

BOARD NOTES  
March 26, 2018

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

Dale Groves was absent.

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

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

**INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

An Instructional Presentation was given by Prairie View Elementary. Rhonda Myers, Principal of Prairie View Elementary, introduced three of her teachers, Lauren Dyer, Sarah Binder and Heather Willsey, who would present information to the Board on Ready Math. A video presentation was presented showing students in action engaging in student discourse during the learning process with both 5<sup>th</sup> grade with Mrs. Binder, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade with Mrs. Willsey. Students stated that they really enjoy the new math because they can discuss their different ideas used to solve problems. Rich Shail stated that he enjoyed watching the video of the students collaborating. He thanked the staff at Prairie View for their very informative presentation.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – February 26, 2018, March 13, 2018
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Kelsey Castle – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Varsity Girls Golf Coach as of 6/30/2018
  2. Amy Wolfe – FMLA Leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 2/14/2018 through 8/14/2018
  3. Casey Gumm – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Olive Elementary Student Council Chair effective 6/30/2018
- Employment
  1. Ben Bachmann – New Prairie High School Athletic Director beginning 7/1/2018
  2. Jane Bachmann – Rolling Prairie Elementary School, grade level to be determined, beginning 7/1/2018 (pending criminal background check results)
  3. Angela Ruiz – New Prairie High School Spanish Teacher beginning 7/1/2018 (pending criminal background check results)
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Dena True – NPMS Robotics Co-Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
  2. Amy Bauer – NPMS Robotics Co-Sponsor beginning 7/1/2017
- Adjustments

**NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Matthew Kipler – Resignation as Bus Driver, route 15, as of 2/20/2018
  2. Debra Reinhold – Retirement as Bus Driver as of 5/23/2018
  3. Lynn Hill – Retirement as Olive Elementary School Food Service Manager as of 5/23/2018
  4. Jennifer Cicero – Medical Leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 3/21/2018 through 5/31/2018
  5. Angela Keehn – FMLA Leave as Bus Driver beginning 3/11/2018 through 4/30/2018
  6. Eric Mauch – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Head Girls Basketball Coach as of 3/26/2018
- Employment
    1. Laura Wozniak – Rolling Prairie Instructional Aide beginning 3/19/2018
    2. Millessa Meyer – Single Route Bus Driver beginning 3/8/2018
    3. Jackie Woltman – Single Route Bus Driver beginning 3/6/2018
    4. Jillian Morris – New Prairie High School Evening Custodian beginning 3/12/2018 at \$11.00 per hour. After 90 days, with an effective evaluation, an increase of \$1.00 per hour.
  - Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Eric Lower – NPMS Assistant Swim Coach for the 2017-2018 school year
    2. Joshua Varab – NPHS Percussion Instructor for the 2017-18 school year
  - Adjustments
    1. David McGrew – Transportation Mechanic to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise at 6 month evaluation effective 2/22/2018.
    2. Carla Kellogg - Position transfer from NPMS part-time Food Service Worker to Prairie View Elementary full-time evening custodian as of 3/12/2018
    3. Adrienne Jongkind – Position transfer from Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant to Prairie View 5 hour Food Service Worker as of 3/12/2018
    4. Lynsey Daley, Food Service Crew Leader at Olive Elementary School, position promotion to Food Service Manager at Olive Elementary upon Lynn Hill's retirement 5/23/2018.

## **REPORTS**

### Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White, on behalf of the corporation, extended his deepest condolences and prayers to Tim Short and his family for the tragic loss of his youngest son. Tim Short is the On-Site Project Manager for Performance Services.
- Jeremy Gerber, Tim's assistant, sent Dr. White an update of the latest construction information stating: structural steel roofing is going up in the new main entry and the new auditorium creating additional support for snow loads; larger cranes are being moved in and set up for setting precast panels for the new addition in the next few weeks; and cited that foundational work is coming along very well. The walls in the temporary classrooms in the Auxiliary Gym are coming down to make room for the temporary weight room so that the renovation and expansion of the new weight room may begin.
- Dr. White introduced Michelle Kenaga, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School and Science Fair Coach, to speak on her 2 students who entered the Notre Dame Science Fair and had high placings. Mrs. Kenaga introduced Lydia Shrock who received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place with her project. Lydia spoke on her project and the process at Notre Dame for judging projects. Mrs. Kenaga also stated that Eric Willson, not

present, received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his project. Dr. White presented Mrs. Kenaga and the 2 students with certificates congratulating them all.

- Dr. White introduced Mr. Ben Bachmann, Athletic Director and his wife Jane Bachmann, Rolling Prairie Elementary School Teacher, both approved to begin their positions July 1, 2018. Dr. White read a press release for Ben Bachmann listing his extensive athletic coaching and administrative credentials and accomplishments. Dr. White stated that Mr. Bachmann's passion is not only for athletics but also for academics. Dr. White added that we are also fortunate to add Mrs. Jane Bachmann to our staff as she is a highly successful, veteran elementary teacher. NPUSC welcomes you both to NPUSC and look forward to working with you. Mr. Bachmann thanked Mrs. Sass, the Board, Dr. White and the interview committee for giving him this opportunity. He explained he threw his first Varsity pitch as a high school pitcher here at New Prairie. He said he feels he has come full circle. The Board welcomed them both aboard.
- Rich Shail had a final question on the safety of starting the precast walls while the students are in school. Mrs. Sass responded that the classrooms and students have already been moved out the area where the work will begin. Rich Shail thanked everyone who has worked hard to make this all happen safely.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved Summer Programs as presented for 2018
- (B) The Board accepted the following Donation:
  - Olive Twp. Elementary School received a donation of \$11,802.12 from the Olive Parent Advisory Council
- (C) The Board approved the Turf Management Proposal & Agreement with Red Hen Turf Farm
- (D) The Board approved the Contractor's License Bond for Keith Hite
  - (E) The Board approved the Contract Renewal for Lawn Care and Maintenance for the summer of 2018
  - (F) The Board approved an Expenditure from Rainy Day Fund to Purchase Equipment
  - (G) The Board approved the NIESC/WVEC Food Procurement RFP Agreement 2018-2019
  - (H) The Board approved the 2019 Budget Calendar
  - (I) The Board approved the Resolution to Allow Inter-Fund Transfers/Loans
  - (J) The Board approved Emergency Gutter Repairs at Rolling Prairie Elementary School from CPF Fund
  - (K) The Board approved the Summer Position Descriptions for:
    - Summer Camp Instructor
    - Summer Curriculum Writer

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Bill Romstadt wished everyone a Happy Easter.
- Rich Shail welcomed Ben and Jane Bachmann and expressed his excitement in having them begin their work.
- Rich Shail exclaimed that he thought the Work Session on School Safety was a wonderful way to have the community express their concerns. It was a learning experience. He knows we do

things well and also believes we can always do things better and feels that we are moving in the right direction to do so. The Board will do what they can to expedite the process of making our schools safer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Al Williamson made the motion to adjourn.