

BOARD NOTES  
December 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present.

Rich Shail, Board President, requested Al Williamson, Board Vice President, conduct the meeting as Mr. Shail had dental work done and could not speak clearly.

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

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – November 23, 2014
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Patty Sardeson – Retirement as third grade teacher at Olive Elementary School effective 12/31/2015
  2. Susan Koziel – Intermittent FMLA Leave beginning 11/28/2015 through 6/1/2016
  3. Bradley Phillips – Resignation as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher at New Prairie Middle School effective February 5, 2016 or when position is filled
- Employment
  1. Kim Dabbert – Temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Elementary for Laura Schreiber beginning 1/4/2016 through approximately 2/29/2015
  2. Kelly Toppen – BioMed Instructor for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School program, K – 8, at all schools for a stipend of \$3,000 upon completion of the program for 2015-16 duties beginning 12/7/2015
  3. Kim Holifield – NPHS Science Teacher to teach Homebound student beginning 12/7/2015
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Cathleen Lower – Co-Middle School Swim Coach beginning 7/1/2015
- Adjustments

Frank Hobart is to receive his stipend from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant in the amount of \$2,000 upon completion of the PLTW Robotics K-5 to be paid on December 18th. Frank Hobart will receive the remainder of his Robotics stipend of \$2,000 upon completion of the PLTW Robotics 6-8 program to be paid on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Angela Lenig – Emergency Medical Leave beginning 11/23/2015 through approximately 1/1/2016
  2. Kenneth Popard – Termination as Custodian at Prairie View Elementary as of 11/24/2015
- Employment
  1. Kim Ogrentz– Food Service Worker at New Prairie High School beginning 12/2/15 @ \$8.79 per hour
- Employment – Extra-Curricular

## **REPORTS**

### Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. White introduced NPHS Drum Major Band student, Jacob Kessler, who was chosen to take part in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. Jacob was asked to speak his thoughts on the experience. Jacob stated that Times Square was amazing. He was completely fascinated with how fast the music was put together for the performance and how quickly everyone learned it and made it happen. He stated it was truly a "performance high like no other". He wished to thank Mr. Teykl, Band Director, for helping him achieve acceptance. Dr. White expressed his "congratulations" and "thank you" for representing New Prairie High School in such a positive way.
- Dr. White explained that the School Accountability score results are currently embargoed and are still in question. We will await what happens in Indianapolis on the validity of the test results. Until NPUSC receives answers from the State we will continue to move ahead with different ways to remediate students and move forward with professional development.
- Dr. White wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Central Office holiday hours will be posted.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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|                | (A) | The Board Set the Board Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2016  |
| Public Hearing | (B) | The Board approved the Resolution approving Joint<br>January 4, 2016  |
|                | (C) | The Board approved the Resolution for Early Payments  |
| Renewal        | (D) | The Board approved the Property/Liability Insurance   |
| Prairie High   | (E) | The Board approved the New FFA Chapter at New<br>School   |
| Township-New   | (F) | The Board approved the Appointment of the Olive<br>Carlisle Public Library Board Member, Dave Doll                      |
| - Volume       | (G) | The Board approved the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading of Board Policies<br>27, No. 2:  |
|                |     | • #0100, 0130, 1130, 1214, 2421, 2430, 3113, 3120.08, 3140,<br>3214, 4113, 4140, 4214, 5421, 5540, 5610.02, 5610, 6320, |

6460, 8390, 8500/ NEOLA Deleted Policies are: 2423 & 3410.04

(H) The Board accepted Donations as listed:

- Hudson Lake Mennonite Church donated \$235.92 to Olive Elementary
- Brendilyn Geissler donated \$50.00 to NPHS
- Martin Abegg and Danica Culver donated \$50.00 to NPHS

## **DISCUSSION**

- (A) Tentative School Board Meeting Schedule for 2016
- A calendar of dates for the 2016 Board meetings was presented to the Board for their review to be approved at the January meeting.
- (B) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Board Policies: 2461 & 9700.01
- The Board will review the proposed new policies for possible adoption at the January meeting.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Dale Groves wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
  - Bill Romstadt also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
  - Phil King wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Thumbs up to staff and students for completing the first semester and now gearing up for all the testing.
  - Rich Shail stated that the winter sports are actively competing in the new conference. There have been some struggles but are doing ok. The choir concert the other evening was wonderful. The Band with the Choir was phenomenal and rocked the place. NPHS kids are remarkable.
  - Al Williamson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A special thank you to our new Superintendent, Dr. White, for his first six months and getting the school year off to a good start. Thank you to all administrators for a great first semester.
- On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.