

BOARD NOTES

May 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, May 22, 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 King to adopt the agenda, seconded by Romstadt and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Dr. White announced that he is recognizing 3 successful student program groups from the high school this evening starting with the Science Fair winners. Mrs. Kim Holifield, Science Fair Sponsor, announced 3 students; Lucas Allegrette, Baylee Carpenter, and Alex Crawford, who took their projects to State competition winning multiple awards and scholarships. Lucas and Alex explained their award winning projects to the Board. Dr. White presented the students and Mrs. Holifield with Certificates of Recognition from the Board.
- Dr. White read the highlights for the year for the FBLA Chapter at NPHS along with their lengthy list of awards won. He introduced FBLA Sponsor, Mrs. Julie Jerzak, who introduced her students and touched on their impressive accomplishments. Dr. White asked Mrs. Jerzak how many years she has been an FBLA Sponsor. Mrs. Jerzak responded she has been a sponsor for 31 years total. Dr. White presented the students and Mrs. Jerzak with Certificates of Recognition from the Board.
- Dr. White then read the summary of accomplishments for the year for the HOSA Team at NPHS along with their long list of awards won. He introduced HOSA Sponsor, Mrs. Tonya Aerts, who introduced her HOSA Team describing the achievements of each student. Dr. White presented the students and Mrs. Aerts with Certificates of Recognition from the Board.
- Board President, Rich Shail, exclaimed that every one of these students are awesome and how proud the Board is of them. These and all students are the reason that the Board continues to work for them.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – April 24, 2017, April 27, 2017
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Becky Reider – Retirement as Kindergarten Teacher at Prairie View Elementary as of 6/30/2017
2. Jessica Hull – Resignation as Art Teacher at NPHS as of 5/26/2017
3. Jessica Hull – Co-Curricular Resignation as Freshman Volleyball Coach, Head Softball Coach and 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach as of 5/26/2017
4. Theresa Strole – Resignation as Math Teacher at NPHS as of 6/30/2017
5. Melanie Groves – Resignation as Math Teacher at NPHS as of 6/30/2017
6. Melanie Groves – Co-Curricular Resignation as School Improvement Chair and National Honor Society Chair as of 6/30/2017
7. Matt Flagg – Resignation as 7th Grade Math Teacher at NPMS as of 5/26/2017

8. Matt Flagg – Co-Curricular Resignation as 7th Grade Co-Team Leader and Math Team Sponsor as of 5/26/2017
9. Janet Pfeil – Co-Curricular Resignation as 4th Grade Young Astronauts Sponsor as of 5/25/2017
10. Tamara Moore – Co-Curricular Resignation as History Fair Coordinator as of 4/27/2017
11. Mark McBride – Co-Curricular Resignation as 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach as of 6/30/2017
12. Gary Hixenbaugh – Co-Curricular Resignation as Asst. Middle School Track Coach as of 6/30/2017

▪ **Employment**

1. Laurel Smith – 21st Century After School HOSA/PLTW BioMed Coach for the 2016-17 school year
2. Carin Westin – NPHS Art Teacher beginning 7/1/2017
3. Ashley Regal – NPHS Art Teacher beginning 7/1/2017 (pending criminal background results)
4. Megan Dew – NPHS Counselor beginning 7/1/2017
5. Arlene Zarate – NPHS Math Teacher beginning 7/1/2017 (pending criminal background results)

▪ **Employment – Summer 2017**

1. Kelle Cartwright – NPMS 7th & 8th Grade Summer Language Arts Teacher @ \$49.13 per hour
2. Gary Hixenbaugh – NPMS 7th & 8th Grade Summer Mathematics Teacher @ \$49.13 per hour
3. Mary Kathryn VanPelt - NPMS 6th Grade Summer Language Arts & Mathematics Teacher @ \$37.06 per hour
4. Natalie Spevak – NPHS Summer Health Teacher @ \$37.45 per hour
5. Daniel Reffo – NPHS Summer PE Teacher @ \$35.79 per hour
6. Lydia Brower - NPHS Summer PE Teacher @ \$28.85 per hour
7. Jessica Sinka – NPHS Summer English 9 & 10 Teacher @ \$39.03 per hour
8. Frank Hobart – NPHS Summer English 10 & 11 Teacher @ \$51.09
9. Gale Gonder – NPHS Summer Algebra I Teacher @ \$51.09 per hour
10. Mark Stone - NPHS Summer Algebra I Teacher @ \$41.50 per hour
11. Angela Smith – NPHS Summer Biology Teacher @ \$35.64 per hour
12. Mark Schellinger – NPHS Summer US History Teacher @ \$34.60 per hour
13. Heidi Schellinger – NPHS Summer PLATO Teacher @ \$31.28 per hour
14. Robin Kubsch – NPHS Summer Jumpstart Grade 9 Teacher @ \$37.89 per hour
15. Sharon Bashaw – IREAD Teacher @ \$46.19 per hour
16. Patrick Teykl – Summer Instrumental Band Director @ \$30.34 per hour
17. Daniel Weinberg – Summer Assistant Instrumental Band Director @ \$28.37 per hour
18. David Dailey – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
19. Andrew Maize – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
20. Tammy Moore – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
21. Angela Allen – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
22. Jami Halfast - 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
23. Christine Hunter – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
24. Janelle Taylor – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
25. Amanda Brandy–21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
26. Kourtney Brennan – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher, Stipend of \$1,080
27. Brandi Spoor – Great Outdoors Camp Instructor – Estimated Stipend of \$800
28. Ryan Jones – Tech Camp Instructor – Estimated Stipend of \$1,800

