

BOARD NOTES
February 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, February 26, 2018 with Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bill Romstadt and Phil King present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Rich Shail was absent.

Al Williamson, Board Vice-President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Carrie Cannon, Assistant Superintendent, gave an update on NWEA testing data. Dr. Cannon passed out the NPUSC District Mathematics, Reading and Language Growth, and ISTEP Predicted to Pass Rate Charts to the Board giving a brief explanation to the Board. She also passed out a form that compares mClass Dibels, ISTEP, and NWEA for current 4th graders corporation wide for Reading/Language Arts and Math mid-year. With this information, we are trying to catch students earlier to get to the level of proficiency. NWEA is a close predictor and we look forward to the end of the year results. We hope to catch all students needing remediation through summer school.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –January 22, 2018
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Justin Kinzie – Resignation as Social Studies Teacher at NPHS as of 1/26/2018
 2. Greg Miller – Resignation as World Language Teacher at NPHS as of 2/26/2018
 3. Sara Harmon – FMLA Leave as NPMS Counselor May 4, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year
 4. Ariel Gast – Extra-Curricular Resignation as NPHS Head Volleyball Coach as of 1/22/2018
 5. Thom Smith - Extra-Curricular Resignation/Retirement as NPHS Girls' Cross Country Coach as of 1/22/2018
 6. Gary Hixenbaugh – Extra-Curricular Resignation as NPMS 7th Grade Football Coach as of 2/5/2018
 7. Martin Mosson – Extra-Curricular Resignation as NPMS Assistant Football Coach as of 2/1/2018
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Lori Rose – NPMS 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach beginning 2017-18 school year
 2. Andrew Maez – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Wrestling Coach beginning 2017-18 school year
 3. John Arndt – NPHS Head Boys Cross Country Coach for the 2018-19 school year

4. Bobby Whitenack – Olive Elementary 5th Grade Wrestling Coach for the 2017-18 school year
 5. Mark Stone - HFL Grant Advisory Board Member, \$1,000 stipend for the 2017-18 school year
 6. Nancy Pilarski - HFL Grant Fitness Instructor at \$35.00 per hour for the 2017-18 school year
 7. Angela Allen – HFL Grant Cooking /Nutrition Instructor, \$3,500 Stipend for the 2017-18 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Barb Papai – HA Coordinator/Remedial Reading and Math Coach to receive 5 additional contract days equaling a total of 191 contract days beginning 2017-18 school year.
 2. Sara Huff – ELL Teacher Coach to receive 5 additional contract days equaling a total of 191 contract days beginning 2017-18 school year.
 3. Mikayla Golden – Adjusted, Approved, Extended Maternity Leave from January 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Leslie Monroe – Resignation as Bus Driver for NPUSC as of 1/26/2018
 2. Matt Kipler – Medical Leave as Bus Driver for NPUSC beginning 2/1/2018 through 2/8/2018
 3. Nancy Pilarski – Intermittent FMLA Leave as ELL Instructional Assistant beginning 12/24/2017 through 5/31/2018
 4. Kellie Sturgeon – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary Secretary beginning 12/19/2017 through 5/24/2018
 5. Christy Michiaels – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian as of 2/16/2018
 6. Desiree Deutscher – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary 5 hour Food Service Worker as of 3/1/2018
 7. Kari Mender – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant as of 3/1/2018
- Employment
 1. Tess Piotrowski – NPMS Secretary beginning 3/5/2018
 2. Misty Slabaugh – NPHS 5.75.Hour Food Service Worker beginning 2/7/2018
 3. Jessica Strathman – NPMS 5 Hour Food Service Worker/Aide beginning 2/19/2018
 4. Joshua Hughes – Rolling Prairie Elementary Food Service Aide start date pending criminal background check results
 5. Rebecca Tuholski – HFL Grant Advisory Board Member, \$1,000 stipend (pending criminal background check results) for the 2017-18 school year
 6. Ellen Borkowski - HFL Grant Advisory Board Member, \$1,000 stipend for the 2017-18 school year
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Alan King – Prairie View 5th Grade Wrestling Coach for the 2017-18 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Debbie Keldsen, Prairie View Elementary Evening Custodian transferring to New Prairie High School Evening Custodian beginning 2/5/2018.
 2. Cara Holmes, current Olive Route Bus Driver to take additional Prairie View route beginning 2/20/2018.
 3. Sheila Nixon, current Bus Driver, change of route to Bus 70 HS/MS and Prairie View Route beginning 2/20/2018.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White congratulated Olive Township Elementary for achieving a 4 Star School Status in the state of Indiana. This is a great achievement!
- Dr. White announced that there will be a Work Session on March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. C.S.T. at the Middle School in the LGI Room to discuss school safety and what NPUSC is currently doing, and what we can do further in light of the Florida tragedy.
- Dr. White mentioned boys basketball sectionals are this week at South Bend Washington. Swimmers have advanced to Regionals and wrestlers have also advanced throughout their tournament.
- Tim Short from Performance Services updated the Board on the building progress. He stated on the west end of the high school the teachers will be moving into their classrooms beginning next Monday. The east end renovation progress should see completion sometime mid-April. Outside, in two weeks, structural steel should be onsite with overbuild in place ahead of starting precast sometime in April. Temporary fencing has been set in place at the middle school. Before the next Board meeting there should be foundation work in progress.
- Al Williamson asked if the temporary classrooms will be removed in the auxiliary gym now that the teachers are moving out. Tim responded that the renovations will begin in the weight room after spring break with the weight room being moved during spring break into one big temporary room in the auxiliary gym.
- Dr. White stated that great progress is happening and that soon we can look at the short list of potential additional small projects.
- Dr. White introduced John Kirk of DLZ Construction (Owner Representative) who was in attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
- Fryar Orthodontics donated \$500 for the NPHS AP Conference
 - Hudson Lake Mennonite Church donated \$234.46 to NPUSC Elementary Schools
 - Feed the Children donated to NPUSC 41 lbs of school supplies and 42 lbs of new childrens books valued at \$761
 - Mark Bromley donated to NPHS Agricultural Science Program a Hobart 220v Wire-Feed Welder, a spool of wire and the regulator gauges for a welding fuel tank valued at \$850.00
 - Don McCauley donated \$150 worth of school supplies to Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- (B) The Board approved 2018-2019 School Calendar
- (C) The Board approved Drivers Education Summer Program & Fees for 2018
- (D) The Board approved the NPHS Summer Remediation Programs and Registration for 2018
- (E) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests:
- NPHS Academic Decathlon to compete in the Academic Decathlon State Competition at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN February 9 – 10, 2018
 - ~~NPHS Robotics Team to compete in St. Joseph District Event at Penn High School, March 9 – 11, 2018. This item is removed by the Board as it is not an overnight trip.~~
 - NPHS Robotics Team to compete in Plainfield District Event at Plainfield High School, March 23 – 25, 2018
 - NPHS Robotics Team to compete in the Indiana State Finals (contingent upon qualification) at Kokomo Memorial Gymnasium, Kokomo, IN April 12 – 14, 2018
 - NPHS Robotics Team to compete in FIRST World Championship Competition (contingent upon qualification) in Detroit, MI, April 24 – 28, 2018
 - NPHS Boys Cross Country Team to Cross Country Team Camp at Grand Island, MI, July 19 – 22, 2018

