

BOARD NOTES

April 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, April 25, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with Rich Shail, Dale Groves, Phil King, and Dr. Paul White present. Absent were Al Williamson, and Bill Romstadt.

Rich Shail, Board President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Groves to approve the Agenda, King seconded the motion and was approved 3-0-2.

There was a motion by Groves to suspend the regular meeting for the Hearing to Amend the 2016 Bus Replacement Plan, seconded by King and approved 3-0-2.

HOLD HEARING TO AMEND THE 2016 BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

A Hearing of the Board of School Trustees of the New Prairie United School Corporation was held at the Administration Building, 5327 North Cougar Road, New Carlisle, Indiana, on April 25, 2016 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance INDIANA CODE 20-26-4-3 and INDIANA CODE 5-14-1.5, and the rules of the Board.

The hearing was called to order by the President of the Board, Rich Shail. Kelley Kitchen, CFO, explained that bus replacement plan is based on a 12 year replacement cycle, however, there is one bus that is 8 years old and in constant need of repairs. It is requested that the bus be replaced at no additional cost.

The Board President asked if there were questions from the Board members or the floor. There were none.

There was motion by King, seconded by Groves to close the hearing and was approved 3-0-2

There was motion by Groves, seconded by King to resume the regular meeting of the Board. The motion was approved 3-0-2

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Ms. Becky Bartlett, Principal, Rolling Prairie Elementary School, introduced two 5th grade teachers, Michele Kenaga and Angela Allen who explained the enrichment software program, Sumdog, that is used to keep moving their students forward in mathematics. Sumdog is a free program that is utilized in a fun way to motivate students learning. It can be tailored to each student individually. It is now an essential part of the curriculum. The students participate in contests online in the classroom with other schools. The students have learned to work hard and play hard at their level competing with students around the world. Students reported to the Board that they work on a topic in Sumdog until they master it before moving on. They really like Sumdog because it makes learning math fun along with Math Olympics.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – March 28, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims

- (D) Payroll
- (E) The Board Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Caitlin Smith – Spanish and World History Teacher at New Prairie High School Resignation as of 6/30/2016
 2. Gabriella Post - Title 1 Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary - FMLA Leave beginning 5/13/2016 through 5/27/2016
 3. Kelli Tanger – 4th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary – Child Rearing Leave beginning 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017
 4. Jinfei Zhang – Mandarin Chinese Teacher at NPMS & NPHS Resignation as of 6/30/2016
- Employment
 1. Mark Stone – Agricultural Science Teacher at New Prairie High School beginning 7/1/2016 pending Minnesota License Conversion to Indiana
 2. Heidi Schellinger – Full-Time Guidance Counselor at New Prairie High School beginning 7/1/2016
- Employment – Summer School
 1. Mark McBride – Driver's Ed
 2. Marty Mosson – Driver's Ed
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

The following teachers are to receive stipends from the 21st Century Grant:
Laurel Smith - \$500 & Tonya Aerts - \$500

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Christopher Demlein – RPES Custodian Resignation as of 4/7/2016
 2. Nick Arndt – Middle School 21st Century Program Staff/Site Coordinator Resignation as of 4/18/2016
 3. Tammy Watkins – Director of Food Service – FMLA Leave 5/15/2016 through approximately 6/30/2016
- Employment
 1. Valerie Hill – RPES Food Service Worker at \$8.79 per hour beginning 4/11/2016
 2. Aaron Williams – Middle School 21st Century Program Staff/Site Coordinator beginning 4/26/2016 @ \$10.00 per hour
- Employment – Summer School
 1. Brian Lindorf – Driver's Ed
 2. Russ Radtke – Driver's Ed
 3. Larry Szczechowski – Driver's Ed
 4. Ryan Radtke – Driver's Ed
 5. Robert Harvey – Driver's Ed
 6. Doug Snyder – Driver's Ed
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Tara Dome – NPHS Pom & Dance Team Co-Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
 2. Lauren Olson – NPHS Pom & Dance Team Co-Coach for the 2016-17 School Year

3. Eric Lower – NPHS Dive Team Head Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
 - Adjustments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. White thanked the Rolling Prairie Elementary Principal, teachers and students for their presentation on the enrichment program, Sumdog.
- Dr. White explained to the Board how ISTEP+ is currently in process at the elementary schools and middle school using paper/pencil.
- Spring sports are currently in full swing and doing very well.
- Dr. White introduced and congratulated Mrs. Julie Jerzak, FBLA Sponsor, along with the FBLA winners in the state competition. Present for the Board to recognize were 1st place winners, Michael Bertolan, Caitlyn Demlein and Chloe Funderburg. The NPHS FBLA chapter won the state title as a team.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request:
 - NPHS Robotics Team to State Finals in Kokomo, IN– April 14 – April 16, 2016
- (B) The Board approved the Fees Accounting Services Agreement with H.J. Umbaugh & Associates for Proposed Lease Rental Bonds of 2016
- (C) The Board approved the Towel and Mop Service Quote and Contract with Aramark Uniform Services
- (D) The Board approved the Letter of Understanding between Invent Now, Inc. and New Prairie United School Corporation
- (E) The Board approved the Agreement for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Government Volume Submitter 401(a)
- (F) The Board approved the Pest Control Service Quote and Contract with Franklin Pest Solutions
- (G) The Board approved the 2016 School Improvement Institute Grant Memorandum of Understanding
- (H) The Board approved the Recommendation to Sell the Corporation Owned 1995 Ford Van

DISCUSSION

- (A) First Reading of Revised Board Policy 8451

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.