

BOARD NOTES

August 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, and Phil King present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, and Dr. Carrie Cannon, Asst. Superintendent, were also present

Bill Romstadt, Board Member, was absent.

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

There was a motion by King to adopt the agenda, seconded by Groves and approved 4-0-1.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items:
 - (A) Minutes – July 24, 2017
 - (B) Financial Reports
 - (C) Claims
 - (D) Payroll
 - (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Melissa Kobitz – Resignation as 1st Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School as of 8/1/2017
2. Amanda Brandy – Resignation as Title 1 Math Coach at Rolling Prairie Elementary School as of 7/28/2017
3. Tim Eldridge – Resignation as Social Studies Teacher at New Prairie High School as of 7/17/2017

▪ **Employment**

1. Jennifer Younggreen – Temporary 4th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School as of 7/27/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
2. Aislin Jahnke – 4th Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School beginning 7/1/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
3. Angie Foresman – New Prairie Middle School Counselor beginning 7/1/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
4. Wendi Hemphill - 21st Century Site Coordinator at Prairie View Elementary School at \$25.00 per hour
5. Mikayla Golden - 21st Century Co-Site Coordinator at Olive Elementary School at \$25.00 per hour
6. Kim Stepp - 21st Century Co-Site Coordinator at Olive Elementary School at \$25.00 per hour

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Lydia Brower – 6th Grade Head Volleyball Coach at New Prairie Middle School as of 7/1/2017

▪ **Adjustments**

NON-CERTIFIED

Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Jennifer Younggreen – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary as of 7/26/2017
2. Brent Campos – Resignation as Head Volleyball Coach at New Prairie Middle School as of 7/27/2017
3. Cammy Pittman – Resignation as Food Service Worker at Prairie View Elementary as of 7/31/17
4. Lynn Hill – FMLA Intermittent Leave as Food Service Manager at Olive Elementary School beginning 7/3/2017 and ending 9/22/2017
5. Angela Lenig – FMLA Intermittent Leave as Health Aide at Olive Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year
6. Jacob Jackson – FMLA Leave as Network/Systems Administrator starting August 3, 2017 through August 23, 2017
7. Jacob Jackson – Resignation as Network/Systems Administrator effective August 25, 2017

Employment

1. Sarah Tinkle – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School as of 8/9/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
2. Gidget Griffin – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School as of 8/9/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
3. Janet Ebsch – Library Assistant at Prairie View Elementary School as of 8/9/2017 (pending criminal background results)
4. Carrie Samila – Bus Driver for NPUSC, Route 49, beginning 8/9/2017
5. Rodney Wash – 21st Century Site Coordinator at Rolling Prairie Elementary School at \$25.00 per hour
6. Maria Sobecki – Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary School beginning 8/9/2017 (pending criminal background check results)
7. Dawn Horn – Attendance Secretary at New Prairie High School, beginning date pending criminal background check results
8. Julie Jeszensky – Administrative Secretary at New Prairie High School, beginning date pending criminal background check results
9. Lindsey Greenwood – Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary School beginning 8/9/17 (pending criminal background check results)
10. Roberta Funderburg – Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary School beginning 8/9/17 (pending criminal background check results)

Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Brittany Sheeler – New Prairie High School Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 school year (pending criminal background results)
2. Derek Hicks – New Prairie High School Head Softball Coach for the 2017-18 school year (pending criminal background check results)

Adjustments

1. Joseph Ekovich route change to HS/MS route #25 adding a Rolling Prairie Elementary route.
2. Susan Villareal route number change for her HS/MS and RPES route is now #9 instead of #49.

REPORTS

- Dr. White reported that this is an exciting week with the teachers return as well as the students. Today started with the Opening Day Breakfast held in the high school cafeteria with an enthusiastic staff. Everyone seems energetic and excited in spite of the construction projects happening around them.
- Elementary projects are nearly ready for the first day. Olive and Prairie are largely ready. The new secure entryways should be completed by Labor Day. The Rolling Prairie Elementary Cafeteria should be done by the end of this month. Rolling Prairie Elementary School's newly renovated, expanded offices are looking fantastic along with the new bathrooms.
- High School renovations are set to begin in September inside classrooms.
- A roofing report of recommendations by professionals will soon be complete and ready for presentation related to wind damage on the southwest section of New Prairie High School.
- Dr. White went on to say that he and 5 administrators attended a Professional Learning Community Conference in Lincolnshire, IL, last week. He stated that it was the most substantial conference he has ever attended. A follow up meeting, August 30th with a trainer from Solution Tree, (a group that facilitates a professional learning community approach) will meet with teacher leaders throughout the district. The approach focuses on high levels of learning for all students, and high levels of collaboration between the teachers and administration. This group is quick to study the latest research on best practices for the greatest learning results. He feels this program will work very well with the goals discussed at the Board Retreat this summer. Following the August 30th meeting, Dr. White hopes to have one guiding document as a mission for our district, listing long and short term goals to help direct our district.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board adopted the Resolution for Pension Tax Neutrality
 - (B) The Board approved Revised Position Descriptions:
 - Building Secretary/Attendance
 - HS Building Administrative Secretary
 - (C) The Board approved Classified Handbook Language Revision
 - (D) The Board approved NWEA Contract
Dale Groves has two concerns regarding the length of the test and evaluation.
 - (E) The Board approved New World Grant Management Module
 - (F) The Board approved Edmentum Contract
 - (G) The Board approved the NPUSC Teacher Appraisal Instrument
- teacher
- Purchase

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- The Board welcomed everyone back to school!

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Groves the meeting was adjourned.