

**Board Notes**  
November 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, November 25, 2024, 6:00 P.M., at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

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

There was a motion by Mr. DeMeyer, seconded by Mrs. Smith. The motion was approved 5-0.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –October 28, 2024
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Dawn Horn – ECA Resignation as Lunchroom Supervisor at NPHS effective 10/31/2024
  2. Jemiah Piesyk – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher effective 11/29/2024
  3. Ashley Grylewicz – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Interventionist effective 11/11/2024
  4. Mina Shelby – Resignation as NPMS Art Teacher effective 12/20/2024
- Employment
  1. Madison Paholski – Rolling Prairie Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 12/2/2024
  2. Charles Halberstadt – Olive Twp. Elementary Temporary Teaching Contract Academic Interventionist for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year beginning 1/6/2025
- Employment – Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular/Ancillary
  1. David Dailey – NPHS ModelUN Club Sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year
  2. David McGhee – NPHS Art Club Sponsor beginning 2024-2025 school year
  3. Kevin Macias – NPHS Co-Head Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year

**NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Maddison Roberts – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Library Assistant effective 11/1/2024
  2. Sue Aikman – Retirement as Director of Nutritional Services effective 5/30/2025
  3. Kasilynn Lloyd – Resignation as Nutritional Services Worker effective 11/12/2024
  4. Lori Jackson – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 11/22/2024
  5. Sara Albert – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant 11/26/2024
  6. Gage Nierzwicki – Termination as New Prairie High School Adjunct Teacher effective 11/18/2024
  7. Jordan Howard – Resignation as NPHS Guidance/College & Career Readiness/Health Secretary effective 11/20/2024
  8. Cheyenne Hester – Resignation as NPHS Custodian effective 11/16/2024
- Employment
  1. Shannon McCarty – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant start date pending criminal background check results
  2. Avery Morris – Olive Twp. Elementary School Custodian beginning 11/5/2024
  3. Megan Smith – Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 11/19/2024

- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Kyle Young – NPHS Assistant Boys Swim Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  2. Sarah Simon-Woodrick – NPHS Co-Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  3. Cody Downs – NPHS Co-Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  4. Austin Price - NPHS Co-Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  5. Dan Luther - NPHS Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  6. Robert Smith – NPMS Asst. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  7. Jacob Pinter – NPHS Co-Head Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
  8. Bryan Magers – NPMS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Rikki Whiteman current Transportation Bus Aide/Substitute Driver to transfer to Bus Driver, Bus 43, Middle School/High School Route beginning 11/25/2024.

## **REPORTS**

### Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White reviewed the minor changes to the 2025-2026 School Calendar that will be approved at this meeting. He explained that it is very similar to the current 2024-2025 School Calendar except for Parent/Teacher Conferences adding an additional day in October and an additional day for the High School only in February.
- Dr. White stated that recently we have been invited by Solution Tree to participate in a study that will be performed by Indiana University studying schools that are over performing and schools that have implemented the PLC process for a period of at least 5 years. NPUSC has been invited to participate in that study. Dr. White stated that he is still waiting on the details. Dr. White will update more information in 2025. Dr. White concluded that this is very exciting for NPUSC.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations with gratitude:
- New Prairie High School Athletics received a donation of two (2) Life Fitness Aspire Treadmills from Ben & Christie Hannewyk
  - New Prairie High School Gymnastics Program received the following donations:
    - \$600 from Tailored Masonry LLC
    - \$20 from Cindy Pardy
  - New Prairie High School's Robotics Team received the following donations:
    - \$2,500 from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County for the Robotics Competition Season
    - \$7,000 from the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant
    - \$920 from Edgewater Automation
  - Prairie View Elementary School LEGO League Robotics Team received a donation of \$345 from the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant to pay for team registration
  - NPUSC Angel Fund received donations of \$200 from Tonya Aerts, NPHS PLTW Biomedical Sciences Teacher, and \$200 from Holly DeNeve
  - Olive Twp. Elementary School received a donation of Headphones, Kleenex and wipes from Delta Theta Tau
  - NPMS received a donation of \$40 for Make a Difference Day from Josephine Carroll
  - Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of 2 - \$200 Gift Cards from School Pulse
- (B) The Board approved the FinalForms Enrollment Software Program

- (C) The Board approved the Partnership Agreement between New Prairie High School and Legacy Medical Academy, LLC
- (D) The Board approved the 2025-2026 School Days Calendar

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Groves wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Mr. DeMeyer congratulated Mrs. Smith and Mr. King for their reelection and welcomed Mr. Rich Shail back to the Board starting in January. Mr. DeMeyer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Mrs. Smith also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe break.
- Mr. King said “great job” to the New Prairie High School Theatre Company on their performance of *Adams Family* school edition. We have a very good group of young actors, musicians and crew. He exclaimed that they have amazed me yet again this year. Mr. King added that this group of students gave a phenomenal performance all 3 nights.

Mr. King then congratulated Mrs. Smith on her reelection and welcome Mr. Shail back to the Board starting in 2025.

Mr. King thanked Mr. Groves for his 16 years he gave to this district. It has been a pleasure to have Mr. Groves sitting by his side for the past 12 years.

Mr. King announced that the next regular Board meeting will be held at the Central Office Board Room on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.