

BOARD NOTES

July 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, July 28, 2014 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bernie Baltus and Phil King present.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by the Board to adopt the agenda and was seconded by Dale Groves and approved 5-0

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- State Senator Jim Arnold and State Representative Tom Dermody were present to discuss the Legislative updates.

Jim Arnold spoke first on the recent short session. He assured us that voting is bi-partisan. An additional \$400,000,000 will be added for roads starting next year which comes from the gas tax. There will be many new roads that will be restored and opening in the future. New criminal codes were passed that were necessary. There will be more judicial discretion. There are now 6 levels of felonies instead of 4. The "Merry Christmas" bill passed. It is now legal to say "Merry Christmas" in any public place now.

Tom Dermody spoke on the quality people now in place in the county to correct the property tax problems. Mr. Dermody stated that the Vocational Training in LaPorte County is progressing. He would like to see the schools come together more to increase career training opportunities. He is impressed with the growing Pre-K programs. He is working on the gaming reform bill. He addressed the fact that Indiana must increase revenues and is looking at new ideas to do so.

- **CONSENT ITEMS**

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:
 - Minutes – June 23, 2014
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Jonathan Kirkton – NPHS Math Teacher – Resignation as of June 30, 2014
 2. Samantha Glasgow – NPHS English Teacher – Resignation as of June 30, 2014
 3. Leifschon Walker – Olive Elementary Teacher – Resignation as of June 30, 2014
- Employment
 1. Megan Horvath – Rolling Prairie Elementary Grade 3 Teacher – Beginning 7/1/2014
 2. Kimberly Krauklis – NPMS English/Language Teacher – Beginning 7/1/2014
 3. Theresa Strole – NPHS Math Teacher – Beginning 7/1/14

4. Sara Benefiel – Olive Elementary Kdg. Teacher – Beginning 7/1/2014 – Pending Criminal Background Check
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Ryan Jones – Art Department Head at NPHS – Beginning July 1, 2014
 - Adjustments
 1. Renee Mischak from Rolling Prairie Elementary 3rd Grade to Olive Elementary 1st Grade Beginning July 28, 2014

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Kathy Smith – Accounts Payable CO – FMLA Leave beginning 7/01/2014 – 8/8/2014
 2. Robert DeMeyer – Head Bus Mechanic – FMLA Leave beginning 7/18/14 – 10/10/14
 3. Melissa Smith – Extra-Curricular Resignation – RTI/BBT Team Member at Olive Elementary effective 6/5/14
 4. Kathleen DeMott – Prairie View Instructional Assistant – Resignation beginning 7/10/14
 5. Maria Lewis – Bus Driver – Leave of Absence – Beginning 8/14/14 – 1/2/15
 6. Cindy Gamble – Bus Driver – Retirement Beginning 7/1/14
 7. Robert Hart – MS Custodian – Employment Terminated as of 7/15/2014
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Al Pesce – Assistant Girls Track Coach for the 2014-15 School Year beginning 7/1/14
 2. Douglas Mathys – Head Girls Basketball Coach- NPHS- for the 2014-15 School Year beginning 7/1/14
 3. Zeda Wisniewski – Building Base Team Member at Olive Elementary for the 2014-15 School Year beginning 7/1/14
 4. Marlene Nickerson – MS Cross Country Head Coach – Beginning 7/1/2014
 5. Tara Dome – ½ Head Dance Team Coach for the High School – Beginning 7/1/2014
 6. Dawn Rizek – NPHS Registrar- Sophomore Class Sponsor beginning 7/1/2014
- Adjustments
 1. Kristen Foley – Adjustment from May 19, 2014 approved Extra-Curricular Position as Full Head Dance Team Coach to shared ½ Head Dance Team Coach with Tara Dome as ½ Head Dance Team Coach.
 2. Brenda Boniface – Transfer from a single bus route to a double route #43 HS/PV.

Mr. Dermody recognized Cindy Gamble, NPUSC Bus Driver, who retired as of 7/1/14 after 38 years of dedicated service to the Corporation. Mr Dermody also recognized the retirement of Becky Devenport as of 7/1/14 after 36 years as Substitute Teacher for the corporation.

REPORTS

- Superintendent's Reports
 - Mr. Dermody recognized the High School HOSA Team, lead by Tonya Aerts and Laurel Laughlin. Erin O'Laughlin, and Moriah Carmel competed in National Competition, advancing to the finals and finishing in the top 27 teams in the nation.
 - Registration for all schools and various trainings will begin this week. Next week are the Middle School and High School iPad dissemination events.
 - The various summer improvements to the schools will be complete by the start of school.
 - The assessment of our Capital Projects has begun. A priority list will be made then decisions will be made on which way the school corporation will go. Mr. Dermody wants to recognize Kelley Kitchen for all her hard work organizing this assessment and making it happen.
 - Camp Invention is wrapping up and hosting a free Carnival this week. The students and parents can view the projects the students have made, spend the economy money the students have earned, and have some end of the summer fun at no cost to the students or parents.
 - Success by Six ended with a record number of 84 students and a total of 224 students overall attending the two Summer Enrichment Programs.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board accepted the donation from IU Health of \$1,000 to Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- The Board approved the 2nd reading and adopted Board Policy - 7540.03 & 7540.03F1
- The Board approved the Resolution for Designation of Qualified Publications
- The Board approved the 2014-15 Transfer Student Capacity
- The Board approved the 2014-15 Athletic Trainer Agreement with I.U. Health
- The Board approved the Crisis Prevention Response Plans for the 2014-15 School Year for: New Prairie High School, New Prairie Middle School, Olive Elementary School, Prairie View Elementary School, and Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- The Board approved the High School Volleyball Team Overnight Camping Trip

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves wanted to thank every employee who works on behalf of students, even in the summer months, for they truly make New Prairie great.
- Rich Shail stated that he will see everyone when school is back in session and wants the Board to keep up the good work. Welcome back to the school year and let's have a good start.