

Board Notes

November 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, November, 25, 2013 with all Board Members present with Mr Baltes arriving 5 minutes late. Jim Dermody was also present

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by the Board to adopt the agenda and seconded by Al Williamson and approved 4-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Dermody recognized the Spell Bowl Teams congratulating Olive Elementary on placing 5th at state competition, New Prairie Middle School placed 4th and New Prairie High School finished 3rd in the state, Class II. Mr Dermody presented certificates to all of the students.
- Mrs. Hudgens, Corporation Nurse, did a PowerPoint presentation on how nursing has changed in the schools. She touched on health concerns and the immunization changes that will happen starting next year. She spoke on vision, and the help that Eye Care Associates gives voluntarily and dental health and the wonderful job the Smiles Program offers. She continued with a wide range of issues and concerns with children that they address daily. Rich Shail asked on average how many students are seen in a day? The response was given that 20-30 students a day are seen at the elementary level with less seen at the middle and high schools. Mr Dermody commented that this is Arlene Hudgens' second year with the corporation and feels she has brought focused professionalism with high expectations to our corporation. He felt it was important for Arlene to do a presentation so that we may have a better understanding of all that she and her aides do and have accomplished.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:
 - Minutes – October 28, 2013
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Brian Lindorf – P.E. Teacher – Rolling/Prairie View – Retirement effective July 31, 2014.

2. Julie Schroeder – P.E. Teacher – Olive/Prairie View – FMLA Leave through January 13, 2014.
 3. Matt Flagg – Assistant Football Coach – NPHS – Resignation effective September 13, 2013.
- Extra-Curricular
 1. Cory Neuenschwander – Assistant Baseball Coach – NPHS – 2013-2014 school year

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Lynn Hill – Food Service – Olive Elementary – FMLA Leave beginning November 3, 2013 through December 2, 2013.
 2. Jim Williamson – Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning November 14, 2013.
 3. Kay Schneider – Custodian – NPHS – FMLA Leave beginning October 30, 2013 and continuing for approximately four weeks.
 4. Angie Keehn – Bus Driver – FMLA Leave beginning November 20, 2013 through January 8, 2014.
- Employment
 1. Ellen Borkowski – Secretary/Receptionist – Central Office – beginning October 29, 2013.
 2. Ron Butt – Lunchroom Assistant - Middle School – Effective November 11, 2013
 3. Tara Soto Garcia – Lunchroom Assistant – Middle School – Effective November 4, 2013
 4. Dawn Rizek – Secretary/Registrar – NPHS – Effective November 25, 2013
 5. Michelle Bennitt – Cook – Middle School – Transfer from 3-hours to 5.5 hours
 6. Suzanne Simmermeyer – Instructional Assistant – Prairie View – Effective September 6, 2013
- Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Donald Stoner – Assistant Wrestling – NPHS

▪ Adjustment

1. Kelley Kitchen – Approve additional work on non-scheduled days through January 31, 2014 to process, train, and finalize year-end payroll.

Mr. Dermody wanted to recognize and thank Mr. Brian Lindorf for his many years of service to the New Prairie United School Corporation.

REPORTS

- Superintendent’s Report
 - The Board will receive the dates for the next Maintenance and Facilities meeting. Mr. Dermody appreciates everyone attending last week.
 - NPUSC is being named to the National College Board Honor Roll which is quite an honor. A Certificate is being mounted.
 - New Prairie High School has received certification for Project Lead The Way Bio-Medical classes. Laurel Laughlin and Tonya Aerts led the process to obtain this certification.
 - Rachel Thompson, New Prairie High School’s Cross Country runner, participated as an All-Star Cross Country runner in Dayton OH.
 - Mr. Dermody wants to talk with the Board regarding how well rounded NPUSC students are. In the past few weeks, he was impressed with the Fine Arts department at the High School; the play, Les Miserable, was very well done with great attendance. The Football Team played in the regional game, and the Spell Bowl teams competed for state titles the next day. The Band and Choir Fall Sampler Concerts were outstanding as well. He is very impressed with their broad based talents and dedication of these participants.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the donations as listed:
 - Robotics Team
 - Schmitt & Kaylor, CPA’s - \$50
 - Jeffrey A. Huyvaert, DDS- \$50
 - LaPorte Seamless Gutter - \$50
 - I/N Tek I/N Kote - \$5000.00 grant
 - I/N Tek I/N Kote – Junior Lego & First Lego – PV/RP/O - \$3,100.00
 - New Prairie High School Theatre
 - Lions Club - \$100
- The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests as follows:
 - NPHS Wrestling – Lafayette, IN
 - Young Astronauts – Olive Elementary – Huntsville, AL

- The Board approved the following Job Descriptions:
 - Secretary/Receptionist
 - Food Service Aide
 - Food Service Worker
 - Food Service Porter
 - Food Service Manager
 - Lead Maintenance
 - Maintenance
 - Custodian
 - Lead Custodian

- The Board Approved the following Conflict of Interest Disclosures for:
 - Allen Williamson
 - Dale Groves
 - Shelley Dettinger

- The Board Approved the Appointment of Tara Bush as Olive Elementary Principal effective January 1, 2014 upon the retirement of Sherry Bailey.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- First Reading of the Board Policies, Volume 25, No.2
 - #0144.5, 0160, 1537, 2270, 2510, 5111, 5410, 5517.01, 6110, 6320, 8390, 8750, 9160. Bernie had a question on Policy #0160 which was clarified by Bill Kaminski.