wrestling Team, December 26 & 27 in Lafayette, IN
- (D) The Board approved the Job Description for the Youth Prevention Specialist
- (E) The Board approved the Proposed Middlebrook Scholarship
- (F) The Board approved the Recommended Resolution for GES-SCOPE Addition
- (G) The Board approved the Additional Textbook Adoption for AP Statistics
- (H) The Board approved the adjustment to the Classified Handbook

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves reminded everyone to vote next week. Congratulations to our students who are doing great things!
- Phil King congratulated the High School for winning the WNDU School Spirit Award for the 2nd time!
- Rich Shail stated that Lori Kimmel, New Carlisle Library Board Member, resigned as of 9/30/14. Rich received a list of candidates from the Library Board Director and will forward that list on to the rest of the Board members to review.