- NPHS & MS Dance Teams to New Castle High School, New Castle IN, March 9 -10, 2018 for State Championship Competition
- (E) The Board approved the Agreement between NPUSC and The Child Care Consortium Inc., Head Start of LaPorte County
- (F) The Board approved the 2018 New Prairie Little League and Rolling Prairie Baseball Association Agreements
- (G) The Board approved the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Board Policies Vol. 30, No. 1: 1220, 1521, 2221, 2262, 3121, 3131, 3220.01, 4121, 5330, 5350, 5460, 5730, 6152, 8121, 8330, 8462, 8800
- (H) The Board approved the Purchase of Phase I Furnishings
- (I) The Board approved the New Prairie Middle School Master Schedule Changes for 2018-19 School Year
- (J) The Board approved the Revised Classified Handbook
- (K) The Board approved a New Position Description for:
 - Summer Remediation Specialist

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) NPUSC After-School Programming
- Dr. White discussed that NPUSC is known for its after-school programs funded through grants. It has come to our attention that we no longer have some of the grant funding available for our programs.
 - Dr. Cannon stated that Rolling Prairie and Prairie View Elementary Schools will continue to have after-school programs as they are Title I funded and it is required. She is currently seeking other funding sources.
 - Ashley Robbins presented the Board with a Current and Proposed Budget spreadsheet of the current programs and how they are funded. She explained that she can decrease the budget by 10% by moving the after-school programs from 2.5 hours to 1.5 hours. She stated she is currently pursuing additional funding grants. There will still be a summer camp funded through the HFL Grant. Salaries may need to be reduced. Remediation will continue to be the main focus. Bussing is required through the Title I which is being paid by the Corporation currently. New Prairie Education Foundation is interested in helping with after-school funding.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Al Williamson wished to thank everyone; staff, community, and parents at the Middle School for all their hard work and input with the Master Schedule planning. Everything presented was looked at and taken into consideration. He feels it is positive and can be adjusted after next year if it needs to be.
- Al Williamson stated that he wants New Prairie High School and Middle School to have the same Mascot and become consistent. He wants one identity for both.

ADJOURNMENT

Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn.