

BOARD NOTES  
October 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, October 26, 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 Williamson to adopt the agenda, seconded by Groves and approved 5-0

**INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Tara Bush, Principal at Olive Elementary School, presented to the Board the Reading Committee teachers who promote literacy through the many programs that they have established. The programs focus on encouraging reading in students and staff. The goal is to create readers today as they are our leaders tomorrow.
- Dale Groves thanked the Reading Committee teachers for all their hard work on these very important programs as well as their presentation.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – September 14, 2015, October 12, 2015
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Laura Schreiber – FMLA leave from Olive Elementary beginning 1/4/16 through approximately 2/29/16
- Employment
  1. Wendy Walters – Homebound Teacher for NPMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student beginning
  2. Sara Benefiel – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  3. Mikayla Golden – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Co-Site Coordinator at Olive Elementary at \$25.00 for 2 hrs. then \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  4. Diana Jones - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After- School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  5. Tamara Moore – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  6. Jan Pfeil – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  7. Rachel Ralston – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at Olive Elementary at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15

8. Laura Schreiber – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Co-Site Coordinator at Olive Elementary at \$25.00 for 2 hrs. then \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  9. Nick Arndt – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Site Coordinator at NPMS at \$25.00 for 2 hrs. \$10.00 for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  10. Tim Flanagan – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  11. Heather Friday – 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  12. Chris Gesse - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  13. Wendi Hemphill - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Site Coordinator at PVES at \$25.00 for 4 hrs. then \$20.00 for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  14. Jemiah Piesyk - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  15. Jarret Spence - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Neil Hackett – NPHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach effective 7/1/2015
  - Adjustments

### **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Andrea Williamson – Olive Elementary Instructional Assistant - Resignation effective 6/2/2015
  2. Angie Keehn – Cafeteria Aide at Rolling Prairie Elementary – Resignation as of 9/15/15
  3. Tina Bartz – NPUSC Bus Driver – Resignation as of 9/11/15
  4. Blake Evans – Freshman Boys Basketball – Resignation effective 9/16/15
  5. Cheryl Pumroy – Instructional Assistant – Prairie View Elementary School Resignation effective 9/23/15
  6. Cara Holmes – Recess Aide at Olive elementary School – Resignation effective 10/5/15
  7. Ruth Phelps – Food Service at the High School – Resignation effective 11/6/2014
  8. Barb Truhn – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Food Service worker at NPMS effective 8/15/15 through 6/30/16
  9. Lannette Ness – FMLA Leave as Librarian at NPMS beginning 9/23/15 through 10/23/15
  10. Blake Evans – Freshman Boys Basketball Coach for the 2015-16 school year – Resignation as of 9/16/15
  11. Meghan Goad – Custodian resignation from Rolling Prairie Elementary effective 5/25/15
  12. Marlene Brown – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Substitute resignation effective 9/5/15
  13. Ross Strieter – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach at New Prairie Middle School resignation effective 10/21/2015
- Employment
  1. Belinda Weller – Food Service Aide – Rolling Prairie Elementary effective 9/28/15
  2. Mary Toth – Food Service Worker – NPMS beginning 10/19/15
  3. Tina Ledford – Food Service Worker – NPHS beginning 10/19/15

