

BOARD NOTES
May 23, 2016

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, May 23, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Shail, Dale Groves, Phil King, Bill Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present. Al Williamson, Board Vice President was absent.

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

There was a motion by Groves to approve the Agenda, King seconded the motion and was approved 4-0-1.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Mr. Frank Hobart, New Prairie High School Robotics teacher and Team Sponsor, presented to the Board the robot that the Robotics Team built this school year. Mr. Hobart complimented and thanked his mentoring group and Ashley Robbins for all their help, without them the Robotics Team would not have had the success they have enjoyed this year. The Robotics Team made it to the state competition where they finished 11th place overall. The team also won the Inspiration and Engineering Award at the district level this year. Dr. White thanked Mr. Hobart and the Robotics Team for how well they have represented New Prairie High School.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – April 25, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 1. Kelli Tanger – 4th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary – FMLA beginning approximately 6/23/2016 through 9/23/2016
 2. Gary Hixenbaugh – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Resignation as of 6/30/16
 3. Emmaline Hetrick – NPMS Head Cheerleading Coach Resignation as of 6/30/16
 4. Martin Mosson – NPMS Boys Assistant Track Coach Resignation as of 6/30/16
 5. James Groendyke – NPMS Library Media Specialist Retirement as of 12/21/2016
 6. Kelli Tanger – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Science Fair Coordinator at Rolling Prairie Elementary as of 6/30/2016
 7. Kelly Jarka – Extra-Curricular Resignation as ½ History Fair Coordinator at Rolling Prairie Elementary as of 6/30/2016
 8. Melissa Smith – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Olive Elementary BBT/RTI Team Member as of 6/1/2016
 9. Benjamin White – Extra-Curricular Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Vocal Music Director as of 6/30/16
 10. Greg Miller – Intermittent FMLA Leave from NPMS for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and also during the 2016-17 school year

11. Haley Hines – Extra-Curricular Resignation as NPMS Assistant Volleyball Coach as of 6/30/2016

▪ **Employment**

1. Holly Pearson – NPMS 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher beginning 7/1/2016

▪ **Employment – Summer 2016**

1. Kelle Cartwright – NPMS 7th & 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher @ \$42.49 per hour

2. Gary Hixenbaugh – NPMS 7th & 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher @ \$42.49 per hour

3. Jeff Suttor – NPMS PLATO Teacher @ \$44.19

4. Robyn Kubsch – NPMS Health Teacher @ \$32.78

5. Derrick DeShone – NPMS PE Teacher @ \$26.36

6. Jessica Sinka – NPMS English Teacher @ \$33.76

7. Gale Gondor – NPMS Algebra Teacher @ \$44.19

8. Nicole Ross – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

9. Andrew Maize – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

10. Tammy Moore – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

11. Susan Parsons – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

12. Jami Halfast (pending Criminal Background Check) 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

13. Blake Boardman – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

14. Janelle Taylor – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

15. Victoria Budzinski – (pending Criminal Background Check) 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

16. Maria Sobeki – (pending Criminal Background Check) 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

17. Frank Hobart – 21st Century Camp Invention Teacher @ \$20 per hour

18. Heather Friday – United Way Success by Six Teacher @ \$20 per hour

19. Mikayla Golden – United Way Success by Six Teacher @ \$20 per hour

20. Danielle Mikoolajczyk (pending Criminal Background Check) United Way Success by Six Teacher @ \$20 per hour

21. Amber Mrozinski – (pending Criminal Background Check) United Way Success by Six Teacher @ \$20 per hour

22. Sharon Bashaw – IREAD Teacher @ \$39.95 per hour

23. Rhonda Myers – IREAD Administrator @ \$53.96 per hour

24. Robyn Kubsch – Afternoon Enrichment Chef Camp - rate determined by fee collection

25. Kim Krauklis – Afternoon Enrichment Tech Camp – rate determined by fee collection

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Gary Hixenbaugh – NPMS Boys Assistant Track Coach beginning 7/1/2016

