

BOARD NOTES
March 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, March 28, 2016 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present.

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

There was a motion by King to approve the Agenda, Groves seconded the motion and was approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Ms. Rhonda Myers, Principal at Prairie View Elementary School, introduced Lauren Dyer, Title I Teacher and iCoach, who presented the instructional presentation called “Technology Integration at Prairie View Elementary School”. Lauren began by explaining the many uses of the Universal Apps that are implemented at the school. A PowerPoint and video were shown on projects completed by students using their apps. Colin Brennan, Maddie Ryans, Dallas Ryans and Jeanie Schascheck spoke on why they like using technology.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – February 22, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Jim Groendyke – Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Coach Resignation as of 6/30/2016
 2. Cassandra Trapp – NPHS Guidance Counselor Resignation as of 4/11/2016
 3. Cindy Schuler – Olive Elementary 4th Grade Teacher Retirement as of 6/30/16
 4. Benjamin White – Rolling Prairie Elementary and Prairie View Elementary Music Teacher Resignation as of 6/30/2016
- Employment
 1. Andrew Maez – Temporary 3rd Grade Teacher for Brandi Heeter beginning 4/10/2016 through approximately 5/22/2016
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Sandra Murray – NPHS Indiana Academic Spell Bowl Coach beginning 7/1/2016
 2. Tamara Moore – History Fair Coordinator at Olive Elementary beginning 2015-16 school year
- Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Dawn Lewis – Food Service Manager Rolling Prairie Elementary – Intermittent FMLA Leave beginning 2/29/2016 to 3/28/2016
 2. Lisa Jesswein – Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning 3/1/2016 – 4/5/2016
 3. Shari Rose – NPHS Head Cheerleading Coach Resignation as of 3/17/2016
 4. Marlene Werwas – Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary – Retirement as of 5/26/2016
 5. Cody Sims – Olive Elementary Custodian Resignation as of 4/1/2016

- Employment
 1. Nancy Bond – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary beginning 2/22/2016
 2. Jennifer Zolvinski – NPMS Part-Time Bookkeeper beginning 3/7/2016
 3. Kaitlin Gumalauski – NPHS Custodian beginning 3/14/2016
 4. Heather Bailey – Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian beginning 3/14/2016
 5. Shannon Parish – Olive Elementary Recess Assistant beginning 3/16/2016
 6. Maria Leon – Olive Elementary Recess Assistant beginning 3/9/2016
 7. Christopher Demlein – Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian beginning 4/11/2016

- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Allen Williamson – NPHS JV Baseball Head Coach for the 2015-16 School Year

- Adjustments

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. White recognized Mrs. Cynthia Schuler, teacher at Olive Elementary, who is retiring as of June 30th after 44 years of dedication to students, parents and the corporation.
- Dr. White also recognized Mrs. Marlene Werwas, Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service. Dr. White wished both retirees the very best in their retirement.
- Dr. White was proud to announce that six NPMS students excelled at the Notre Dame Science Fair Competition. Dr. White introduced to the Board the scholarship award winners and Mrs. Dena True, NPMS Science Teacher. Mrs. True explained the competition and the accomplishments of each student.
- Rolling Prairie Elementary won the WSBT “I Love to Read School of the Year” Award in the amount of \$5,000. Ms. Becky Bartlett, Principal of RPES, expressed her appreciation for winning this award. Ms. Bartlett also congratulated her former students who won the Notre Dame Science Fair awards. She is very proud of her former students as well as her current students and their accomplishments.
- Rolling Prairie Elementary and Prairie View Elementary received a \$31,000 grant for early literacy initiatives.
- The High School Robotics Team won an award for 8th grade level growth and expansion. Congratulations to the HS Robotics Team as they advance to the State Finals.

- Congratulations to NPMS student, Troy Hay, for qualifying for the State National Geography Bee. NPUSC wishes Troy the best of luck.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board approved Summer School – 2016
- (B) The Board approved Summer Cougar Camps – 2016
- (C) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - HOSA Indiana State Conference April 11-13, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN
 - NPHS Ladies Basketball Camp, Fort Wayne, IN June 23-26, 2016
- (D) The Board accepted Donations:
 - David Davis donated \$500 for 5th Grade Manners Luncheon
 - Feed The Children donated 4 lbs. Children’s Books, 6 lbs. School Supplies and 1 lb. Used Children’s Books valued at \$96.28
 - Archie’s Restaurant donated 10 - \$5 gift cards to NPMS International Club
 - Prairie View Elementary received the following donations:
 - New Carlisle Methodist Church donated school supplies and clothing
 - LaPorte Jaycees donated backpacks of school supplies
 - American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Rolling Prairie donated school supplies and backpacks
 - McDonald’s North Rolling Prairie donated school supplies
 - Rolling Prairie United Methodist Women donated school supplies
 - Delta Theta Tau Sorority of New Carlisle donated Kleenex and sweatpants
 - Teri Showalter donated costumes and materials for the Music Room
 - New Carlisle Wesleyan Church Youth Group donated: gloves, socks, toothbrushes & toothpaste
 - Target 1% donated \$72.75
 - “Just Give” donated \$10.00
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received the WSBT “I Love To Read” grant in the amount of \$5,000
- (E) The Board approved the Cancellation of the Old Checks
- (F) The Board approved the Coca Cola Contract Proposal
- (G) The Board approved the Auction Sale of Old Grounds Equipment
- (H) The Board approved the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 8510
- (I) The Board approved the Responsible Bidding Policy
- (J) The Board approved the Resolution for Partnership with the LaPorte Sheriff’s Department for a School Resource Officer at NPUSC
- (K) The Board approved the Bonding of Employee Positions
- (L) The Board approved the Recommended Adjustment for Administrators Evaluation Percentages for 2015-16
- (M) The Board approved the Contractor’s License Bond for Keith Hite
- (N) The Board approved the Quote for On-Line Registration Software

- (O) The Board approved the Quotes for Natatorium Emergency Renovation

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves congratulated Head Swim Coach, Ashley Wojtysiak and her assistants on the Middle School's successful swim season. This is his first interaction with this program that has over 90 students involved. Dale stated that when he was asked how New Prairie handles that number of swimmers he answered that we have a great swim coach. Dale wished everyone a safe and relaxing spring break.
- Al Williamson asked Sheriff Boyd what the time line is for the SRO to be in place. The Sheriff responded probably mid-April. Al responded that he looks forward to the partnership with the Sheriff's department.
- Phil wished everyone a happy Dingus Day.
- Rich Shail wished everyone a great spring break. Thank you for attending the meeting this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.