

BOARD NOTES
December 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, December 15, 2014 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bernie Baltes, Phil King and Jim Dermody present.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by the Board to adopt the agenda, seconded by Phil King and approved 5-0

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Mr. Dermody and the Board recognized David Walbring for his impressive academic and athletic accomplishments which earned him the Phillip Eskew Mental Attitude Award for the Class 4-A Football Season. Mr. Dermody went on to explain all the requirements that David had to exhibit in order to be selected for this highly prestigious award which commands the respect of all. This quite possibly could be a once in a lifetime award to a NPUSC High School student. The NPUSC has tremendous respect for this young man. David was presented a framed certificate from Mr. Dermody and the Board along with their congratulations.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:
 - Minutes – November 24, 2014
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Julie Jerzak – HS Business Teacher – FMLA Intermittent Leave Beginning 12/2/14 – 5/28/15
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Brianna Runnels – Corporation Floater Custodian – Ending 12/2/14
 2. Haylee Presley – Resignation as Lunchroom Aide at Prairie View Elementary as of December 19, 2014
 3. James Napiwocki – NPHS Custodian - Retirement – Beginning January 1, 2015
 4. Molly Schimmel – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary – Resignation as of 12/19/14
 5. Maria Lewis – Resignation as a NPUSC Bus Driver – Beginning December 31, 2014
- Employment

1. Jan McKee – Substitute RP Food Service Aide – Beginning 12/8/14
 2. Tricia Toth – 4 Hr. Food Service Worker at the High School – Beginning 11/25/14
 3. Jennifer Maxey – Middle School Food Service Aide – Beginning 12/8/14
 4. Deborah Parsons – Middle School 4-Hour Food Service Worker – Beginning 12/1/14
 5. Brianna Runnels – Corporation Floater Custodian – Beginning 12/1/14
 6. Haylee Presley – Substitute Lunchroom Aide at Prairie View Elementary beginning December 22, 2014
 7. Angela Clemons - Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary – Beginning 1/06/15
 8. Mike Bilinski – Lead Custodian – New Prairie High School – Beginning January 1, 2015
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Kala Spencer – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach
 2. Teresa Hostetler – Asst. Girls Tennis Coach
 3. Joel Hostetler – Head Girls Tennis Coach
 - Adjustments
 1. Adjustment for Ryan Balanow and Tyler Dolezal from full Asst. MS Wrestling Coaches to Co-Asst. MS Wrestling Coaches.

Mr. Dermody thanked Mr. Jim Napiwocki for his years of dedicated service to the NPUSC and wished him well in his retirement.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Dermody reported his intent to visit each elementary school to congratulate the students who participated in the Elementary State Spelling Competitions. Olive Elementary finished 8th, Rolling Prairie Elementary finished 10th, and Prairie View Elementary finished 11th in the state. These are the important feeder spelling programs for the high school that need recognition for our future successes.
- Mr. Dermody handed out the Central Office Winter Holiday Schedule.
- Recognition was given to Greg Dudeck, Kevin Smith, Matt Wilhelm, & John Mills for their quick response to a sudden possible flood situation around 1:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 11th at NPHS. Because of the quick action of Matt Wilhelm and John Mills and their call to Kevin Smith who immediately responded to correct the problem, a serious situation was averted that could have closed school.
- A Grading Scale Review Committee will be formed to review the current scale and consider possible changes.
- Mr. Dermody wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) Approve Unleaded & Bio-Diesel Fuel Bids
- (B) Approve Resolution Granting Permission to Transfer from Major Accounts & Approve Line 2 Budget Cuts
- (C) Approve Conflict of Interest Disclosure
 - Kay Schneider
- (D) Set Board Organizational Meeting – January 2015

- (E) Approve Resolution for Early Payments
- (F) Approve the Property/Liability Insurance Renewal
- (G) Approve the PLTW Agreement
- (H) Approve the 2015-16 NPHS Curriculum Guide
- (I) Approve the Appointment of the New Carlisle Public Library Board Members
- (J) Approve the Overnight Field Trips:
 1. Robotic Team – NPHS to Kokomo for Indiana First District Competition – March 12th – 14th, 2015
 2. Robotic Team – NPHS to Purdue for Indiana First District Competition – March 19th – 21st, 2015
- (K) Accept Donations as Listed:
 1. Feed the Children donated Children’s Books and Supplies
 2. Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., Kappa Rho Chapter Donation to NPHS Theatre Company - \$1,000.00
 3. Rolling Prairie VFW Men’s Auxiliary donated \$500.00 to the NPHS Cougar Outreach Club for Christmas Baskets for NPHS families in need.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) The Board discussed the tentative 2015 School Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Rich Shail read a lengthy tribute to Bernie Baltes in commemoration of his 16 years of service on the NPUSC Board of Trustees. Rich cited Bernie’s caring nature as well as his extensive donations to the corporation that have made an incredible difference. Bernie’s focus is and always has been in the interest of kids first.
- Dale Groves stated that he agrees with all Rich said and thanked Bernie for all he has learned from him.
- Al Williamson also stated how he had relied on Bernie’s no nonsense approach which will be missed. Thank you for all you have done!
- Phil King stated that no matter where he went everyone knows who Bernie Baltes is. Phil stated that he has learned so much from Bernie and appreciates his wealth of knowledge. Bernie will be missed.
- Joann Evans stated that she enjoyed her 16 years working with Bernie and feels he was one of the best Board members she ever worked with.
- Ed Sawa thanked Bernie for all of his work and help with projects that Fanning and Howey completed with the corporation. He stated that he too learned so much from Bernie.
- Greg Dettinger thanked Bernie for his trust. Greg stated how he respects the farming traditions and appreciated the push that Bernie gave to the corporation. Bernie has touched so many lives. Thank you for all you have done.
- Jim stated that he has tremendous respect for Bernie. They have known each other for a very long time and he will miss him.
- Bernie stated that he has felt very fortunate to be a part of a top notch Board. He thanked Mr. Dermody for his dedication. He also wished to thank the current administrative team. He feels their leadership is the best we have had.

Bernie Baltes made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.