

NEW PRAIRIE UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION
Office of the Superintendent
New Carlisle, IN 46552

MINUTES
June 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Jim Dermody present.

Rich Shail, President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

Dale Groves made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Phil King, and approved 5-0

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Jim Dermody introduced State Senator, Jim Arnold and State Representative, Tom Dermody to the Board. Mr. Arnold stood and gave an update on the last Legislative Session.

Senator Arnold stated that the 2015 session was a character builder. This is one of the toughest sessions in many years. There were 1300 bills filed in the general assembly this year. 257 bills made it to Governor Pence's desk for signature. Four bills became law without the Governor's signature. One of those bills was Representative Dermody's gaming bill. There were many distractions involving Superintendent Ritz and the Governor that took away from the business at hand. Union issues and RFRA tore apart the general assembly this year. Unfortunately this was the most difficult session. Some good things were passed such as a gaming bill, new ethics bill, an infrastructure bill, energy bill and an education bill. 95% of the bills passed were bipartisan.

- Representative Dermody talked about the education bill that was passed that increases the money to schools in Indiana like New Prairie.

The largest gaming bill was passed. One of the changes within the bill is that Four Winds pay their fair share of taxes making it fair to the other gaming companies that pay considerably more taxes.

Jim Dermody stated that both of these gentlemen are always cordial to talk to when discussing public education.

Tom Dermody presented to Jim Dermody the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award from Governor Pence, which is the highest honor the Governor of Indiana bestows as a personal tribute to those who rendered distinguished services to the State of Indiana and made significant contribution to life in Indiana.

Jim Dermody humbly accepted the award with gratitude then thanked everyone.

- **CONSENT ITEMS**

There was a motion made by Williamson, seconded by King to approve the Consent Items as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Lauren Dyer – Title I Teacher at Prairie View Elementary – FMLA leave beginning 6/4/15 – 10/23/2015
2. Kristen Kleist – 2nd Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary – FMLA leave beginning 6/24/15 – 8/25/2015
3. Kaitlyn Touhey – 9th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach resignation as of 6/30/2015
4. Mark Peterson – Varsity Boys Head Baseball Coach resignation as of 6/30/2015
5. Linda Behm – RTI Member resignation as of 6/30/2015
6. Zeda Wisniewski – BBT Member resignation as of 6/30/2015
7. Chrystal Wilkeson – Yearbook Advisor resignation as of 6/30/2015
8. Chrystal Wilkeson – RTI Chair NPHS resignation as of 6/30/15
9. Tim Scott – Social Studies Teacher NPHS resignation as of 6/30/15

▪ **Employment**

1. Taylor Truster – Vocal Music Teacher/Director for New Prairie High School beginning 7/1/2015
2. Derrick DeShone – PE Teacher for Prairie View & Rolling Prairie Elementary Schools beginning 7/1/15
3. Timothy Flanagan – Prairie View Elementary School Counselor beginning 7/1/15 pending receipt of proper licensing and criminal background screening

▪ **Employment – Summer 2015**

1. Lisa Kovach – Summer Success by Six Teacher @ \$25.00 per hour
2. Mikayla Golden – Summer Success by Six Teacher @ \$25.00 per hour
3. Heather Friday – Summer Success by Six Teacher @ \$25.00 per hour
4. Kim Saunders – Summer Success by Six Teacher @ \$25.00 per hour

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Brian Williamson – Letter Club Sponsor – Boys – Beginning 7/1/2014
2. Mark Peterson – NPHS Head Varsity Boys Golf Coach beginning 7/1/2015
3. Karen VanOverberghe – 7th Grade Co-Leader beginning 7/1/2015
4. Matt Flagg – 7th Grade Co-Leader beginning 7/1/2015
5. Mark McBride – 7th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach beginning 7/1/2015
6. Rachel Chelminiak – Olive Elementary – Co- BBT/RTI Chair beginning 7/1/2015
7. Linda Behm – Olive Elementary - Co- BBT/RTI Chair beginning 7/1/2015
8. Melissa Smith – Olive Elementary – BBT Team Member beginning 7/1/2015
9. Ryan Jones – Yearbook Advisor NPHS – beginning 7/1/15
10. Melanie Groves – School Improvement Chair NPHS – beginning 7/1/15
11. Derrick DeShone – Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach NPHS – Beginning 7/1/15

