

## Board Notes

June 5, 2024

The special meeting of the School Board was held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at New Prairie United School Corporation in the Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was present.

Mr. Jason DeMeyer was absent.

Mr. Phil King, Board President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Mr. Groves to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gadacz and approved 4-0-1.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – April 22, 2024
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Allison Quinn-Middlebrook -Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Guidance Counselor effective 6/30/2024
  2. Adrienne Hurt – ECA Resignation as NPMS PLC Leadership Team Member effective 5/24/2024
- Employment
  1. Mina Shelby – NPMS Art Teacher beginning 7/1/2024 pending criminal background check results
  2. Ben Shelby – NPHS Mathematics Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
  3. Carinda Knefely – Rolling Prairie Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024 pending criminal background check results
  4. Sarah Beck – Olive Twp. Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024 pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Co & Extra-Curricular, Summer School 2024
  1. Monique Fredline- NPHS ELA Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
  2. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  3. Neil Hackett – NPHS PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2024-2025 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Shannon Edmondson will voluntarily transfer her teaching position from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary beginning 7/1/2024
  2. Mikayla Golden will voluntarily transfer her teaching position from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to 1st Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 7/1/2024

### **CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Daniel Bukowski – Resignation as NPUSC Bus Garage Mechanic effective 6/20/2024
  2. Robert Miteff – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker effective 5/23/2024
  3. Melissa Lindquist – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024

4. Prestin Butcher – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024
  5. Brandon Costigan – Termination as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024
  6. Grace Spence – Termination as Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024
  7. Michelle Hanway – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024
  8. MacKenzie Denton - Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024
- Employment
  - Employment – Extra-Curricular & Summer School 2024
    1. George Arndt – NPHS ELA Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
    2. Jason Clemons – NPHS Freshman Class Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year
    3. Kasey Conklin – NPMS Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
    4. Thomas Mannen – NPHS Head Women’s Golf Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
    5. Amber Schwartz – NPMS Head Cheer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
    6. Bill Gumm – NPHS Letter Club Sponsor for the school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
  - Adjustments
 

Lorynda Samford, Transportation Director, to receive a stipend of \$2,500 for taking on route driving responsibilities in addition to her Transportation Director responsibilities throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved Mr. Cory Schultz as the NPUSC Technology Director
- Dr. White announced that NPUSC is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Cory Shultz as the next Technology Director beginning July 1st. Dr. White explained that Mr. Shultz began his work at NPUSC four years ago as the building technology liaison for Rolling Prairie Elementary. In recent months, Mr. Shultz has stepped forward to provide leadership and stability to the Technology Department at NPUSC and brings a knowledge and passion to technology integration to student learning.
  - Dr. White then stated that Mr. Shultz has really stepped forward to lead the staff and connect technology with student learning. He has a passion for supporting student learning and has earned the respect of everyone throughout the corporation. We look forward to see his continued leadership and growth and the contributions he will bring to NPUSC. He concluded by congratulating Mr. Shultz.
  - Mr. Cory Schultz thanked the School Board and Superintendent for this opportunity and looks forward to his new position. Mr. Shultz stated he found it poetic that the teachers who attended the meeting were the staff he worked with in the past.
- (B) The Board approved Mr. David Burden as the new Rolling Prairie Elementary School Principal on a 2-year contract
- Dr. White stated that Mr. Burden comes to NPUSC after many successful years of service as a teacher, instructional coach, and administrator in Warsaw, LaVille, and Elkhart Community Schools. Mr. Burden is known for being an energetic and passionate educator with significant experiences in STEM education initiatives, active learning for students, and bringing the community and the classroom together for excellent learning experiences for students.
  - Dr. White added that Mr. Burden is perfectly situated to lead Rolling Prairie forward after the great work of the teaching staff and Dr. Moore achieved together in the past two years. Mr. Burden's passion and heart for teaching and leading schools to great work for students will be immediately evident. He will hit the ground running to

continue what is great about Rolling Prairie and will lead the staff and students to additional successes in the future.

- Mr. Burden stated that the opportunity to serve at Rolling Prairie with the momentum of excellence that exists is humbling. Rolling Prairie has been positioned for long term success because of leadership like Dr. Moore and a great staff with such a high ceiling. I am fortunate to join this team and excited to make New Prairie home.

(C) The Board approved Administrators Contracts

- Included adjustment for Mark McBride from a teacher contract to an admin contract as NPHS Assistant Athletic Director & overseeing NPHS student attendance, and adjustments to the admin contracts of Casey Martin, Ben Bachmann, and Tim Scott

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.