

Board Notes

July 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board was held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2024, at New Prairie High School in the Auditorium with Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also 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 –June 24, 2024
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Sarah Beck – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher effective 7/1/2024
2. Mikayla Golden – ECA Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary 3rd Grade PLC Leadership Team Member effective 7/1/2024
3. Katherine Ott – Resignation as NPBS Business Teacher effective 7/15/2024
4. Kathleen Hooks – Resignation as NPBS Social Studies Teacher effective 7/9/2024

▪ **Employment**

1. Taylor Emmons – Olive Twp. Elementary School Counselor beginning 7/1/2024 pending criminal background check results
2. Keziah Peck – Olive Twp. Elementary School 5th Grade Teacher start date pending criminal background check results
3. Deana Gregory – NPBS Heath & PE Teacher start date pending criminal background check results
4. Gage Nierzwicki – NPBS Business Teacher start date pending criminal background check results

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Julie Beakas, NPBS FACS/Science Teacher, to receive a stipend of \$1,000 for attending AP Summer Institute Training in Indianapolis.
2. Jordan Staus, current NPBS PE/Health Teacher, to voluntarily transfer positions to NPBS Social Studies Teacher effective 7/22/2024.

CLASSIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**

1. Melissa Whitaker – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Kitchen Manager effective 7/1/2024
2. Sue Sanders – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Worker effective 7/1/2024
3. Sandy Rowe - Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Worker effective 7/9/2024
4. Alexandria Rotzien – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 7/10/2024
5. Erik Eigenmann – Resignation as NPUSC Custodian effective 7/8/2024

▪ **Employment**

1. Thomas Mannen – NPUSC Nutritional Services Courier beginning 8/8/2024

2. Jordan Howard – NPHS Guidance/College & Career Readiness/Health Secretary beginning 7/23/2024

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Candice Dickinson – NPHS Co-Cheerleading Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
2. Jocelyn Cotner – NPHS Color Guard Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
3. Ben Wiginton – NPHS Boys Head Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
4. Tony Chelminiak – NPHS Boys Asst. Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
5. Ryan Curless – NPHS Boys Asst. Varsity Tennis Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
6. Ryan Curless – NPHS Girls JV Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
7. Ryan Curless – NPHS JV Baseball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
8. Tara Dome – NPHS Co-Head Dance Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
9. Kasey Doorn – NPHS Girls Head Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 school year

• **Adjustments**

1. Lynsey Daley, current Olive Twp. Kitchen Manager, to change position to Multi-Site Kitchen Manager for all three elementary schools receiving a salary adjustment to \$20 per hour effective 8/1/2024.
2. Alicia Deutscher, current NPMS Kitchen Manager, to change position to Multi-Site Kitchen Manager for NPMS and NPHS receiving a salary adjustment to \$20 per hour effective 8/1/2024.
3. Sue Aikman, Nutritional Services Director, to receive a salary adjustment of \$5,000 retroactive 7/1/2024.
4. Lorynda Samford, Transportation Director, to receive a salary adjustment of \$5,000 retroactive 7/1/2024