4. Amanda Davis – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary effective 10/24/15
  5. Jim Williamson – Substitute Bus Driver for NPUSC beginning 10/15/15
  6. Jamie Willis – Substitute Bus Driver for NPUSC beginning 10/02/15
  7. Tricia Toth – Single Route Bus Driver to Double Route Driver for NPUSC MS/HS & RP #65-14 beginning 10/2/15
  8. Jacob Job – Substitute Custodian at RPE move to Full-Time Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 9/29/15
  9. Daniel Bukowski – Corporation Maintenance beginning 9/11/15
  10. Marcia Beliveau – Instructional Assistant – NPHS beginning 8/13/15
  11. Tashenna Bougher - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  12. Amanda Davis - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  13. Chloe Funderburg - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at NPMS at \$10.00 per hour for 10 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  14. Loryn Gerencser - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  15. Margaret Gulotta - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  16. Partick Hemphill - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Site Coordinator at NPMS at \$25.00 for 2 hrs. \$20.00 for 5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  17. Rhonda Kujawa - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$10.00 per hour for 12.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  18. Andrew Maez - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$20.00 per hour for 5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  19. Susan Parsons - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PVES at \$20.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  20. Cheryl Smith - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at PRES at \$10.00 per hour for 7.5 hrs. beginning 9/8/15
  21. Lexi Vera - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
  22. Jessica Winkle - 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program Staff at RPES at \$10.00 per hour beginning 9/8/15
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Brent Campos – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach NPMS for the 2015-16 School year
    2. Shaun Prestin – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach NPMS for the 2015-16 School year
    3. Aaron Williams – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach at NPMS for the 2015-16 School Year Pending Criminal Background Search Return Results
    4. Alan King – Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach at NPHS for the 2015-16 School Year
  - Adjustments
    1. Debra Bush and Elva Sue Sanders were listed as Food Service Workers upon hiring 9/14/15. Their positions should be Food Service Aides.
    2. Shari Rose – Cheerleading Sponsor – NPHS – Adjustment from Co-Sponsor to Full-time position effective 9/28/15
    3. Shari Rose - Pep Club Sponsor – NPHS – Adjustment from Co-Sponsor to Full-time position effective 9/28/15

4. A \$200.00 one-time stipend for extra duties completed during school enrollment week for: Mark Norton, Steve Hand, Jacob Jackson, Tammy Watkins, Brian Williamson, Bruce Lasley, Kathy Zielke, Carrie Cannon and Kelley Kitchen
5. Adrienne Jongkind, Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School, is transferring to Prairie View Elementary as their Instructional Assistant

## **REPORTS**

### Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. White stated it is an exciting first semester! It is fantastic the amount of program options that are available to the students at NPUSC. He stated he continues to be impressed by NPUSC teachers who continue to coach students.
- Dr. White congratulated the Volleyball Team on their latest win and hopes for a successful tournament run.
- The Varsity Football Team suffered a tough loss Friday evening. Dr. White applauded the team for their great effort this year.
- The Community Forums at NPHS and Olive Elementary had great community attendance. Dr. White is looking forward to Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Prairie Elementary and the 29<sup>th</sup> at Prairie View Elementary. There will be an additional Forum at NPHS on November 5<sup>th</sup> and a possible additional Forum at the New Carlisle Library on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. C.S.T.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted the donations as listed:
  - Feed the Children donated items valued at \$7,495.00:
    - 114 lbs. of Children Books
    - 956 lbs. of School Supplies
    - 59 lbs. of L'Oreal Products
  - Olive Elementary received a Gift Certificate from Hoops for Heart in the amount of \$1,500.00
  - Olive Elementary received a donation of Backpacks and School Supplies from:
    - LaPorte Jaycees
    - Mrs. James
    - Maple Grove Church
    - United Methodist Church, New Carlisle
  - Brunos Landscaping in Mishawaka donated to Rolling Prairie Elementary:
    - Office Furniture
  - Unity Foundation of LaPorte County donated \$1,850.00 to the New Prairie Middle School's Mentor Program
- (B) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request:
  - NPHS Spell Bowl Team – State Competition at Purdue University, West Lafayette IN – Friday, November 13, 2015 through Saturday, November 14, 2015
- (C) The Board approved the Agreement with Shanahan & Shanahan
- (D) The Board approved the discarding of NPHS Library Books

- (E) The board approved the Snow Removal Proposals for the 2015/2016 School Year:
  - Rolling Prairie Excavating – Rolling Prairie Elementary and Prairie View Elementary
  - Sudlow Excavating – Olive Elementary, High School and Middle School
- (F) The Board approved the Position Description:
  - Youth Prevention Specialist
- (G) The Board approved the Agreement with the Midwest Area School Employees' Insurance Trust for 2015-16
- (H) The Board approved the Chiller Replacement at Prairie View Elementary

## **DISCUSSION**

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Dale Groves commented that he agreed with the President of the United States that we do too much testing of students and wants to move away from it as much as possible.

Thank you, also, to all of the schools for their response involved with support of the cancer victim.

Rich Shail commented that he attended the Fall Sampler at the high school and felt it was a wonderful show. He was amazed at the numbers who attended even at the middle school level. Rich stated that he still wants Band brought back to the elementary schools. He wants fine arts and sports back at the elementary level.

- On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.