- **Adjustments**
 1. Greg Dettinger – Principal of New Prairie High School – Renewal of Two-Year Contract (250 Days, 15 day carry-over of unused vacation days)

NON-CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 1. Teena Trent – Food Worker at Prairie View Elementary resignation as of 6/2/15
 2. Joyce Pickett – Food Service Worker at the High School resignation as of 6/2/15
 3. Scott Kresca – Director of After School Programming resignation as of 6/26/15
 4. Jordan Hastings – Custodian resignation as of 6/19/15
- **Employment**
 1. Matthew Kipler – Bus Aide beginning 8/13/2015
- **Employment – Summer 2015**
 1. Rhonda Kujawa – Summer Success by Six Assistant @ \$10.00 per hour
 2. Margaret Gulotta – Summer Success by Six Assistant @ \$10.00 per hour
 3. Deb Weller – Summer Success by Six Assistant @ \$10.00 per hour
 4. Michele Arndt – Summer Success by Six Assistant @ \$10.00 per hour
 5. Crystal Snyder – Summer Health Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary @ 11.65 per hour
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
 1. Russell Radtke – NPHS Head Football Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 2. Bobby Whitenack – Assistant Varsity Football Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 3. Julio Cisneros – Freshman Football Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 4. Bill Gumm – Freshman Football Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 5. Shari Rose – NPHS Jr. Class Sponsor – For the 2015-16 school year
 6. Eric Lower – NPHS Diving Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 7. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Head Boys Tennis Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 8. Teresa Hostetler – NPHS Asst. Boys Tennis Coach – For the 2015-16 school year
 9. John Arndt – NPHS Boys Cross Country Head Coach for the 2015-16 school year
 10. Jake Revere – NPHS Asst. Boys/Girls Swim Coach for the 2015-16 school year
 11. John Arndt – NPMS Boys Head Track Coach for the 2015-16 school year
 12. John Arndt – NPHS Boys Head Cross Country Coach for the 2015-16 school year
 13. Marlene Nickerson – NPMS Cross Country Head Coach for the 2015-16 school year
 14. Cathleen Lower – Letterman’s Club Sponsor Girls for the 2015-16 school year

15. Sara Timm – NPMS Co-Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the 2015-16 school year
16. Kathy Nova – NPMS Co-Assistant Girls Swim Coach for the 2015-16 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

The motion was approved 5-0

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Jim Dermody introduced Derek DeShone, both Rolling Prairie Elementary and Prairie View Elementary School PE Teacher. Derek DeShone is also the Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at New Prairie High School.

Mr. DeShone introduced his family. He thanked everyone involved for the opportunity to teach and coach here at New Prairie United School Corporation.

- Jim Dermody introduced Craig Kuta, NPMS Girls and Boys Golf Coach, who has recently retired from NPMS coaching. Coach Kuta has coached for NPMS for 22 years and will be missed. NPUSC wishes Craig the very best in his retirement.
- Jim Dermody read a letter from Julie Jerzak, State Chair for FBLA, announcing Mark Norton as Business Person of the Year from FBLA. Mr. Dermody presented Mark with a certificate. Mark announced he is humbled and honored to have been chosen to receive this award.
- Jim Dermody explained that as of now Safe Hiring Solutions, LLC, NPUSC Criminal Background Screening Vender, will increase the rate from \$28.00 to \$31.50 as set by State Statute.
- Jim Dermody stated that the Board will possibly need to have a short Special Board meeting on Dec. 28th