REPORTS

- Mr. Phil King opened the Report introducing Indiana State Representative Jim Pressel and Indiana State Senator Bohacek. State Representative Jim Pressel and Senator Mike Bohacek gave a brief overview of Bills passed in March.
- Mr. King thanked State Representative Jim Pressel and Senator Mike Bohacek for coming this evening and giving their brief on the close of the last session stating how much we appreciate all they do for our community.
- Dr. White also thanked State Representative Pressel and Senator Bohacek for attending the meeting. Dr. White stated that on the topic of funding he is looking forward to proactive conversation in the near future.
- Dr. White stated that the State Finals Game was the most exciting scholastic event that he had ever seen in person. Dr. White then invited Mr. Bachmann, Athletic Director, and Coach Schellinger on to the stage to share their comments on the journey of this team to success. Student players were introduced and a video of the season was presented. Dr. White added that he is so happy for the New Prairie community especially knowing that past players, who are from the community Mr. Rich Shail and Mr. Allen Williamson also long time Board members who have invested themselves in this program and community finally get their long overdue title of State Champions. Dr. White concluded that New Prairie has always been good at baseball. It is great that New Prairie gets the credit in baseball that is long overdue. He then thanked Coach Schellinger for being model of consistency and patience and for all his time and energy put in. Dr. White then invited all to a reception following the meeting in honor of the Baseball Team.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board adopted & approved the 2nd Reading of Revised Board Policy 8510-Wellness Policy
- (B) The Board accepted a Donation:
 - NPHS Received a donation of three boxes of 3 Ring Binders from Mr. & Mrs. Bizoe
- (C) The Board approved a CTE Aviation Program Memorandum of Understanding

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) 1st Reading of updated Board Policies as follows:
- PO 0100 - Definitions (Legislative Changes)
 - PO 0164 – Notice of Meetings (New Bylaw)
 - PO 0164.2 – Special Meetings (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0164.5 – Member Participation in Meetings Through Electronic Means of Communication (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0164.6 – Meetings During Declared Disaster Emergencies (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0165 – Meetings (Replacement Bylaw for the Rescinded Bylaws)
 - PO 0165.1 – Notice of Regular Meetings (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0165.2 – Notice of Special Board Meetings (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0165.3 – Notice of Emergency Meetings (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0165.4 – Notice Requirements Established by Other Statutes (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 0165.5 - Series of Meetings (Gatherings) (Rescinded Bylaw)*
 - PO 1520.8 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities (Revised Policy)
 - PO 1662.1 - Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members (New Policy)
 - PO 3120.8 - Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities (Revised Policy)
 - PO 3362.1 – Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members (Technical Correction)
 - PO 4120.8 - Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities (Revised Policy)
 - PO 4362.1 – Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members (Revised Policy)
 - PO 5200 - Attendance (Revised Policy)
 - PO 5340.1 - Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Adopt Policy)
 - PO 5350 - Student Suicide Awareness and Prevention (Revised Policy)
 - PO 5517.1 - Bullying (Revised Policy)
 - PO 6320 - Purchasing (Revised Policy)
 - PO 6320.1 - Purchasing Using Online Reverse Auctions (Rescinded Policy)
 - PO 7510 - Use of School Facilities (Revised Policy)
 - PO 7540.2 - Web Content, Apps and Services (Revised Policy)
 - PO 8452 - Automated External Defibrillators (AED) (Revised Policy)
 - PO 8455 - Coach Training, References, and IHSA Reporting (Revised Policy)
 - PO 8600 - Transportation (Revised Policy)
 - PO 9130 - Public Complaints and Concerns (Revised Policy)

There were no comments from the Board on the first reading of the revised, rescinded, and new policies.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Groves thanked the coaches for a wonderful season. Mr. Groves added that he is sure the team worked their tails off because nothing great happens without hard work. These are memories that you will carry with you all your life. Mr. Groves stated that we are so proud of the team for the example you are setting for New Prairie Cougars to come. Nice job and congratulations!

- Mr. Gadacz dittoed what Mr. Groves said also adding that he has never seen a team so well coached that wanted to win. Congratulations to the young men and coaches.
- Mrs. Smith thanked the team and coaches for how they have represented the school and community and the positive attention you brought us. We do have great things happening here at New Prairie. Everyone has said such wonderful things about you guys and we cannot be prouder to have you as part of our school. Congratulations and enjoy the wonderful memories.
- Mr. King concluded thanking the Senator and State Representative for their report and being here this evening also for their service. Mr. King gave a shout out to the 40 educators going to Lincolnshire, IL, home of the Professional Learning Communities 2-day professional development. The next Board meeting will be at 6:00 pm on August 5, 2024 at the Central Office Building in the Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.