▪ **Adjustments**

NON-CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Irene Hay – NPUSC Bus Driver Resignation as of 5/13/2016

2. Kellie Sturgeon – Librarian Assistant at Prairie View Elementary
Intermittent FMLA leave beginning 4/12/2016 through 6/3/2016
3. Kristen Wagnerowski – NPMS/HS ELL Assistant Resignation as of
5/27/2016

- **Employment**

1. Kelli Grahl – Olive Elementary Evening Custodian beginning 5/9/2016

- **Employment – Summer 2016**

1. Rodney Wash – Afternoon Enrichment Fitness for Fun Camp – rate
determined by fee collection
2. Crystal Snyder – 21st Century Health Aide/Secretary @ \$12 per hour
3. Rhonda Kujawa – 21st Century Teacher Assistant @ \$10 per hour
4. Margaret Gulotta - 21st Century Teacher Assistant @ \$10 per hour
5. Verali Creech - 21st Century Teacher Assistant @ \$10 per hour
6. Meredith Igaz - 21st Century Teacher Assistant @ \$10 per hour
7. Six (6) iStudents @ \$7.50 per hour for 15 days @ 7 hrs. per day (in
process of determining students)

- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Gretchen Krivak – NPHS Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
2. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2016-17 School
Year
3. Russ Radtke – NPHS Head Football Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
4. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
5. Julio Cisneros - NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-17 School
Year
6. Bill Gumm - NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
7. Mike Krivak – NPHS Head JV Girls Basketball for the 2016-17 School
Year
8. Alexandria Matthys – NPHS Head Cheerleading Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
9. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Head Boys Tennis Coach for the 2016-17 School
Year
10. Theresa Hostetler – NPHS Assistant Boys Tennis Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
11. John Arndt – NPHS Head Boys Cross Country Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
12. Chris Deutscher – NPMS Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the
2016-17 School Year
13. Aaron Williams – NPMS Assistant Boys 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball
Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
14. Candice Dickinson – NPMS Head Cheerleading Coach for the 2016-17
School Year
15. Eric Lower – NPMS – Diving Coach for the 2016-17 School Year
16. Cathleen Lower – NPHS Co-Sponsor (Girl's) Letterman's Club for the
2016-17 School Year

- **Adjustments**

1. Tammy Watkins has a correction to her FMLA Leave that was approved 4/25/16 from 5/15/2016 through approximately 6/30/2016 to 5/16/16 through approximately 8/8/2016.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. White recognized James Groendyke, NPHS Library Media Specialist, who will retire December 21, 2016. Dr. White read a brief informational note on Jim's past years of service to NPUSC and its students. Dr. White stated that NPUSC wishes Jim the very best in his retirement and that he will be missed.
- Dr. White introduced NPMS teacher, Julie Schroeder and Dan Biggs who represent *Play for Jake Foundation*. Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Biggs explained the heart screenings that will take place in September for free to students ages 12 -18 of NPUSC. *Jake's Foundation* is about creating awareness of the dangers of undetected heart conditions. Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Biggs thanked Dr. White for his help in this effort.
- Laurel Smith and Tonya Aerts, NPHS teachers and HOSA sponsors, were introduced by Dr. White to talk about the HOSA Team members from NPHS who qualified and will compete in National Competition in June, in Nashville, TN. The top students who qualified were introduced to the Board. Dr. White and the Board expressed their pride and wished the students good luck.
- Carrie Cannon, Curriculum Director, presented the NPUSC Education Foundation Grant Awards to 10 teachers valued at \$250. The 10 winners are: Julie Kirkham, Patrick Teykl, Tammy Moore, Kristen Kleist, Susan French, Shelley Deckard, Angela Allen, Lori Rose, Mark Schellinger and Lauren Dyer. Carrie Cannon thanked the 25 teachers who did take the time to apply.
- Patrick Teykl, Band Teacher at NPHS, presented the School Board and Dr. White with a Thank You card from the Band students and himself in appreciation for the many hours of hard work on the Referendum which will provide huge improvements for the arts.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as presented:
 - Heston Hills Banquet Center - \$250.00 Room Donation for the Top Ten Dinner.
 - Feed the Children Donation of \$135.20 in School Supplies
 - Northwest Indiana Area Health Education Center Donated \$3,130 to HOSA for State and National Leadership Conferences
 - The Kelly Group, LLC, Donated \$200 to HOSA
 - Family Express Donated 14 cases of Water to Rolling Prairie Elementary School for the May Literacy Picnic
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School ELL Department received a Donation of Tortilla Chips & Salsa from Hacienda Mexican Restaurant on Portage Road, South Bend, and Pico de Gallo from Tacos My Fren in LaPorte for the Cinco De Mayo Fiesta
 - LaPorte Hospital Foundation at IU Health Donated three (3) AEDs to NPUSC
 - Olive Elementary Received a Donation from Delta Beta Phi of 85 Tulip/Poplar Trees in honor of Earth Day
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- (B) The Board approved the 2nd Reading of Revised Board Policy 8451 & 5840

