

## BOARD NOTES

March 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 with Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Jim Dermody present. Board President, Rich Shail, was absent.

Al Williamson, Vice President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Dale Groves to adopt the agenda, seconded by William Romstadt and approved 4-0-1

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Ms. Rhonda Myers, Principal at Prairie View Elementary School, introduced Ms. Heather Friday, Teacher & Student Council Sponsor. Ms. Friday introduced the Student Council representatives of Prairie View Elementary who went on to explain their Anti-Bullying program and initiatives. The students presented a video program.
- Mr. Dermody presented to the Board the students who participated in the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. NPUSC had 4 spellers who placed in the top ten in state competition. Mr. Dermody presented the students with a certificate from the Board in recognition of their success. The students were: Grace Jones, Olive Elementary; Julia Jones, NPMS; Owen Keller, Prairie View Elementary; and Brooklinn Bumgardner, Rolling Prairie Elementary.
- The NPMS iStudents presented a PowerPoint presentation on the app that they created along with their iCoach, Mr. Schroeder. Mr. Jones, NPHS iCoach, was present along with the high school iStudents who also presented a PowerPoint presentation on the high school app they created.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Amy Burris – Intermittent FMLA Leave beginning 2/9/15 through 6/30/15
- Employment
  1. Kim Holifield – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program Teacher at NPHS beginning 8/15/14 thru the end of the 2014-15 school year at \$20 per hour
  2. Sarah Wimmer – Temporary NPHS Guidance Counselor – beginning March 3, 2015 through the end of the school year during Angela Ruby's absence
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments
  1. Taralyne Hillegonds– Listed for approval in February as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program Instructional Aide at RPES beginning 8/15/14 thru the end of the 2014-15 school year at \$10 per hour should be: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program Teacher at RPES beginning 8/15/14 thru the end of the 2014-15 school year at \$20 per hour.

### **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Dorothy Smith – Evening Custodian – Prairie View Elementary- Resignation effective 2/20/15
  2. Tricia Toth – NPHS Cafeteria Worker Resignation as of 3/6/15
  3. John Limberg – NPUSC Technology Specialist/Systems Administrator – Resignation as of 3/26/15
  4. Kelson Stone – Part-Time Evening Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary School – Resignation as of 3/12/15
- Employment
    1. Maredith Greathouse – 4 Hour Food Service Worker at NPMS beginning 2/16/15
    2. Michelle Romig – Food Service Floater beginning 3/2/15
    3. Marlene Brown – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program Instructional Assistant at NPMS beginning 3/4/15 through year end @ \$10.00 per hour
    4. Melissa Witt – Instructional Assistant – Prairie View – beginning 1/12/15
    5. Jordan Hastings – Evening Custodian – Prairie View – beginning 3/10/15
    6. Cody Simms – Evening Custodian – Olive Elementary – beginning 3/11/15
  - Employment – Extra-Curricular
  - Adjustments –
    1. Kayla Richie, 3 Hour Food Service Worker at NPMS, will transfer to Substitute Cafeteria Worker.

## **REPORTS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Dermody reported that New Prairie High School has 2 finalists for the Lilly Endowment scholarship.
- Ms. Rebecca Bartlett has been named to the Stakeholder Design Committee for the State of Indiana. She is one of the representatives who will work with various educational experts in the state. This is a position of distinction. We are proud of Ms. Bartlett.
- The NPHS Swing Choir progressed to the state competition last weekend.
- The NPHS Robotics Team finished 1<sup>st</sup> of 39 teams at Purdue University competition and have qualified for state competition.
- On February 18, 2015, the Middle School Math Team competed at Valparaiso University. NPMS Math Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying them for state competition. At Purdue they finished 23 out of 32 schools.
- The NPHS Pom & Dance Team and Coach Tara Dome participated in state competition finishing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams in their category.
- Kelley Kitchen reported that 2 years ago we entered into an Energy Savings Program with Performance Services. The NPUSC has seen bills drop considerably since implementing the program. In April, Kelley Kitchen will be asking the Board for guidance on which direction to go with Performance Services for the remainder of the 8 year contract for Energy Savings.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved Summer School – 2015
  - Instrumental Ensemble – NPHS
  - Exploring Music – NPMS
  - PLATO Program – NPHS/NPMS

- Grade 3 Elementary Reading
- (B) The Board approved Summer Cougar Camps – 2015
- (C) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Request
  - NPHS Dance Team to New Castle, IN-State Finals Competition - March 13 & 14, 2015
  - ISSMA State Show Choir Finals – March 20 & 21, 2015 – Plainfield, IN
- (D) The Board accepted Donations:
  - United Way of LaPorte County donated \$16,000 for Success by Six Summer Program
  - Judy Harenza donated \$25 to RPES Library in the memory of Ronald McCullough
  - The Indiana Department of Education awarded NPUSC an eLearning Professional Learning Mini-Grant in the amount of \$2,500
- (E) The Board approved the new Food Service Worker Position along with the Position Description:
  - Food Service Worker - Floater
- (F) The Board approved the updated Position Descriptions for:
  - Food Service Worker, Extended Day
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Site Coordinator
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Instructional Assistant
  - Administrative Asst. of the Director of Curriculum & Teacher Evaluations
- (G) The Board approved the Cancellation of the Old Checks
- (H) The Board approved NeTech's proposal for the NPHS Phase I Surveillance Project
- (I) The Board approved the Professional Service Agreement between NPUSC & IU Health LaPorte Physicians, Inc.
- (J) The Board approved the Contractor's License Bond for Keith Hite
- (K) The Board authorized the refunding of the Building Corporation's First Mortgage Refunding Bonds, Series 2005
- (L) The Board approved the proposed form of Fifth Amendment to Lease between the Building Corporation and the NPUSC
- (M) The Board authorized the Hearing on the proposed form of Fifth Amendment to Lease between the Building Corporation and the NPUSC on April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- (N) The Board authorized a 1028 Hearing on April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovations and improvement to the high school including, but not limited to, roofing & restroom upgrades.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn.