

BOARD NOTES
September 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, and Phil King present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present

Bill Romstadt was absent.

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items:
 - (A) Minutes – August 21, 2017
 - (B) Financial Reports
 - (C) Claims
 - (D) Payroll
 - (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Brian Williamson – NPUSC Athletic Director Retirement effective 9/30/2017
2. Mikayla Golden – Olive Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher - FMLA leave beginning at approximately 11/28/2017 through 1/26/2018
3. Becky Bartlett – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Principal – FMLA Intermittent leave for the 2017-2018 school year
4. Amy Burris – Olive Elementary Kindergarten Teacher - FMLA Intermittent leave for the 2017-18 school year
5. Sara Gillen – Olive Elementary Kindergarten Teacher – FMLA leave beginning approximately 11/3/ 2017 through approximately 1/26/2018
6. Erica Ketterer – PVES 2nd Grade Teacher – Resignation as Science Fair Sponsor

▪ **Employment**

1. Jill Petcu – Temporary Vocal Music Teacher for PVES/OES beginning approximately 9/15/2017 through 10/27/2017
2. Mark Yates – Interim Athletic Director NPHS remainder of 2017-18 school year beginning 10/2/2017 (pending criminal background check)

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Carin Weston – NPHS Junior Class Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
2. Natalie Spevak – NPHS National Honor Society Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
3. Mark Stone – NPHS Sophomore Class Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
4. Lauren Dyer – PVES Co-Science Fair Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
5. Kim Saunders – PVES School Improvement Team Member (PL221 Chair ¼) beginning 7/1/2017
6. Todd Dermody – NPHS 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach beginning 7/1/2017
7. Mark McBride – OES 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach beginning 7/1/2017

▪ **Adjustments**

NON-CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Sarah Doorn – Resignation as Food Service Worker at NPHS as of 10/4/2017
2. Brittany Sheeler – NPHS JV Volleyball Coach Resignation as of 8/28/2017

3. Andrew Sopko – NPMS Cafeteria Aide Resignation as of 8/21/2017
4. Rhonda Smoroske – Health Aide at PVES – FMLA leave beginning 9/13/2017 through 10/11/2017
5. Vicki Hiles – NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA leave beginning 8/7/2017 through 9/20/2017
6. Barb Kipler – NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA leave beginning 9/11/2017 through 10/2/2017
7. Shelley Dettinger – HR/Payroll Coordinator – FMLA leave beginning 8/9/2017 through 9/9/2017
8. Sharin McGuire – NPUSC Bus Driver – FMLA leave beginning 9/11/2017 through 10/20/2017
9. Tammy Watkins – NPUSC Food Service Director – FMLA leave beginning 9/5/2017 through 10/31/2017

▪ **Employment**

1. Christy McAlister – NPHS 4 Hour Food Service Worker beginning 9/5/2017
2. Kathryn Alvey – 21st Century Instructional Assistant at PVES beginning 9/5/2017
3. Adrienne Jongkind – 21st Century Instructional Assistant at PVES beginning 9/5/2017
4. Jessica Bentley - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at PVES beginning 9/5/2017
5. Rhonda Kujawa -21st Century Instructional Assistant at RPES beginning 9/5/2017
6. Angela Lenig - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at OES beginning 9/5/2017
7. Elizabeth Buell - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at OES beginning 9/5/2017
8. Hannah Roberts - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at OES beginning 9/5/2017
9. Ben Margraf - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at OES beginning 9/5/2017
10. Elaina Kobitz - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at NPMS beginning 9/5/2017
11. Makenzie Scarborough – 21st Century Instructional Assistant at RPES beginning 9/5/2017
12. Bethanne Howard - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at RPES beginning 9/5/2017
13. Zoe Spence - 21st Century Instructional Assistant at RPES beginning 9/5/2017
14. Beth Crawford – 21st Century Lego Robotics Instructor at RPES beginning 9/11/2017
15. Cathy Henning - 21st Century Lego Robotics Instructor at OES beginning 9/11/2017
16. Susan Franco – PVES Evening Custodian beginning 9/11/2017

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Rhonda Kujawa – Rolling Prairie Elementary Athletic Supervisor for the 2017-18 school year
2. Ashley Robbins – NPHS Hoosier Academic Decathlon Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year
3. Valaina Mossman – PVES Student Council Co-Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year
4. Lori Lestinsky – NPHS Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
5. Zachary Ketterer – NPMS 6th Grade Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
6. Geno Klute – NPHS Boys’ JV Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
7. Sarah Tinkel – RPES 5th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
8. Janice Jasinski-Beck – OES 5th Grade Co-Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
9. Jayna Colanese - OES 5th Grade Co-Volleyball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
10. Ross Streiter – NPHS Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
11. Haley Ebersole – OES 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Name correction for a previously approved 21st Century Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary. Approved incorrect name was Ava Jongkind, should be Ava Coblentz.
2. Steve Hand promotion from IT Specialist to Network Administrator as of 9/5/2017

