

Board Notes

December 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, December 16, 2013 with all Board Members present. Jim Dermody was also present.

Rich Shail reviewed the guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by the Board to adopt the Agenda. Bernie Baltes made a motion to amend the agenda to include the revised Personnel Report and an additional Action Item regarding the requested overnight Wrestling Team trip. The motion was seconded by Phil King and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

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. Stephanie Bellinger – 3rd Grade Teacher – Rolling Prairie Elementary School
Child Rearing Leave for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
 2. Kristina DeMeyer – 2nd Grade Teacher – Rolling Prairie Elementary School –
FMLA Leave, pending completion of paperwork, beginning February 25,
2014 and continuing for approximately 8 weeks.
 3. Natalie Krause – Spanish Teacher – NPHS – FMLA Leave, pending
completion of paperwork, beginning March 2014 for approximately 6-8
weeks.
- Employment
 1. Megan Horvath – Temporary 3rd Grade Teacher - Rolling Prairie Elementary
beginning 1/3/2014 through the end of the 2013-14 School Year
- Extra-Curricular – Employment
 1. Chad Strasser – Audio/Visual Club

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. John Cosman – Bus Driver – FMLA Leave – November 19, 2013 through November 26, 2013
 2. Pam Cosman – Bus Driver – FMLA Leave – November 19, 2013 through December 3, 2013
 3. Karen Swanson – Bus Driver – Retirement effective January 10, 2014.
- Extra-Curricular
 1. Justin Gorny – Head Girls 8th Grade Basketball Coach
- Training
 1. Dawn Rizek – Secretary – NPHS – Attend PowerSchool training in Wisconsin.
- Adjustments
 1. Mark Norton – Technology Director – Unused vacation pay-out for 2012-2013.
 2. Bruce Lasley – Transportation Director – Unused vacation pay-out for 2012-2013.
 3. Jim Dermody – Stipend of \$2,000.
 4. Sherry Bailey – Stipend - \$2,090.30 - in lieu of salary increase.
 5. Joann Evans – Pay consultant fee of \$33.00 per hour if requested.

REPORTS

- Superintendent's Report
 - Mr. Dermody announced that during the Winter Break, Central Office hours are as follows: offices will be open 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. December 23, 26, 27 & 30th. The Central Office will be closed on December 24, 25 and 31, 2013 and January 1, 2014 reopening the 2nd.
 - Mr. Dermody recognized Mrs. Karen Swanson for her many years of service and dedication as a Bus Driver for New Prairie United School Corporation. Congratulations to Mrs. Swanson on her retirement.

- New Prairie High School is partnering with Notre Dame and the National Math and Science Initiative, (NMSI) which is a federally funded consortium, moving forward the Advanced Placement training program for our teachers and the potential for the addition of new AP Courses. More information will be forth coming.
- The Drug Testing update was received from Brian Williamson that shows a 96% passing rate. Mr. Williamson reported that this is a better percentage than 6 months ago.
- Mr Dermody reported that he is working on the Seclusion and Restraint Plan as mandated by statute.
- Mr. Holifield deserves credit for organizing another contingent of Chinese visitors tentatively scheduled for a May 2014 arrival.
- NPHS Wrestling Team was invited, based on the criteria of the 2012-13 season, to the State Wrestling Meet at Westfield High School, January 4, 2014. This is a huge accomplishment for our team.
- Mr. Dermody read a letter written by David Preheim, Athletic Director of Concord High School, regarding Jim Schwingendorf, NPHS Wrestling Coach, describing his professionalism and honesty. Mr. Preheim sent the letter, unsolicited, to the IHSAA on Mr. Schwingendorf's behalf.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the Bid for Unleaded & Bio-Diesel Fuel to Co-Alliance.
- The Board approved the 2013 Tax Rollovers.
- The Board approved the 2014 Tax Anticipation Warrants.
- The Board approved the Resolution Granting Permission to Transfer from Major Accounts and Approve Line 2 Budget Cuts.
- The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosure for:
 - Kay Schneider
- The Board set the date for the Organizational Meeting to be held on January 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Board approved the Resolution for Early Payments to utilize the discounts on fuel and utilities.
- The Board approved the Appointment of Mr. Mark Yates as NPMS Interim Assistant Principal.
- The Board approved the Recommendation that the service relationship with Performance Plus Services cease and reintegrate all custodial personnel into the NPUSC workforce effective June 1, 2014.
- The Board approved the adoption of the Board Policies, Volume 25, No.2 #0144.5, 0160, 1537, 2270, 2510, 5111, 5410, 5517.01, 6110, 6320, 8390, 8750, 9160. Mr. Dermody stated policy 5111 still needs some clarification regarding establishing a date for capacity. It is possible that the current date may be modified.
- The Board approved the Recommendation for the Classified Handbook.
- The Board approved the A.K.Smith Operating Agreement for the Area Vocational District 6 for the 2013-14 school year.
- The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip for NPHS Wrestling Team to Westfield High School.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board wishes to thank all staff members for their hard work this year and all that has been done for students.

A very special thank you went out to Joann Evans for her years of service. The Board presented her with a special gift and a standing ovation. She was described as the backbone of the corporation and a silent legend. She will be greatly missed.

The Board also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.