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) There was a motion by King, seconded by Romstadt to accept Donations:
- Kiwanis Club of Michiana donated \$250 to the NPMS Builders Club
 - Leadership LaPorte County donated \$200 to the NPMS Builders Club
 - Sauers Buick/GMC donated \$100 to HOSA
 - Feed the Children donated: 16 lbs. of candy, 31 lbs. of children’s books, 450 lbs. of school supplies and 144 lbs. used children’s books. All items are valued at \$4,261.46
 - Ralph Bogue donated \$200 for a park bench at Olive Elementary School
 - State Representative Tom Dermody donated \$200 for HOSA Nationals
 - LaPorte United Way awarded Rolling Prairie Elementary with Minds in Motion Equipment
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (B) There was motion by King, seconded by Romstadt to approve the 2nd Reading of Board Policy 7510
- The motion was approved 5-0

- (C) There was a motion by Groves, seconded by Williamson to approve the Position Descriptions for:
- Food Service Secretary
 - Coordinator of Enrichment Programs
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (D) There was a motion by King, seconded by Groves to approve the Contract for Services with MaryMonicaMusic, Inc
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (E) There was a motion by Williamson, seconded by Groves to approve the Conflict of Interest for Kevin Macias
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (F) There was a motion by King, seconded by Williamson to approve the Netch Proposal for the NPHS Phase II Surveillance Project
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (G) There was a motion by Groves, seconded by Romstadt to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Fifth Amendment to Lease
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (H) There was a motion by Williamson, seconded by Groves to approve the Resolution Re-approving the Building Corporation and Issuance of Bond
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (I) There was a motion by King, seconded by Romstadt to approve the Renewal Agreement with Schoology for 2015-16
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (J) There was a motion by Williamson, seconded by Groves to approve Supplemental Bond Resolution for Refunded Pension Bond
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (K) There was a motion by King, seconded by Romstadt to approve the Line Item Transfer on the Rainy Day Fund
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (L) There was a motion by Groves, seconded by Williamson to approve 2015-16 Transfer Student Capacity
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (M) There was a motion by King, seconded by Groves to approve the Crisis Prevention Response Plans – 2015-16 School Year:
- New Prairie High School
 - New Prairie Middle School
 - Olive Elementary School
 - Prairie View Elementary School
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (N) There was a motion by Groves, seconded by Williamson to approve Qualified Entity Purchase Agreement for Refunded Pension Bond
- The motion was approved 5-0
- (O) There was a motion by Groves, seconded by Williamson to approve the Cafeteria Bids for 2015-16
- The motion was approved 5-0

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Bill Romstadt wished Jim Dermody best wishes on his retirement. Bill also wants Jim to know he values their friendship in the short time they have known each other.
- Phil King thanked Jim for his many years of service to the NPUSC. As a parent Phil is grateful for all he accomplished for kids.
- Dale Groves wishes Jim the best of luck with his next step in life. Thank you Jim for always being professional and respectful.
- Al Williamson congratulated Jim on receiving the “Sagamore of the Wabash” award. Al stated that Jim has been a great mentor and appreciates his leadership. The Board is confident in the team that Jim built to carry on.
- Bernie Baltes, former longtime Board member, stood to say a few words on Jim’s behalf. He feels that the Board and NPUSC was fortunate that Jim took a chance on our Board. Thank you for making NPUSC what it is.
- Rich Shail stated that Jim is his 3rd Superintendent. Rich said that he has never seen so many things happen to a Superintendent that has happened to Jim. Jim handled all issue professionally and with sensitivity.
- Jim Dermody replied that the Board and Bill Kaminski are all part of a team, which thankfully, seeks the betterment for students first. Jim also credits Judy, his wife, with her efforts and feels fortunate to have her as part of his team. Jim feels that Dr. Paul White will do a great job.

Finally, Jim expressed his gratitude and wishes to thank everyone again.

Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn.

Signed:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member

Member