3. Valaina Mossman – NPHS Food Service Worker position transfer to PVES as an Instructional Aide beginning 8/9/2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. White wished to recognize Brian Williamson who announced his retirement as New Prairie High School's Athletic Director. Dr. White gave a brief account of Mr. Williamson's career as a teacher, a coach, then as Athletic Director here at New Prairie. He thanked him for his 26 years of dedicated service to NPUSC and wished him well in his retirement.
- Dr. White welcomed Mr. Mark Yates who will be the Interim Athletic Director for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.
- Congratulations goes out to the Athletic Department, staff and students who all made the 50th run of the New Prairie Cross Country Invitational a great success.
- Dr. White explained that he will have an Early Release schedule prepared for release by the end of this week.
- Dr. White shared that he attended a regional meeting with State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. McCormick. She shared future state accountability requirements under the new federal law, ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Some critical changes highlighted are: equity of access of courses for students. All students should have equal access to courses that may not be offered in a school. Online classes would be offered for no cost by the DOE; reinstitute sub groups in accountability calculations. A minimum of 20 students are required for a subgroup; chronic unexcused absenteeism will have its own category for accountability; the General Diploma may not be an allowable diploma in calculating graduation rate; iLearn will be implemented in a couple years; End of Course Exams will be reinstated at the high school level and will be more rigorous.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted donations as follows:
- DonorsChoose.org awarded the following to Rolling Prairie Elementary Teachers:
 1. Amy Wolfe – Wobble chairs, balance disk/chairs, balance ball chairs valued at \$856.50
 2. Julie Kirkham – Bouncy bands for chairs valued at \$334.80
 3. Abby Howard – Kore active wobble chairs
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received miscellaneous school supplies from the following:
 1. Barbara Wright
 2. Mike and Debbie Harris
 3. New Carlisle Methodist Church
 4. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #911 donated 6 backpacks with miscellaneous school supplies and \$180 to be used to purchase Gym Shoes
 - New Prairie High School Received a \$500 donation from St. Joseph Energy Center, L.L.C. of Charlotte, North Carolina to help with the costs of the Invitational
 - Feed the Children donated NPUSC - 564 Pallets of School Supplies and 466 Pallets of New Childrens Books all valued at \$9,116.52
 - Casey Gumm, Olive Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, is awarded \$500 and 500 Bonus Points to spend on her classroom library from Scholastic Book Clubs and James Patterson Partnership Giveaway
 - New Prairie Middle School Band received a donation of a drum kit from John DeGroot

- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a donation of school supplies and backpacks from Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church
 - NPMS Students donated a bench for the NPHS Baseball Field in Mark Mayfield's name. The NPHS Building Trades built it and Ryan Jones, NPHS Art Teacher, painted it.
- (B) The Board approved and adopted the 2018 Budget and Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates
- (C) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests:
- Prairie View Elementary School 5th Grade Students to Camp Tecumseh, September 19 & 20, 2017, in Brookston, Indiana
 - New Prairie High School FFA Student Group to attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, October 26 & 27, 2017
- (D) The Board approved the renewal of Snow Removal Contracts for the 2017-18 through 2018-19 School Years:
- Caretaker Landscaping and Lawn – New Prairie High School, Middle School, Olive and Prairie View Elementary Schools
 - MC Homestead Construction – Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- (E) The Board adopted the 2018-2019 Capital Projects Fund Plan and Resolution
- (F) The Board adopted the 2018-2029 Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution

DISCUSSION

- (A) First Reading - Board Policies Vol. 29, No. 2 & July 2017 Special Release Policies: 0100, 2261.01, 3220.01, 5111, 5111.01, 5111.03, 6330, 8330, 8355, 8500, & 8510
- Phil King asked about the excessive tardiness of transfer students and how it is or can be handled. He noticed that there isn't anything stated in the policy update dealing with transfer students and excessive tardiness. Bill Kaminski will look into the legalities of 10 or more unexcused absences stemming from excessive tardiness to the first period class and what can legally be done.
 - Dale Groves asked about Title I parents and if they have an Advisory Group such as the policy states. Dr. White responded that the Title I schools are required to have a parent group. Phil King stated he can attest that especially at Prairie View, it has a very proactive group of Title I parents.

BOARD COMMENTS

Dale Groves, noticing that we are nearing the end of the 1st quarter, wishes to thank everyone involved in educating our students.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Groves, the meeting was adjourned.