

BOARD NOTES
November 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, November 23, 2015 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present.

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

There was a motion by Groves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Williamson and approved 5-0

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Greg Dettinger, Principal NPHS and Candy VanBuskirk, Asst. Principal, NPHS presented their plans and goals for the future of New Prairie High School. Mr. Dettinger spoke first explaining the process of implementation of the Agricultural Science Program and FFA (Future Farmers of America) at the high school. Mr. Dettinger met with the Agricultural Division and FFA at the state level along with the Lieutenant Governor to discuss ways to make the program happen. This is the pilot year for the “Introduction to Agricultural Science” course for the Agri-Business Tract. The three year goal is 100 plus students. Mrs. VanBuskirk explained that a careful implementation is required. The IDOE is in favor of NPUSC taking the Agricultural Science track as so many students have been lost from this program. The IDOE will pay a Purdue Mentor and will provide the curriculum. A summer program will be put in place for the Agricultural students so they may continue their work in this program. FFA will support the class as well. A classified facilitator can begin the program and grow it. CTE will cover costs by year 3. Additional curriculum to be added in the near future: AP Computer Science, Coding, additional Dual Credit courses, On-Line courses with one teacher to oversee it. NPHS received an award for having the highest increase in AP testers at 68%.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – October 26, 2015
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Natalie Krause- Child Rearing Leave beginning 11/2/15 and continuing through 12/14/15, returning to work on 12/14/15.
 2. LeAnn Pease – Child Rearing Leave beginning 11/2/15 and continuing on through 1/4/16, returning to work on 1/4/16.
 3. Martin Mosson – FMLA Leave beginning 11/16/15 through approximately 2/8/16
 4. Julie Jerzak – FMLA Intermittent Leave for the 2015-16 school year
 5. Brad Phillips – FMLA Leave beginning 10/26/15 through 11/13/15
- Employment

- Adjustments

The following are adjustments added to the teachers approved 10/26/15 for the 21st Century after- school program adding the need for reapplication yearly along with a few hourly amount changes:

1. Sara Benefiel – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
2. Diana Jones - 21st Century After- School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
3. Tamara Moore – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
4. Jan Pfeil – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
5. Rachel Ralston – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
6. Tim Flanagan – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at ~~\$10.00~~ **\$20.00** per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
7. Heather Friday – 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
8. Chris Gesse - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at ~~\$10.00~~ **\$20.00** per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
9. Jemiah Piesyk - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at ~~\$10.00~~ **\$20.00** per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
10. Jarret Spence - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Angie Keehn – FMLA Leave beginning 10/2/15 through 11/31/15
2. Mary Johnson – Resignation as Health Aide at Prairie View Elementary as of 10/26/15
3. Sara Timm – Resignation as ½ Head MS Swim Coach for the 2015-16 school year
4. Tina Ledford – Resignation as Food Service Worker at NPHS effective 11/5/15
5. Melissa Witt – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary effective 11/9/15
6. Jessica Finn – Resignation as Middle School Cheer Coach effective 11/11/15
7. Kyle Knoll – NPHS Custodian termination effective 11/17/15

- Employment

1. Jerrold Colanese – Substitute Bus Driver beginning 11/4/15
2. Maria Leon – Youth Prevention Specialist for the Lead and Seed Program at the Middle School beginning 10/29/15
3. Cary Damerow – Prairie View Health Aide beginning 11/17/15

- Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Robert Smith, Jr. – 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at NPMS for the 2015-16 school year
2. Ross Strieter – Freshman Basketball Coach at NPHS for the 2015-16 school year
3. David Dailey – NPHS Head Boys Track Coach at NPHS for the 2015-16 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

The following are adjustments added to the teacher assistants approved 10/26/15 for the 21st Century after-school program adding the need for reapplication yearly:

1. Tashenna Bougher - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
2. Amanda Davis - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
3. Chloe Funderburg - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at NPMS at \$10.00 per hour for 10 hrs. beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
4. Loryn Gerencser - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
5. Margaret Gulotta - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
6. Rhonda Kujawa - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at ~~PVES~~ **RPES** at \$10.00 per hour for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
7. Andrew Maez - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour for 5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
8. Susan Parsons - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
9. Cheryl Smith - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at PRES at \$10.00 per hour for 7.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
10. Lexi Vera - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**
11. Jessica Winkle - 21st Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15 **for the 2015-16 school year**

REPORTS

Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. White stated Preliminary ISTEP+ scores are in a rescore situation. Looking at the data NPUSC has a 20% average drop in the state. NPUSC is not quite at passing rates but are ahead of area schools but won't be sure until rescoring is completed. Area Superintendents have met a couple times already to discuss the draft of the letter to parents. January is the tentative date given to receive the final results.
- Dr. White reported that he has completed the five community forums on the proposed facilities improvements. He stated he received strong community feedback especially concerning the high school renovations.
- Dr. White mentioned he will be sending out a second newsletter in December.

