

BOARD NOTES
September 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, September 14, 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 King to adopt the agenda, seconded by Romstadt and approved 5-0

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – August 10, 2015, August 31, 2015
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
- **Employment**
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
 - 1. Emmaline Hetrick – Co-Student Council Sponsor at NPMS beginning 7/1/15
 - 2. Kari McLaughlin – Co-Student Council Sponsor at NPMS beginning 7/1/15
 - 3. Jemiah Piesyk – Spell Bowl Coach at Prairie View Elementary beginning 7/1/15
 - 4. Melissa Kobitz – Co-Chair Student Council Sponsor at Prairie View Elementary beginning 7/1/15
- **Adjustments**

NON-CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 - 1. Lisa Deutscher – Administrative Assistant – FMLA Leave beginning 9/21/2015 through 10/31/2015
- **Employment**
 - 1. Bob Huffman – Evaluator of Special Education Teachers. Stipend of \$1,500 plus mileage beginning 9/25/15
 - 2. Adrienne Jongkind – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary beginning 9/4/15
 - 3. Joel Stockton – 21st Century Assistant at Olive Elementary beginning 9/4/15
 - 4. Debra Bush – Food Service Worker at NPMS beginning 8/4/15
 - 5. Kristen Gall – Full-Time Bus Driver beginning 8/28/15
 - 6. Sherri Hein – Full-Time Bus Driver beginning 8/28/15
 - 7. Carla Kellogg – Food Service Worker at NPHS beginning 9/9/15
 - 8. Elva Sanders – Food Service Worker at Prairie View Elementary beginning 9/8/15
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
- **Adjustments**

REPORTS

Superintendent's Reports

- Dr. White announced that NPUSC has been awarded the Advanced Placement Award for Performance. He extended a special "thank you" to Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Dettinger and NPHS AP teachers for all their hard work.
- Dr. White explained to the Board that Mr. Dettinger, Principal at New Prairie High School, took 2 students and the Junior Class Sponsor, Shari Rose, to Chicago to see the Spirit of Chicago dinner cruise boat for consideration for the 2016 Prom. More information will be presented to the Board at a later date.
- Dr. White explained that he is pleased with the community participation in the survey regarding the future of the school district so far.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted donations as listed:
 - The LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership donated \$1,200 for the NPMS after school program, Lead and Seed.
 - The United Way donated \$16,000 for the Success by Six program
- (B) The Board approved the 2016 Budget and Resolution of Appropriations and Tax Rates
- (C) The Board adopted the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan and Resolution
- (D) The Board adopted the 2016 Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution
- (E) The Board approved the Resolution for Tax Debt Neutrality
- (F) The Board approved Administrative Increases & Adjustments for 2015-16
- (G) The Board approved Director Increases & Adjustments for 2015-16
- (H) The Board approved Non-Certified Employee Increases & Adjustments for 2015-16
- (I) The Board approved the Seclusion & Restraint Plan
- (J) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request:
 - FBLA CTSO Leadership Conference in Indianapolis November 8 & 9, 2015
- (K) The Board approved the Edmentum Contract
- (L) The Board approved the updated Counselor's Rubric
- (M) The Board approved the NPHS Show Choir Fee's and Handbook for 2015-16

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Al Williamson asked if the Board can look at reinstating Elementary Athletics and Band which was cut in 2009. He would like to look at costs and interest levels. He would like to look at a possible plan for the next school year. Kelley Kitchen stated she had the data on costs available. Dr. White said he would research this option for the Board. Dr. White added that he is impressed with the amount of teachers involved in coaching the extra-curricular activities. He stated that the teachers have told him they enjoy doing it.

- Rich Shail asked if this has been a good start to the school year. Dr. White responded that he heard it has been the smoothest start in years.
- On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.