

## BOARD NOTES

April 24, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, Bill 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 agenda, seconded by King and approved 5-0.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Ms. Becky Bartlett, Principal of Rolling Prairie Elementary highlighted for the Board the presentation that Sarah Huff, ESL Coordinator, will give regarding the ESL Program. Ms. Bartlett introduced Mrs. Huff to the Board members and gave her the floor.
- Mrs. Huff handed out data sheets on the ESL students. She explained the Mission and Objectives to the program. One of the main goals is for the ESL students to test out of the ESL program by the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Huff brought in a former ESL student who came to the USA when she was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She was enrolled at Rolling Prairie Elementary as a “newcomer” or Level I English Learner, who could not speak or understand English. She completed 3 years at RPES. She stated that she had a wonderful experience in the ESL program at RPES which made her ready for the middle school experience. She explained further that she had gone on to graduate high school, enter college, and soon to graduate with a Spanish Degree then on to a teaching degree. The former student spoke on how critical those years were for learning English. She accredits her first years at Rolling Prairie Elementary to her success.
- Ms. Bartlett thanked the Board for their support of the program as the ESL program is a great success here at New Prairie.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – March 20, 2017
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Ruth Trujillo – Retirement as New Prairie Middle School Counselor effective 6/2/2017
  2. Robert (Dan) White – Resignation as New Prairie High School Language Arts/Spanish Teacher effective 6/30/2017
  3. Mark McBride – Resignation as New Prairie Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach effective 6/30/2017
- Employment
  1. Samantha Vogeler – Temporary Title I Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School for Lauren Dyer beginning 4/25/2017 through 5/25/2017
- Employment – Summer School
  1. Mark McBride – Driver’s Education Instructor
  2. Marty Mosson – Driver’s Education Instructor
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

1. Adjustment to Colleen Henehan's contract of 10 additional days for the 2016-17 school year for additional duties acquired because of the retirement of another counselor.

## **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Andrea Archuleta – Resignation as ELL Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School effective 5/5/2017
- Employment
  1. Renee Chojnacki – Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary at \$8.93 per hour beginning
  2. Marissa Hastings – Temporary Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary at \$8.93 per hour beginning 4/10/2017 through 5/25/2017
  3. Susan McLain – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary at \$9.73 per hour beginning 4/10/2017
- Employment – Summer School
  1. Brian Lindorf – Driver's Ed
  2. Russ Radtke – Driver's Ed
  3. Ryan Radtke – Driver's Ed
  4. Robert Harvey – Driver's Ed
  5. Doug Snyder – Driver's Ed
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  - 1.
- Adjustments
  1. Tashenna Bougher transferred positions from Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary to Food Service Worker at NPHS beginning 4/10/2017 at \$9.50 per hour.

## **REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report:

- NPUSC wishes Ruth Trujillo a happy and healthy retirement after 23 years of service as a teacher and a counselor.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests:
  - NPHS Boys Basketball Team to Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, MI, for High School Basketball Team Camp June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - NPMS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club Students to visit the Indiana State House in Indianapolis, Indiana University in Bloomington, Ball State University in Muncie, Purdue Northwest campuses in Hammond and Westville June 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
  - NPHS FBLA Students and to attend the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA June 29 – July 2, 2017
- (B) The Board approved the Letter of Understanding between National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. (NIHF) and New Prairie United School Corporation
- (C) The Board approved the Pest Control Service Contract with Franklin Pest Solutions for the 2017-18 School Year
- (D) The Board approved 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Board Policies Vol. 29 No. 1 - # 1520, 1520.08, 1521, 1619, 1619.01, 1619.02, 1619.03, 2623, 3120.08, 3121, 3124, 3419, 3419.01, 3419.02, 3419.03, 4120.08, 4121, 4419, 4419.01, 4419.02, 4419.03, 5111, 5340.01, 5460, 5530, 5830, 6605, 6700, 8120, 8121, 8330, 8340, 8400, 8405, 8455, 9700
- (E) The Board accepted Donations as Listed:

- Rolling Prairie Elementary raised \$326 for a Title I Fundraiser with Reading for Education. Funds earned are for Rolling Prairie Elementary School's annual Reading Picnic
  - Feed the Children donated to NPUSC: 42 pallets of school supplies and 38 pallets of new children's books valued at \$718.86
  - Rolling Prairie Elementary third grade teachers received a donation of \$100 towards school supplies from Gleaners
- (F) The Board accepted Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
- (G) The Board approved the 2017-18 School Year Meal Prices
- (H) The Board approved a Recommendation to Collect Bids for Improvements to Athletic Fields through Natural Grass or Sod Solutions

## **DISCUSSION**

- (A) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Board Policy 8510
- There were no questions regarding this policy from the Board members.
- (B) Weight Room Renovation
- Jim Schwingendorf presented his follow-up information from the Work-Session last month on weight machines, free weights, flooring, training items and technology for the newly renovated weight room. The Board members, Dr. White and Jim Holifield discussed how funding would work to obtain the new equipment as well as use and/or sale of old equipment. It was agreed by the Board members that the newly renovated weight room needs new, up to date, safe equipment for the students. Further discussion is planned.
- (C) Athletic Facilities Work Session Follow-up
- The Board agreed that a facilities renovation plan needs to be created. Regarding the proposed field house that was presented at the previous work session, it was agreed that this endeavor will require a professional fundraising plan but is not the top priority at the moment.
  - The Board revisited the idea of the football field renovation of home bleachers with locker rooms to be built on the current visitors side versus a ½ time building in the referendum budget, however, the bids are higher than expected. The Board wants a number on the proposed stadium renovation from Performance Services vs the cost of building the ½ time building as well as questioning other schools on the costs for their stadium renovations. The Board members suggested tours of some local high school stadiums. Rich Shail suggested another meeting to discuss findings and costs then move forward with their best decision.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Dale Groves did not have any comments other than to ask Dr. Cannon about the New Prairie Education Foundation Grants.
- Dr. Cannon replied that 10 teachers will receive classroom scholarships this year. 20 teachers have applied. There will be 2 student scholarships awarded. Also, the Harlem Wizards will be returning. Date and time will be announced.
- Rich Shail asked Dr. Cannon about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century students Notre Dame trip?
- Dr. Cannon stated that it went very well. 220 people attended from NPUSC which Notre Dame rolled out the red carpet. NPUSC was recognized by Notre Dame at half time. It was a great experience for all.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.