ACTION ITEMS

Before presenting the donations in Action Item (A) to the Board, Dr. White introduced Jay Bechtel, Director of Area I Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation.

Mr. Bechtel explained the Foundation and the Active Teachers Grant. The grant he presented to Barb Papai is a \$500 grant which 127 teachers applied for. Barb Papai responded that since Olive Elementary is not a Title I school that this grant money will be used for Kindergarten remediation books.

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as listed:
 - The Indiana Retired Teachers Association donated a \$500.00 Grant to the High Ability Coordinator, Barb Papai
 - New Carlisle Methodist Church donated clothing for students to Rolling Prairie Elementary School
 - Frontier Electric Supply Company donated \$1,000.00 to the Robotics Team at NPHS
 - Russell & Gertrude Barnes made a donation to NPMS for leaves cleaned up during the NPMS Community Service Day on 10/30/15
 - Feed The Children donated Childrens books, School Supplies and L'Oreal products valued at \$2,084.88
- (B) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - New Prairie High School Wrestling Tournament at Lafayette Jefferson High School, December 30 & 31, 2015, in Lafayette IN
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Team Tournament at Lafayette Harrison High School, March 11 – 13, 2016 in Lafayette IN
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Team Tournament at Perry Meridian High School, March 24 – 26, 2016, in Indianapolis IN
 - New Prairie High School Dance Team to compete in State Competition in New Castle, IN March 11 & 12, 2016
- (C) The Board approved the Resolution of Year End Transfers
- (D) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosures for:
 - Al Williamson
 - Dale Groves
 - Shelley Dettinger
- (E) The Board approved disposal of Prairie View Elementary Old Library Books
- (F) The Board approved the disposal of Outdated Media Items at Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- (G) The Board approved the disposal of Non-fixable Cafeteria Ovens and Sale of an Outdated Milk Cooler
- (H) The Board approved the Agreement between NPUSC Food Service Department and the Child Care Consortium Inc., Head Start of LaPorte County
- (I) The Board accepted and approved the Safe School Grant
- (J) The Board approved the Performance Guarantee Energy Savings Contract
- (K) The Board approved the “Go Solutions Group, Inc.” Agreement
- (L) The Board approved the Resolution of NPUSC Authorizing and Approving the Entry into an Interlocal Agreement for the Investment of Public Funds

DISCUSSION

- (A) 1st reading - Board Policies - Volume 27, No.2- #0100, 0130, 1130, 1214, 2421, 2430, 3113, 3120.08, 3140, 3214, 4113, 4140, 4214, 5421, 5540, 5610.02, 5610, 6320, 6460,

8390, 8500, and 9700.01/ NEOLA Deleted Policies are: 2423 & 3410.04

- Dale Groves questioned majority vote change in 0130. Questioned if the change is per statute or NEOLA? Rich Shail stated that Roberts Rules of Order are followed.
 - Bill Romstadt questioned what is the definition of Professional Staff? Professional Staff is mentioned in Policies.
- (B) New Carlisle-Olive Township Library Board Appointments
- Rich Shail stated that he will appoint a member to the Olive Township-New Carlisle Public Library Board at the December Board meeting. He has received only one application thus far. Diane Miko has submitted her application. Dale Groves asked to view her resume'.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving break.
 - Al Williamson thanked Dr. White and his staff for all his time and work with the Community Forums.
 - Bill Romstadt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
 - Dale Groves stated that the Middle School's Community Service Day was a great success. The Community has expressed their gratitude.
 - Rich Shail expressed his congratulations to all NPUSC sports teams who played their first year in the new conference. Rich also stated that NPUSC performing arts are phenomenal. He heard the Fall Ball was a great success and great things have been said of our NPHS students.
- On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.