

BOARD NOTES  
October 24, 2016

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, October 24, 2016 with Rich Shail, Dale Groves, Phil King, William Romstadt and Dr. Paul White present.

Al Williamson was absent.

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

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

**INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Tara Bush, Principal at Olive Elementary School, introduced Mikayla Golden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Elementary who explained to the Board the math initiatives used to teach to the new standards.
- Ashley Wojtysiak presented a PowerPoint with video clips of students engaged and enjoying the C.A.R.E. math program. C.A.R.E. (Conceptual Algebra Readiness for grades 3 – 8) was developed at Purdue University. Ashley reported that the students love C.A.R.E. math and ask for it every day.
- Barb Papai, High Ability Coordinator and Remedial Reading Teacher at Olive Elementary, described for the Board her voluntary afterschool club called Crazy 8 Math Club. The goal of Crazy 8s is to show that math is fun and recreational, not compulsory, in order to change our culture and get kids to think of math as play. Kids who are involved in the club love it!
- Dale Groves thanked Barb Papai for volunteering her time to this club.
- Dr. White asked Mrs. Golden if she has noticed if her math teaching strategy has influenced fluency. Mrs. Golden responded that it is still early but she has seen some improvement.
- Ashley Wojtysiak stated that she has seen an increase in students thinking through processes on their own. She finds that her students using C.A.R.E. are improving critical thinking together and her students think it is fun.
- Dr. White applauded the teachers and he appreciates the input for future planning.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – September 26, 2016
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  - 1. Robyn Kubsch – NPHS Senior Class Sponsor beginning 7/1/2016
- Adjustments

**NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Angela Keehn –FMLA Leave as NPUSC Bus Driver starting 9/6/2016 to 10/14/2016.
- Employment
  1. Traci Runkle – Food Service Worker at NPMS beginning 9/27/2016 at \$9.50 per hour
  2. Roxanna Hussey – Food Service Crew Leader at NPMS beginning 10/10/2016 at \$11.50 per hour
  3. Jamie Gayton – NPMS Mentor Coordinator beginning 10/26/2016 at \$10.00 per hour
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Bradley Schmitt – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year
  2. Haley Ebersole – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Olive Elementary for the 2016-17 school year
  3. Jeff Setmayer – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at Prairie View Elementary for the 2016-17 school year
  4. Mike Krivak – Assistant Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach at NPHS for the 2016-17 school year
  5. Clayton Glossinger – Rolling Prairie Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year (pending criminal background check results)
  6. Eric Brown – Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach at NPHS for the 2016-17 school year
  7. Alan King – Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach at NPHS for the 2016-17 school year
- Adjustments

## **REPORTS**

### (A) Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. White shared with the Board that NPUSC has secured an additional \$70,000 in additional funds from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant.
- Dr. White introduced Dan Rawlins, Design Criteria Developer for InterDesign, who presented to the Board a detailed summation of the lengthy steps taken by the NPUSC Technical Review Committee to arrive at the recommendation of award of the Design-Build 2016 School Safety and Improvements Project. (See Memorandum at the end of these notes.)
- Dale Groves complemented Dan Rawlins on his explanation and presentation.
- Bill Romstadt has questions regarding closing entrances facing Cougar Road. He would like his questions rectified prior to finalizing the plan.
- Dr. White commented that the west side bus drop off proposal needs more evaluation.
- Dan Rawlins stated that the majority of work will happen summer of 2017 with the project being wrapped up summer of 2018.
- Rich Shail stated he was so surprised to hear of all the work that will be happening. We are finally losing the 1960 look of the school. He stated that it was a very nice presentation.

- Dan Rawlins said that there is a very comprehensive plan put together so as not to interrupt learning.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as listed:
- Dr. Morton, Dr. Offerle and Dr. Robbins-Winters from Eye Care Associates donated their services to vision screen all first graders at all three elementary schools
  - Eight Catholic Charities from Michigan City donated their services to vision screen all Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at all three elementary schools
  - Mill Creek Arbor 418 of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society Donated \$865.40 to New Prairie Middle School for the Make-A-Difference Day Crafts
  - LaPorte County Drug Free Partnership donated \$750.00 to the Lead & Seed Program at New Prairie Middle School
- (B) The Board approved the Agreement with the Midwest Area School Employees' Insurance Trust for 2016-2017
- (C) The Board approved the Revised NPUSC Elementary Schools K-5 Student and Parent General Handbook for 2016-2017
- (D) The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Counseling Therapy Services at Rolling Prairie Elementary School
- (E) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request for:
- FBLA to the Fall Leadership Conference in Indianapolis October 31, 2016 through November 1, 2016
- (F) The Board approved the Section 125 Provider for the 2016-2017 School Year
- (G) The Board approved the Disposal of Surplus Property
- (H) The Board approved the Award of the Design-Build Contract (subject to final negotiation of Terms and Conditions of the Contract) for the NPUSC 2016 School Safety and Building Improvement Project

## **DISCUSSION**

- (A) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policy – 5330
- Dr. White explained that Corporation Nurse, Kathy Zielke, will put together the training for teachers before the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the policy and she will also train them.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Dale Groves reminded everyone to vote.
- Phil King reminded everyone about the Health Fair at New Prairie High School tomorrow. He complemented everyone on the Wellness Committee for all their hard work putting it all together.
- Phil King also wanted to let everyone one know that he attended the Fall Sampler which was a packed house. It was standing room only with many not able to get into the auditorium. This proved NPUSC needs the expansion of the auditorium.
- Rich Shail thanked everyone for promoting progress for NPUSC.

On a motion by Dale Groves the meeting was adjourned.