

## **BOARD NOTES**

January 6, 2025

The School Board Organizational Meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail present. Dr. Paul White was also present.

Mr. Phil King reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

The Board adopted the School Board Organizational Meeting agenda.

- Newly elected Board Members, Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith and Mr. Rich Shail were sworn into office by Mr. William Kaminski, Attorney for NPUSC.
- Board members were elected to office as follows:
  - Mr. Phil King – President
  - Mr. Jason DeMeyer – Vice-President
  - Mrs. Jill Smith – Secretary
- The Board appointed Mr. Tim Scott as Corporation Treasurer and Mrs. Ellen Borkowski as Deputy Treasurer.
- Mr. Phil King was elected to serve as the ISBA Legislative Liaison for the New Prairie United School Corporation. The Liaison works with the ISBA in Indianapolis on legislation relating to school issues as a representative of the corporation.
- Mrs. Smith was elected to serve as the ISBA Policy Liaison for the New Prairie United School Corporation. The Policy Liaison will receive the ISBA Policy Advisor publication that addresses board policy issues.
- The Board retained the legal services of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones to represent the New Prairie United School Corporation on a retainer basis for 2025 at the cost of \$20,475 per year.
- The Board set the Board Compensation rate for each Board Member at \$2000 per year according to Indiana Code 20-26-4-7. In addition, the Board receives \$150 per regular Board meeting and \$75 for special meetings (if in attendance). Executive sessions before regular Board meetings will not be eligible for the \$75 stipend.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- The Board approved the Consent Items:
  - Personnel Report:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments
  - Teachers receiving a \$300 Early Literacy Achievement Grant Stipend:

Rachel Chelminiak	Rachel Ralston	Kimberly Stepp
Tori Balanow	Laura Vermillion	Janelle Hembree
Elizabeth Schmitt	Renee Mischak	Laura Schreiber
Barb Papai	Mikayla Golden	Paige Gonzales

Shelly Deckard  
Sharon Bashaw  
Erica Ketterer  
Wendy Hemphill  
Krissy Surma  
Amy Wolfe  
Jarret Spence  
Kristen Kleist  
Britney Kreighbaum

Amy Schilla  
Leann Pease  
Sarah Binder  
Cassie Pavey  
Julie Kirkham  
Melanie Cloonan  
Samantha Eldridge  
Gabriela Post  
Sarah Huff

Tina Trojanowski  
Shannon Edmondson  
Lauren Dyer  
Dedrae Smiley  
Sara Serry  
Megan Horvath  
Ashley Hernandez  
Lisa Smiertelny

**CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Angela Reffo – Olive Twp. Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Erin Jenkins, NPMS Social Worker, will receive a \$200 stipend for her planning a McKinney Vento Family night on 12/17/2024 from the MV Grant.

The Special Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 and the Board of Finance Meeting was held at 5:15 p.m. (CST)

The Board adopted the Agenda as presented.

- Mr. Phil King was elected as President of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Jill Smith was elected as Secretary.
- The Board approved the Interest/Investment Report for 2024.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.