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Lydia Brower – NPMS Assistant Track Coach beginning 7/1/2017

- **Adjustments**

1. Tonya Aerts to receive a stipend of \$1000 for extra duties completed as HOSA/PLTW BioMed Coach.
2. Laurel Smith to receive a stipend of \$1000 for duties completed as HOSA/PLTW BioMed Coach.
3. Jemiah Piesyk – Voluntary Transfer from 4th Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary to 5th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 7/1/2017
4. Christy Pietrzak – Voluntary Transfer as 2nd Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary to New Prairie High School as Spanish Teacher beginning 7/1/2017

NON-CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Kathy Smith, FMLA Intermittent Leave beginning 3/27/2017 through 8/31/2017
2. Debra Bush – Termination as Food Service Aide at NPMS as of 5/12/2017

- **Employment**

- **Employment – Summer 2017**

1. Crystal Snyder – 21st Century Health Aide/Secretary @ \$16 per hour
2. Loryn Gerenscer – Chef Camp Instructor, Estimated Stipend of \$1,400
3. Ten (10) iStudents @ \$7.50 per hour for 2 to 4 weeks @ 8 hrs per day (in process of determining students)
4. Melissa Adnson - Summer Technology Assistant at 13.97/hr, 8 hrs/day for 8 weeks
5. Andrew Sass - Summer Technology Assistant/Internship at \$7.50./hr, 8 hrs/day for 8 weeks

- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Cynthia Cummings – NPHS Cheerleading Coach for the 2017-18 School Year
2. Georgianna Mrozinski – Prairie View 5th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 School Year
3. Tara Dome – NPHS Co-Head Pom & Dance Coach for the 2017-18 School Year

- **Adjustments**

1. Nancy Pilarski, currently ELL Assistant at NPMS will transfer to RPES as ELL Assistant beginning 8/9/2017
2. Ashley Robbins - \$5,000 adjustment/increase to base salary (grant funded) effective 6/1/2017

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. White and the Board congratulated Becky Reider on her retirement. Mrs. Reider submitted her letter of retirement after 37 years of committed service as a NPUSC Kindergarten Teacher. Dr. White went on to say that Becky has been described as calm, patient, nurturing and encouraging to her students. It has been said that the keys to Becky's success are: experience, organization, flexibility along with lots of patience and her deep love for teaching. She has maintained a career of having an expertly managed classroom. She will be deeply missed by her coworkers as well as her past and present students. NPUSC wishes to thank Mrs. Becky Reider for her valuable years of service and wishes her the very best in her retirement.
- Dr. White reported a few recently passed laws from the state legislature: by the 2018-19 school year ISTEP will be gone and a new test called ILEARN will take its place; changes will occur in the funding process, the general fund will be called the education fund and the funds that operate transportation, capital projects and school bus replacement will go into one fund

called the Operations Fund in effect in 2018. Another change will be that Formal Collective Bargaining will not be allowed to begin until September 15th.

- Dr. Cannon and the Education Foundation Board Members presented Teacher Grants of \$250.00 to be used in the classroom to ten (10) teachers. The Teachers receiving the grants are: Tammy Moore, Julie Kirkham, Meg Buss, Sandra Ernst, Sharon Bashaw, Shannon Edmondson, Heather Willsey, Kelsey Castle, Frank Hobart & Ryan Jones. The teachers explained what they planned to spend the grant money on for their classroom.
- Dr. Cannon then presented the two (2) student scholarships of \$500 from the Education foundation to Riley Moody and Lucas Allegrette.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations
 - Heston Hills Banquet Center - \$250.00 Room Donation for the Top Ten Dinner
 - Delta Beta Phi Sorority Donated Tree Saplings to all Rolling Prairie Elementary 4th Grade Students in honor of Earth Day
 - Feed The Children donated New Children's Books and School Supplies Valued at \$554.84
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Received Two Sponsorship Donations from:
 - Ridge NAPA Auto Parts, LaPorte - \$100
 - SSD Control Technology, South Bend - \$500
- (B) The Board approved the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 8510
- (C) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request:
 - NPHS HOSA Team to the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL June 20-26, 2017
- (D) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest for Carrie Cannon
- (E) The Board approved Textbook Fees for the 2017-18 School Year
- (F) The Board approved the Student Handbooks for 2017-18
 - New Prairie Middle School
 - New Prairie High School
 - Elementary Schools – Olive, Prairie View, Rolling Prairie, Elementary General Handbook
 - NPHS Athletic & Activities Policy Handbook
 - NPMS Athletic & Parent Athletic Handbook
- (G) The Board approved the Operation Agreement with LaPorte County

Career

& Technical Education

- (H) The Board approved the Mathematics Textbook Adoption
- (I) The Board approved the Resolution to Allow Inter-Fund Transfers/Loans
- (J) The Board approved the Renewal of Tech Defenders Student iPad Insurance
- (K) The Board approved the Freeze of Out-of-District Grade 12 Transfer Students for 2017-18 School Year
- (L) The Board approved the Freeze of Out-of-District Grade 8 Transfer Students for 2017-18 school Year
- (M) The Board approved the Disposal of Old Textbooks
- (N) The Board approved the AP-TIP IN Affiliate Agreement
- (O) The Board approved the Renewal of the 1300 "Scholastic Reading

Counts" Year Contract

Licenses per year at a Reduced Rate for a Three

(P) The Board approved the Agreement for Shared Library Services with
the LaPorte County Public Library for the 2017-2018 School

Year

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.