

BOARD NOTES
November 28, 2016

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

Dale Groves was absent.

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 4-0-1.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Jen Sass, Principal of New Prairie High School, thanked the Board for allowing Justin Holmquest and herself the opportunity to work at NPUSC. Mrs. Sass presented to the Board a glimpse of what she and Mr. Holmquest have done and pursued so far for NPHS. Mrs. Sass commented on how impressed she is with the community support for New Prairie United School Corporation.

Mrs. Sass explained to the Board the Cougar Pride cards she has implemented that are given to teachers to award to students who have been observed making good choices. A prize is awarded monthly to a student who made good choices.

Student work is now being displayed to show pride. Students are excited to see their good work displayed

Attendance Challenge is a weekly log hanging in the cafeteria. Seniors are currently winning. Prizes are awarded every quarter or semester.

Mrs. Sass is impressed with the community outreach groups that students are participating in. She feels the students all come together to make them all a great success here at New Prairie.

- Mrs. Schellinger, NPHS Counselor, explained College-Go Week and the many things students participated in. She also explained that she put a wall of fame up on Facebook that students love. While juniors and sophomores were taking the PSAT, seniors took educational fieldtrips to manufacturing companies and colleges. Two seniors were present to describe to the Board their experiences at the various places they visited.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – October 24, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Becky Bartlett – FMLA leave as Principal of Rolling Prairie Elementary beginning 11/4/2016 to approximately 12/16/2016
 2. Chrystal Wilkeson – FMLA leave as NPHS English/Language Arts Teacher beginning 11/1/2016 to approximately 12/1/2016 then intermittent leave until 3/12/2017

3. Kari McLaughlin – FMLA intermittent leave as NPMS English/Language Arts Teacher beginning 10/12/2016 to approximately 5/26/2017
 4. Jessica Hull – ECA Resignation as Assistant Varsity/C Team Volleyball Coach as of 11/15/2016
 5. Kelly Jarka – FMLA Intermittent leave as 5th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 10/31/2016 through the end of the school year
 6. Melissa Kuczanski – FMLA Intermittent leave as Guidance Counselor at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 10/31/16 through the end of the school year
- Employment
 1. Mark McBride – 5th Grade Girls Co-Basketball Coach beginning 11/18/2016
 - Adjustments
 1. Frank Hobart to receive December 9th a \$2,000 stipend for completion of the 21st Century Robotics K-5 program and an additional \$2,000 stipend for the completion of the 21st Century Robotics 6-8 program.

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Kelley Kitchen – FMLA Leave 11/4/2016 through approximately 11/23/2016 and intermittent Leave from 11/24/2016 through 12/01/2016
 2. Kelley Kitchen - Corporation Financial Officer Resignation as of 12/01/2016
 3. Bill Rose – FMLA leave as Grounds Maintenance beginning 11/8/2016 through approximately 2/17/2017
 4. Michael Bilinski – FMLA leave as Lead Custodian at New Prairie High School beginning 12/19/2016 through approximately 2/12/2017
 5. Jen Thompson – FMLA Intermittent leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary school secretary beginning 5/4/2016 through the end of the school year
 6. Angela Curless - FMLA Intermittent leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary school secretary beginning 5/4/2016 through the end of the school year
 7. Taylor Emmons – Medical Leave as Prairie View Secretary beginning 12/10/2016 through approximately 2/6/2017
- Employment
 1. Bradley Yanok – RPES 21st Century After School Program Instructional Assistant for 2016-17 school year at \$10 per hour
 2. Barbara Davis – Bus Aide for NPUSC beginning 11/9/2016
 3. Eric Nelson – New Prairie High School Custodian beginning 11/29/2016
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Bradley Yanok – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year
 2. Jake Revere – NPHS Assistant Swim Coach for the 2016-2017 school year
 3. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Girls Tennis Coach for the 2016-2017 school year
 4. Teresa Hostetler – NPHS Girls Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2016-2017 school year
 5. Shari Rose – Jr. Class Sponsor for the 2016-17 school year
 6. Jason Flagg – 5th Grade Girls Co-Basketball Coach beginning 11/18/2016
- Adjustments

REPORTS

(A) Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White reported that basketball season is in full swing. The NPHS boys Varsity Team will be playing LaPorte at the historic Civic Auditorium in LaPorte this Saturday night.
- I.S.T.E.P. testing results have been received from last school year though scores are still embargoed through December 7th. Administration is evaluating scores and where improvement is needed.
- Dr. White had the opportunity to listen to the newly elected State Superintendent, at a conference he attended last week and stated he is very hopeful for the future from what he heard from her.
- Dr. White wished to thank Kelley Kitchen, who resigned as Corporation Financial Officer for the last five years, for her time and service to NPUSC. He noted that she was a key contributor in pursuing the referendum.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as follows:
- Feed the Children donated to NPUSC:
 - 122 lbs of Children's Books
 - 448 lbs School Supplies
 - 19 lbs L'Oreal Products
 - Hudson Lake Mennonite Church donated \$217.67 to the 3 NPUSC Elementary Schools
 - Welch Motors (Bill Welch) donated 40 pairs of boots and shoes, and 96 Head Phones to Rolling Prairie Elementary School
 - Ms. Horton of South Bend donated 30 hand crocheted scarves and hats to Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- (B) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests
- New Prairie High School HOSA Team to State Leadership Competition in Indianapolis, IN, April 10 – 12, 2017
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Team to Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis, IN, March 23 – 25, 2017
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Team to Huntington North High School in Huntington, IN, April 6 – 8, 2017
 - New Prairie High School Robotics Team to St. Louis, MO for World Championship Competition April 26-29, 2017
 - New Prairie High School Band Members to Bowling Green State University Clinic in Bowling Green, OH, May 13-15, 2017
 - Olive, Prairie View, and Rolling Prairie Elementary Schools 5th Grade Young Astronaut Students to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, AL, May 12 – 13, 2017
- (C) The Board approved Revised Board Policy 5330
- (D) The Board approved Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Al Williamson
 - Dale Groves
 - Amy Bradburn
- (E) The Board approved the Sale of Surplus Food Service Equipment
- (F) The Board approved Substitute RN Wage Increase
- (G) The Board approved the "Director of Finance/Corporation Treasurer" Position Description

- (H) The Board approved the Addendums to the 2016-17 NPHS Curriculum Guide
- (I) The Board approved Kidder Media Public Relations Contract
- (J) The Board approved the New Position Description:
 - Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds
- (K) The Board accepted and approved the Execution of the Design-Build Contract
- (L) The Board approved the Affiliation Agreement between the Trustee of Indiana University and NPUSC
- (M) The Board approved the Disposal of Surplus Property at Olive Elementary

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Phil King stated that he is excited to keep moving forward with the new building projects. He expressed how impressed he is with the Middle School Mannequin Challenge. See the NPMS Facebook page to check it out.
- Rich Shail introduced Nick Allen from Performance Services. Nick named some of the people NPUSC will be working directly with. Rich asked how long till completion. Nick stated conservatively 3 years. Ground breaking will be discussed in January.

Mr. Shail said he enjoyed the pictures of the Fall Dance which students enjoyed. Mr Shail thanked Mrs. Sass for the good things happening at the high school.

On a motion by Phil King the meeting was adjourned.