

Board Notes

June 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board was held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at New Prairie United School Corporation Corporate Building in The Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Mr. Tim Scott, Corporation Treasurer, was present.

Mr. Jason DeMeyer and Mrs. Jill Smith were absent. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also 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 3-0-2.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – May 20, 2024, June 5, 2024
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

▪ **Employment**

1. Ashley Hernandez – Rolling Prairie Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
2. Sydney Bearickx – Olive Twp. Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
3. Jason Finner – Prairie View Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
4. Sarah Sass – Temporary Prairie View Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
5. Juan Carlos Alvarez Gomez – NPHS Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
6. Jillian Matzke – Olive Twp. Elementary Kindergarten Teacher beginning 7/1/2024 pending criminal background check results

▪ **Employment – Co & Extra-Curricular**

1. Kelle Cartwright – NPHS Health Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
2. Amy Bauer - NPHS Special Education Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
3. Daniel Reffo - NPHS PE Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
4. Angela Smith - NPHS Biology Teacher for Summer 2024 Remediation
5. Jenn Smith – NPMS Leadership Team Member beginning 2024-2025 school year
6. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
7. Garrett Curless - NPHS JV Football Coach beginning 2024-2025 school year
8. Garrett Curless – NPHS Freshman Basketball Coach beginning 2024-2025 school year
9. David Dailey – NPHS Asst. Boys Cross Country Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
10. David Dailey – NPHS Head Boys Track Coach for the 2024-2025 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Kristina DeMeyer, Rolling Prairie Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher to voluntarily transfer to Rolling Prairie Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024.
2. Jemiah Piesyk, Rolling Prairie Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher to voluntarily transfer to Rolling Prairie Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher beginning 7/1/2024
3. Tina Stombaugh retirement date correction from previously Board approved date of 6/30/2024 to 5/24/2024.

4. Jen Sass – NPUSC Curriculum Director to have 10 additional contract days added to her contract for the 2024-2025 school year

CLASSIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**

1. Richelle Kmak – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Receptionist beginning 6/17/2024 through 7/30/2024
2. Deb Lestinsky – Termination as Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2024

▪ **Employment**

1. Colleen Chance – Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/8/2024
2. Alexandria Rotzien - Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/8/2024 pending criminal background check results
3. Darcie Graham – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/8/2024 pending criminal background check results
4. Tina Balanow – NPUSC Route Bus Driver from Substitute Driver beginning 8/10/2024

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular & Summer School 2024**

1. Crystal Payne – NPHS Co-Dance Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
2. Brandon Sharpe – NPHS JV Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
3. Heidi Nix – Summer School 2024 Instructional Assistant for Rolling Prairie Elementary Kindergarten Jumpstart Program
4. Shannon Rypma - Summer School 2024 Instructional Assistant for Olive Twp. Elementary Kindergarten Jumpstart Program
5. Joshua Bolakowski - NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
11. Jonathan Chase - NPHS JV Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
6. Bill Gumm - NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
7. Kenneth Shipley - NPHS Freshman Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
8. Jacob Pinter – NPHS Co-Freshman Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
9. Cody Downs - NPHS Co-Freshman Football Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
10. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Girls Head Tennis Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
11. Teresa Hostetler – NPHS Girls Asst. Tennis Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
12. Eric Lower – NPHS Dive Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
13. William Chalik – NPHS Boys JV Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
14. Jared Emmons – NPHS Head Boys Tennis Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
15. Jared Emmons – NPHS Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year

• **Adjustments**

1. Erica Durk, voluntary position change from Nutritional Services Worker to Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/8/2024.
2. Danielle Blint, NPUSC Bus Driver, to take a mid-day special needs bus route for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Ronda Haverstock, NPUSC Bus Driver, to move from the HS/MS route, Bus 62, to a double LP Special Education route.
4. Ashley Williamson, current NPHS daytime Custodian, promoted to Day Shift Lead Custodian beginning 6/24/2024.
5. Becky Lehker, NPMS daytime Lead Custodian, to receive a pay increase of .59 effective 7/1/2024.
6. Doug Wilhelm, NPHS daytime Custodian, to receive a pay increase of .71 effective 7/1/2024.
7. Mike Buell, NPMS Night Shift Custodian, to receive a pay increase of .58 effective 7/1/2024.
8. Debbie Keldsen, NPHS Night Shift Custodian, to receive a pay increase of \$1.00 effective 7/1/2024.

9. John Mathews, NPHS Custodian, to transfer to Prairie View Custodian beginning 6/20/2024.

REPORTS

- There was nothing to report.

