

BOARD NOTES
March 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, March 25, 2013 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bernie Baltes and Phil King present. Jim Dermody was also present.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

The Board adopted the agenda as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- John Gensic highlighted the TEDActive conference he recently attended in Palm Springs, CA. John was involved in the development of a professional website and on-line tools. John worked with leading scientists, educators, economists, designers and architects from across the country. John's role was to help them develop an education website.
- The Board recognized Julia Jones, 5th grade student from Olive Elementary School who finished 4th in the Final Spelling Bee. The Board also recognized Ethan Piergalski, 7th Grade student, who finished 8th.
- The Board recognized the Olive Elementary Math Bowl Team for placing first in their division and tenth in the state.
- The Board recognized Chrystal Wilkeson and her Yearbook Committee for developing the NPUSC video promotion. This video can be found on the NPUSC website.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:
 - Minutes – February 25, 2013
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel

CERTIFIED

- Resignations/Retirements/Leaves
 1. Accept Resignation of Ben Ingram, NPHS Principal, effective March 4, 2013 and approve compensation through April 22, 2013 and insurance through May 31, 2013.
 2. Sandy Murray – Spanish Teacher – NPHS – Extend leave of absence through May 13, 2013.
- Employment
 1. Alex Brandon – Interim Principal – NPHS effective March 4, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at a daily rate of \$390.98.
 2. Mike Babcock – Interim Assistant Principal – NPHS effective March 4, 2013 through June 7, 2013 at a daily rate of \$293.24.
 3. Amanda Bader – Temporary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS beginning March 4, 2013 through May 24, 2013.
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Kristina Pentelow – Academic Super Bowl – 1/4 – NPMS
- Driver's Education
 - Adjust salary for Driver's Education instructors from \$26.50 per hour to \$26.75 per hour for the 2013 summer school.

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Jane Bealor – Secretary – Prairie View Elementary – Leave of absence beginning March 25, 2013 through April 5, 2013.
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Kaylor Keck – JV Softball Coach
 2. Russ Radtke – Lunchroom Supervisor – 1/3 – NPHS
 3. Kevin Moser – Assistant Swimming Coach – NPMS

REPORTS

- Superintendent's Report
 - Keith Hite reported on the NPHS Building Trades class. The program started in 2008 and they have completed four spec houses, two pre-sold homes and remodeling of the Rolling Prairie Fire Station.
 - Mr. Dermody announced that Colten Kitchen and Kylee Hughes were selected to receive a plaque from the Local V.F.W. for their participation in a quiz and writing prompt on the U.S. Flag.
 - Kelley Kitchen has been named IASBO's Treasurer of the Year for Region 1.
 - Mr. Dermody advised that the Activity Center will be relocated to the Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Dermody wanted to thank Bob and Ryan Lang for their excellent partnership with the NPUSC and all the work they have done at the Activity Center. Mr. Dermody also recognized Mr. Loftus who represented various skilled craft associates for their support as well.
 - The snow make-up day will now be May 23 for students and May 24th for teachers.
 - The NPUSC was notified by the ISBA that the NPUSC School Board has achieved Outstanding Status. Also, LuAnn Schwingendorf received Level 2 recognition.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the following Summer School Programs for 2013:
 - Instrumental Ensemble – NPHS
 - Exploring Music – NPMS
 - PLATO Program – NPHS/MS
 - Grade 3 Elementary Reading
- The Board approved the following Summer Cougar Camps for 2013:
 - Summer Swim
 - Boys & