

BOARD NOTES
November 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bernie Baltes, and Phil King 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 introduced Mr. Groendyke, Spell Bowl Coach, who spoke on the accomplishments of his team and their advancement to State competition. The High School placed 2nd overall in Class 3. Mr Dermody introduced each student, congratulated them, and presented them with a certificate from the Board and himself. Mr Dermody then introduced Mrs. Jennifer Smith who is the Spell Bowl Coach for the Middle School that also advanced to state competition. Mr. Dermody recognized each Middle School student congratulating them with a certificate from the Board.

Ms. Robyn Kubsch, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at New Prairie High School, presented her new club called “Cougars Unite Club”. This club focuses on and promotes tolerance across all groups of students. Ms. Kubsch and 6 students presented a Powerpoint on their positive way of reaching out. They have many projects planned such as putting on a Talent Show/Open Mic/Improv Show. They partner with “Hey U.G.L.Y.”, volunteer in the community, and help with recycling.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- Minutes – October 27, 2014
- Financial Reports
- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Wendy Hemphill, Title 1 Teacher at Prairie View Elementary – FMLA Leave beginning 10/20/14 – 10/31/14
2. Juliet McFadden – Temporary Rolling Prairie Elementary 1st Grade Teacher - Resignation effective 11/17/14

Employment

1. Staci Barrett – Temporary Rolling Prairie Elementary 1st Grade Teacher – Beginning 11/18/14

Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Jessica Hull – NPHS Art Teacher – NPHS Varsity Girls Softball Head Coach

Adjustments

1. 21st Century Grant Stipend Adjustment for Laurel Laughlin and Tonya Aerts. They will each receive half (\$1,000) of their yearly individual stipend of \$2,000 now, the other half at the end of the school year.

2. Frank Hobart will receive half (\$2,000) of his two yearly stipends that total \$4,000 for the 21st Century Grant now and the other half at the end of the school year.

NON-CERTIFIED

Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Leslie Monroe, Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 11/25/14 – 1/20/15
2. Debbie Vascil, Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 12/1/14 – 1/16/15
3. Catherine Peterson – Library Aide, RPES – FMLA Leave beginning 11/10/14 – 1/30/15
4. Bill Rose, High School Grounds Maintenance – FMLA Leave beginning 10/27/14 – 1/16/15
5. Michael Kaletha, Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary – Resignation effective 11/7/14
6. Terri Smith, Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School – Retirement effective 12/19/14
7. Connie Noel, Food Service Worker at NPMS – Resignation effective 10/24/14

Employment

1. Aaron Boyd – Evening Custodian at Olive Elementary School beginning 11/3/14
2. Brianna Runnels – Custodial Floater for the NPUSC beginning 12/1/14

Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Tyler Dolezal – Asst. MS Wrestling Coach – Pending Expanded Criminal Background Check Receipt
2. Eric Brown – ½ Asst MS Wrestling Coach – Pending Expanded Criminal Background Check Receipt
3. Ryan Balanow – Asst MS Wrestling Coach
4. Alan King – ½ Asst MS Wrestling Coach

Adjustments

1. Wage adjustment for IT Technician, Reed Monesmith, to \$15.50 per hour.
2. Michele Stayback, Food Service Worker, transferred from Rolling Prairie Elementary to New Prairie Middle School.

Mr. Dermody recognized Teresa Smith who submitted her notice of retirement after 29 years of service to the NPUSC as a Title I Instructional Aide at Rolling Prairie Elementary School. Mrs. Smith has always been described as respected by all. NPUSC wishes her luck in her retirement.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Dermody introduced NPHS Cross Country runner, David Kampf, an NPHS senior, who is a 2 time State Qualifier. Coach John Arndt stood and spoke very highly of David and his accomplishments. He went on to explain that David will run collegiately as well as study engineering. David thanked Coach Arndt for all that he taught him and all his support.
- Mr. Dermody reported that he attended the high school production “Into the Woods” and was very impressed. He had never been to an NPHS production with a pit band which was wonderful.
- Candy VanBuskirk, NPHS Assistant Principal, reported to the Board that the High School Hunger Drive raised over 15,000 pounds of food which was a goal met. Mr. Dettinger and Mrs. VanBuskirk made a deal with the students that if they met their goal they would make a music video which they did and has been well received.
- Janet Scott explained to the Board how “Make a Difference Day” was a great success. Every Middle School student and teacher had a community service job to do on that day. As a result there were donations made in appreciation for the work done by the students. This was a huge undertaking well worth the time and effort it took to make it happen.

- The Board was highly impressed with this project.
- On December 2nd, an NPUSCC review team, made up of a Board member and other school personnel, will visit Shenandoah, Noblesville and Beech Grove Schools to initially observe their media centers, cafeterias and architectural set up.
- Carrie Cannon informed the Board that she applied for \$35,000 additional monies from the 21st Century Grant which the NPUSC received that will go toward field trips for the after school program students. Mr. Dermody and the Board congratulated Carrie and thanked her for all her hard work on the grants that she has worked so hard to obtain.
- The NPUSC will sponsor a Schoology Training Night in an open house forum for parents of High School and Middle School students on December, 2, 2014.
- Jim Dermody wished to extend his best wishes and good luck to the NPHS Football Team on their upcoming State Competition.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board Accepted the Donations:
 - \$210 from Hudson Lake Mennonite Church
 - \$150 from United Methodist Women's Group
 - Clothing Items from St. John Kanty Rosary Society
 - Handmade scarves & hats from Sandra Horton of South Bend, IN
 - \$100 from Robert J Smith of Rolling Prairie, IN
 - \$20 from Sam Colalillo from the Community Church in New Carlisle
 - \$40 from Gertrude Barnes of New Carlisle, IN
 - \$430 in Prizes for Red Ribbon Week for Prairie View from Rhonda Myers and Tina Bernth
- (B) The Board Approved Overnight Field Trip Requests
 - NPHS Spell Bowl to State Competition
- (C) The Board Approved the Bond Disclosure Resolution
- (D) The Board Approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosure
 - Al Williamson
 - Dale Groves
 - Shelley Dettinger
- (E) The Board Approved Board Policy #1240
- (F) The Board Approved the Amendment to Change Section 125 Plan
- (G) The Board Approved the MASE Trust Insurance Agreement

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves saw the High School play "Into the Woods", and stated that it was well done! Congratulations to the Spell Bowl Teams, Cross Country Teams, and the Football Team and their hard work. He is happy to hear about the field trips and all the out of classroom activities. Anything that can be done making learning fun is worthwhile. Dale wanted to personally thank Bernie for all he has done for this corporation and for all that he has taught him.
- Bernie stated that the "Make a Difference Day" is so important along with academics. Bernie also wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" and hopes everyone realizes how fortunate we are to live in this country and how good we have it.
- Phil stated "good job" to the Spell Bowl students, and our football team. He is amazed with our community support as well as the neighboring community support. Phil wished to invite the Board members to the Thanksgiving Dinner at Rolling Prairie Elementary, on December 25th.
- Rich recognized Mr. Dermody for his Superintendent's Night Out. He was impressed with the presentation, and stated that it was a great summary of this school corporation and was presented well by Mr. Dermody. The questions

asked by the parents were great questions that Mr. Dermody answered well. Secondly, he was so inspired by the "Beyond the Cougar Den" presentation that he attended at the High School. He cannot believe the opportunities for our kids that were presented because of the hard work of Carrie Cannon and Scott Kresca. They did an incredible job bringing the information to the students and parents in this forum. There should be no excuse for our kids to state that they do not know how to get into college or tech school.