

BOARD NOTES
August 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present.

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

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

On a motion by King, seconded by Groves, the regular meeting was suspended to hold the annual Budget Hearing.

BUDGET HEARING

Kelley Kitchen presented the proposed 2017 Budget as follows:

- General Fund - \$19,793,367
- Debt & Exempt Service - \$5,001,409
- Capital Referendum - \$1,238,610
- Pension Fund - \$144,028
- CPF - \$4,108,179
- Transportation – \$2,878,912
- Bus Replacement - \$471,731
- Rainy Day - \$1,000,000

The Board members and Dr. White received Budget Binders from Kelley Kitchen for their review.

There were no questions or comments from the Board members. Rich Shail asked if there were questions from the audience of which Jim Pressel, candidate for State Representative, asked questions as well as Mike Bohacek, LaPorte County Board of Commissioners, who is running for State Senate. Kelley Kitchen answered their questions.

Rich Shail closed the Budget Hearing.

On a motion by Groves, seconded by King the regular meeting of the School Board was reconvened. The motion was approved 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – August 8, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 1. Karen VanOverberghe – Resignation as 7th grade mathematics/science teacher at New Prairie Middle School effective 6/30/2016
 2. John Berning – Resignation as Social Studies Teacher at NPHS effective 8/16/2016

3. Jeff Suttor – Co-Curricular Resignation as Lunchroom Supervisor at New Prairie High School beginning 7/1/2016
- **Employment**
 1. Andrew Maez – 21st Century After School Program Teacher at RPES for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 2. Jarret Spence - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at RPES for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 3. Tammy Moore - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at Olive for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 4. Sara Gillen - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at Olive for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 5. Janelle Taylor - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at Olive for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 6. Angela Allen – 21st Century After School Program Teacher at NPMS for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 7. Mark Meyer - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at NPHS for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 8. Teresa Strole - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at NPHS for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 9. Ben Strole - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at NPHS for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 10. Melanie Groves - 21st Century After School Program Teacher at NPHS for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 11. Nicole Chase – New Prairie High School Social Studies Teacher pending Criminal Background Check results
 - **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
 1. Kimberly Krauklis – 7th Grade Co-Team Leader beginning 7/1/2016
 2. Heather O’Connell – Co-Curricular Elementary Vocal Music Director beginning 7/1/2016
 3. Kari McLaughlin – Co-Curricular New Prairie Middle School Improvement Committee Member as of 7/1/2016
 4. Lori Rose - Co-Curricular New Prairie Middle School Improvement Committee Member as of 7/1/2016

- **Adjustments**

NON-CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 1. Jessica Orr – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant as of 8/8/2016
 2. Roglenda Smith – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant as of 7/22/2016
 3. Renee Chojacki – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Secretary as of 8/15/2016
 4. Danielle Miller – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instruction Assistant as of 8/11/2016
- **Employment**
 1. Jennifer Maxey – Bus driver for MS/HS single route #27 beginning 8/11/2016
 2. Angela Johnson –Bus driver for MS/HS single route #19 beginning 8/11/2016

3. Sarah Prather – Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary pending criminal background check results
 4. Kathy Demott – Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary beginning 8/16/2016
 5. Christine Hunter – Library Assistant at Olive Elementary pending criminal background check results
 6. Andrea Archuleta – ELL Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary pending criminal background check results
 7. Maggie Gulotta - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at PVES for 2016-17 school year @ \$10 per hour
 8. Tim Flanagan - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at PVES for 2016-17 school year @ \$20 per hour
 9. Cheryl Smith - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at RPES for 2016-17 school year @ \$10 per hour
 10. Danielle Miller - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at RPES for 2016-17 school year @ \$10 per hour
 11. Rhonda Kujawa - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at RPES for 2016-17 school year @ \$10 per hour
 12. Loryn Gerenscer - 21st Century After School Program Assistant at PVES for 2016-17 school year @ \$10 per hour
 13. David Hastings – Prairie View Elementary Evening Custodian beginning 8/22/2016 at \$11.00 per hour, after 3 months \$12.00 per hour
 14. Debra Kring – Midnight Custodian New Prairie High School start date pending Criminal Background Check Results at \$11.00 per hour, after 3 months \$12.00 per hour
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
 1. David Dailey – Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2016-17 school year
 - **Adjustments**
 1. Cary Damerow, New Prairie Middle School LPN Nurse wage adjustment to \$16.00 per hour beginning 8/11/2016
 2. Crystal Snyder, Rolling Prairie Elementary LPN Nurse wage adjustment to \$16.00 per hour beginning 8/11/2016
 3. Susan Villareal transfer from single route bus driver of MS/HS to MS/HS and RP double route #49 beginning 8/11/2016
 4. Paul Friedrich MS/HS single route bus driver #19 to MS/HS single route #17 beginning 8/11/2016
 5. Douglas Wilhelm – Promotion to New Prairie High School Custodian Midnight Crew Leader beginning 8/22/2016 at \$13.46 per hour

REPORTS

Superintendent's Reports:

- Dr. White stated that we have had a great start to the new school year with our new administrative team at the high school.
- We are proud of the football team and their performance Friday night.
- Academic preparations are being implemented for the Flex Days coming up September 16 & 23rd. On these days' students will be expected to work from home while teachers will report for PD and will be in contact with their students as well if they have questions. Information will be sent home to parents to explain the process. Families will have alternate places available other than home to complete work.

- Dr. White explained his concern over the fact that there is a shortage of young new teachers. With the need for new teachers this year the next generation of educators are not applying. He feels this is a multi-faceted problem that needs to be looked at.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board approved the 2016-17 Master Teacher Contract/Compensation Model
- (B) The Board accepted the donations as follows:
 - AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 911, of Rolling Prairie, donated to Rolling Prairie Elementary, 6 backpacks filled with supplies and 6-\$30 gift Certificates for children in need of gym shoes
 - AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 911, of Rolling Prairie donated to Prairie View Elementary, 6 backpacks full of school supplies, one for each grade level
 - United Methodist Church, New Carlisle, donated to Rolling Prairie Elementary, 3 backpacks & school supplies
 - South Central Community School Corporation donated approximately 50 music stands to the New Prairie Middle School Band Program
- (C) The Board approved Administrative Increases for 2016-17
- (D) The Board approved Director and Non-Certified Employee Increases for 2016-17
- (E) The Board approved the Agreement between NPUSC and the Child Care Consortium Inc., Head Start of LaPorte County
- (F) The Board approved the Consulting Agreement between NPUSC and Equitable Education Solutions, LLC
- (G) The Board approved the Edmentum Contract for 2016-17
- (H) The Board approved the Amplify Renewal Quote for 2016-17
- (I) The Board approved the Crescerance Renewal Quote for 2016-17
- (J) The Board approved the NPUSC Revised Teacher Evaluation and Development Instrument
- (K) The Board approved the Graphic Design and Quote for the Football Equipment Trailer

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves stated that he is happy to give the raises that were approved as they are very deserving.
- Al Williamson stated the he has been thrilled to hear all positive comments on the new hires this school year.
- Rich Shail stated that we are off to a great start this school year.

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.