- (C) The Board approved Revised Classified Hourly Personnel Handbook
- (D) The Board approved the Resolution to Adopt the Amended Year 2016 Bus Replacement Plan
- (E) The Board approved Bus Bids – Midwest Transit through CIESC
- (F) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip:
 - NPHS HOSA Team to the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN June 22-26, 2016
 - NPHS FBLA to the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA June 29 – July 2, 2016
- (G) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Statement for: Carrie Cannon
- (H) The Board approved Textbook Fees for the 2016-17 School Year
- (I) The Board approved the Student Handbooks for 2016-17
 - New Prairie Middle School
 - New Prairie High School
 - Elementary Schools – Olive, Prairie View, Rolling Prairie, Elementary General Handbook
 - NPHS Athletic & Activities Policy Handbook
 - NPMS Athletic & Parent Athletic Handbook
- (J) The Board approved the Updated Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- (K) The Board approved the 2016-17 Meal Pricing
- (L) The Board approved the Operation Agreement with LaPorte County Career & Technical Education
- (M) The Board approved and authorized the transfer of Client Files from Shanahan & Shanahan LLP to Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP
- (N) The Board approved the Appointments to the Technical Review Committee for the 2016 Design Build Projects
- (O) The Board approved the Geotechnical Investigation Quote
- (P) The Board approved the Full Boundary, and Topographical Survey Quote
- (Q) The Board approved the stipends for the Firms not selected as the final Design-Build Team
- (R) The Board approved the AP Chemistry Textbook Adoption
- (S) The Board approved the Quote for Tech Defenders Student iPad Insurance
- (T) The Board approved the freeze of Out-of-District Grade 12 Transfer Students for the 2016-17 School Year
- (U) The Board amended and approved the School Board Meeting Schedule
- (V) The Board approved the MOU for the School Resource Officer Partnership between NPUSC and LaPorte County Sheriff's Office

DISCUSSION

- (A) First Reading of Board Policies - Vol. 28 No.1 – 0100, 1411, 1422,

1521, 1543, 1662, 2221, 2260, 2411, 2510, 2700, 3120.06, 3121, 3122, 3124, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3211, 3362. 4121, 4122, 4211, 4362, 5111, 5112, 5130, 5200, 5320, 5460, 5517, 5530, 6520, 8121, 8330, 8400, 8455, 8470, 8600, 9160

- The Board members stated that there were no concerns regarding the updates to these policies.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Dale Groves thanked everyone who had a hand in making NPUSC a great place to be.
- Phil King thanked everyone for another great school year. Thank you Dr. White and Kelley Kitchen for helping pass the Referendum. Great things are coming our way. The Wellness Committee is planning a Health & Safety Fair at New Prairie High School, October 25, 2016. The Wellness Committee is partnering with PNC, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office and LaPorte Hospital for the Health Fair.
- Rich Shail stated that the athletic programs are coming to an end and he is wishing the athletes all the best. Rich Shail also stated that he is glad the referendum work has ended and that he sincerely appreciates all the efforts from all the people involved. We were blessed with good results that will provide good things for future students of New Prairie.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.