

BOARD NOTES
January 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 with Rich Shail, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Jim Dermody present. Al Williamson was absent.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

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

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Mr. Mark Norton presented an in depth demonstration for the Board on virtualization and how it is used by the NPUSC. He prepared an elaborate PowerPoint presentation that proved how virtualization has provided the ability to reduce hardware costs, increase storage, and simplify management. These achievements are just a few of the many benefits listed by Mr. Norton. Rich Shail expressed his gratitude to Mr. Norton for his daily hard work to keep NPUSC on top of technology.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- Minutes – December 15, 2014, January 6, 2015
- Financial Reports
- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Meg Buss – NPHS Science Teacher – FMLA Leave beginning 1/12/15 – 1/20/15

Employment

Employment – Extra-Curricular

Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Don Stoner – Assistant HS Wrestling Coach Resignation as of 1/6/2015
2. Kristen Foley – Co-HS Head Dance Team Coach Resignation as of 12/15/14
3. Jim Williamson – NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 1/13/15 – 2/10/15
4. Debra Reinhold - NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 12/19/14 – 4/2/15
5. Julie Olney - NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 2/22/15 – 3/30/15
6. Russ Radtke – Student Management Director – FMLA Leave beginning 1/16/15 – 2/5/15 Pending completion of paperwork

7. Chad Trent – Resignation for MS afterschool club Staff Assistant effective 12/18/14

Employment.

1. Jennifer Cicero – Instructional Assistant – Rolling Prairie Elementary – Beginning 1/13/15
2. Angela Lenig – Current Substitute Health Aide for NPUSC to Full-Time Health Aide at Olive Elementary School
3. Todd Humphrey – Floater Custodian transferred to Full-Time High School Midnight Custodian beginning 1/19/15
4. Steven Kasznia – Floater Custodian beginning 1/19/15
5. Matthew Wilhelm – Midnight Custodian at NPHS beginning 1/19/15
6. Sara Kobitz – MS afterschool club Staff Assistant effective 1/26/15

Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Ryan Balanow – Co-Head Freshman Football Coach for the 2014-15 school year
2. Giovanni Stanisci – Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2014-15 school year
3. Eric Lower – MS Assistant Swim Coach for the 2014-15 School Year

Adjustments –

1. Ryan Balanow – adjustment from **Co-Asst** Wrestling MS Coach to **Full Assistant** MS Wrestling Coach
2. Tyler Dolezal - adjustment from **Co-Asst** Wrestling MS Coach to **Full Assistant** MS Wrestling Coach
3. Eric Brown – adjustment from Co-Asst **MS** Wrestling Coach to Co-Asst **HS** Wrestling Coach
4. Alan King - adjustment from Co-Asst **MS** Wrestling Coach to Co-Asst **HS** Wrestling Coach
5. Tara Dome – adjustment from **Co-HS** Head Dance Team Coach to **Full** HS Head Dance Team Coach
6. Donna Wilcox's hourly wage for working with an outside grant will be adjusted from \$14.00 an hour to \$10.00 per hour.
7. Janet Bailey's hourly wage for working with an outside grant will be adjusted from \$16.50 an hour to \$10.00 per hour.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Dermody asked Carrie Cannon to explain the NPUSC Educational Foundation to the Board. It was explained that the NPUSC Educational Foundation was developed to focus on resource development to continue our programs once grant dollars are gone. A committee has been created and will be meeting to establish a vision.
- Mr. Dermody stated that a new technology class may be implemented at the Middle School if approved by the IDOE.
- Ivy Tech approached New Prairie High School with the possibility of implementing Informatics as a Dual Credit class. Informatics is one of the fastest growing majors at Indiana University. This course may be implemented for the 2015-16 school year depending on continuing logistical discussions with Ivy Tech staff.
- Mark Norton reported that he has participated in extensive demonstrations on security camera installation throughout the district. He has finished identifying the locations for the cameras. The goal is to install the cameras by the end of the current school year.

- An NPUSC Grade Scale Committee has been created to review our current grading scale and report their findings to Mr. Dermody for the Board meeting in March.
- Mr. Dermody reported that Jerry Baltes, son of retired Board Member Bernie Baltes, and Cross Country Coach at Grand Valley State University, was been named the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Midwest Region Coach of the Year for both the men and the women.
- Monday, February 2nd, is the next ME count day.
- NPUSC has met the federal and state governmental objectives for non-English speaking students for 2014.
- Carrie Cannon reported that the 21st Century Community Learning Center program provided resources to take over 300 students and parents from the afterschool programs to the Harlem Globetrotters show in South Bend this past weekend. She reported that it was very exciting to be able to provide that opportunity to NPUSC students and parents.
- The iREAD3 parent meeting is Tuesday evening for all 3rd grade parents. This meeting is scheduled to prepare parents for the needs of their children before and during testing.
- Jim Dermody is reviewing dates for a Work Session focusing on finances.
- Mr. Dermody introduced Mrs. Theresa Serry, Art Teacher at the Middle School, and Mr. Ryan Jones, Art Teacher at the High School, who explained the Scholarstic Arts and Writing Competition. Mrs. Serry's student, Elijah Bradbury, and Mr. Jones's student, Laney King, are Gold Key winners. Mr. Dermody then introduced NPHS student, Larissa Whitaker, who won a 4 year renewable Talent Scholarship for the School of Creative Arts at the University of St. Francis along with a substantial Merit Scholarship for her art work. Mr. Dermody recognized these students and presented them with certificates from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations:
 - Unity Foundation of LaPorte County donated \$1,600 in honor of Bernie Baltes to the New Prairie Athletic Capital Fund
 - I/N Tek and I/N Kote donated two Ploycom conference room phones to NPUSC
 - \$7,510.70 was donated to New Prairie High School by the Central Indiana Community Foundation as recommended by the Indiana Builders Charitable Foundation
 - LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership donated \$5,337.20 to the New Prairie Drug Free Youth Coalition
 - Carol & Carl Holifield donated \$150.00 toward the bronze plaque for the NPMS drug prevention message
- (B) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest for C.J.'s Outdoor Services
- (C) The Board approved the "Go Solutions Inc., Agreement"
- (D) The Board amended the 2015 Board Meeting Date and Time Schedule
- (E) The Board approved the Job Descriptions:
 - Grounds
 - Floater Custodian
- (F) The Board approved the Vincennes University Dual Credit MOU

- (G) The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip for FBLA to attend the Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, March 13-15
- (H) The Board approved the PNC MOU for SAT Exam Preparation for students
- (I) The Board approved a Resolution authorizing Joint Services between NPUSC & NPUSC Education Foundation
- (J) The Board amended a Position Description for Job Title: Custodian adding an additional Duty and Responsibility

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) 1st reading of Board Policies - Volume 27, No.1- #0100, 0140, 2221, 2340, 3120, 3120.04, 3120.08, 3122.01, 3140, 3170, 3419, 4120, 4120.08, 4122.01, 4140, 4170, 4419, 5200, 5340.01, 5530, 6150, 7540.02, 7540.04, 8330, 8451, 8455
- (B) The Board and Mr. Dermody discussed the possibility of implementing e-learning days during snow days for the 2015-16 school year. Strengths and challenges were discussed and will be discussed further in the near future.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves thanked Carrie Cannon and Kelley Kitchen for their work on the NPUSC Educational Foundation.

Phil King made the motion to adjourn.