ACTION ITEMS

(A) The Board accepted the following Donations:

- NPHS received the following donations for Teacher Appreciation Gifts:

- Digzy Dogs – Nacho Cheese & \$25 Gift Card
- Heston Supper Club - \$50 Gift Card
- Marin's Supermarket - \$50 Gift Card
- Hamilton Grove – 6 bottles Homemade Syrup
- Hiles Enterprises - \$50
- Halpin Slagh PC - \$200
- Dave's Small Engine & Storage - \$50
- Woobound Marketing - \$20 Starbucks Gift Card
- CB's Repair Shop - \$50
- B7T's Body Shop - \$50
- 1st Source Bank – Donuts for 60 Teachers
- New Age Bakery – Muffins and Cookies
- Jennie Rae's – eggs & potatoes for breakfast
- The Diner – Biscuits & Gravy for breakfast
- Billy Goat – bacon
- Monroes Crossing – cheese
- Carlisle Café – Bag of Gummy Worms (\$10 value)
- American Licorice – Large amount of Candy
- Hacienda of Portage Road – Party Size Chips/Salsa
- Hacienda of Michigan City - Party Size Chips/Salsa
- Hacienda of Grape Road - Party Size Chips/Salsa
- Pyramid Equipment - \$500
- Kimberly Thibodeau - \$25
- No Problem Property Management - \$50
- Four Winds Casino - \$200

- Rolling Prairie Elementary received a Library Book named "My Family's Corn Farm" by Katie Olthoff, from the LaPorte County Farm Bureau

(B) The Board adopted and approved the 2nd Reading of Revised Board Policy 7540.03 – Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

(C) The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip Requests:

- NPHS Boys Soccer Team to attend Western Michigan University Men's Soccer Camp July 23rd through July 25th, 2024 in Kalamazoo, MI
- NPHS Dance Team to attend Dance Camp at Illinois State University, June 25th through June 27th, 2024 in Normal, Illinois

(D) The Board approved the Summer 2024 Band Schedule

(E) The Board approved the Debt Service Payments

(F) The Board approved the Level Data Contract for State Data Validation

(G) The Board approved SMART Systems renewal for 2024-2025 school year

(H) The Board approved the 2024-2025 NIESC Renewal of Dairy Proposals

(I) The Board approved the 2024-2025 NIESC Renewal of Food Proposals

(J) The Board approved the Dual Credit MOU between Indiana University and NPUSC

(K) The Board approved Revised Job Descriptions for:

- Nutritional Services Courier
- Nutritional Services Dishwasher
- Nutritional Services Floater
- Nutritional Services Worker
- Nutritional Services Lead Cook

- Nutritional Services Multi-Site Kitchen Manager
 - Nutritional Services Site Coordinator
 - Nutritional Services Grab & Go Café Coordinator
 - NPHS Day Shift Lead Custodian Job Description
 - NPHS Night Shift Lead Custodian Job Description
- (L) The Board approved the transfer of funds for uncollected meal debt
- (M) The Board approved renewal of Kidder Media Website & Video Contract of Agreement
- (N) The Board approved renewal of Kidder Media Newsletter Contract of Agreement
- (O) The Board approved the Cancellation of an Administrator Contract
- (P) The Board approved the Earthworks 5 Year Contract Renewal
- (Q) The Board approved the Amendment to the New Prairie High School Handbook
- (R) The Board approved the New Fuel System for the Bus Garage
- (S) The Board approved New Prairie United School Corporation Biennial Appraisal
- (T) The Board approved the Annual Renewal for Heartland School Solutions Software Contract for the 2024-2025 School Year

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) 1ST Reading of Revised Board Policy 8510 – Wellness Policy
- There was no discussion on this revised policy by the Board

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Gadacz stated that he watched the NPHS Boys Baseball Team win State Competition and felt it was a great game and congratulated the team.
- Mr. Groves commented on the wonderful article in the South Bend Tribune on New Prairie Athletics. He congratulated the New Prairie Athletes for their successful spring season.
- Mr. King announced that New Prairie has filled all open teacher positions early stating that this is proof that New Prairie is the place to be!
- Mr. King said that the July 22, 2024 regular Board Meeting will be held at NPHS in the Auditorium at 6:00 pm to celebrate the NPHS Baseball Team who won the State Title. He added that there will be a reception following the Board Meeting honoring the team.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.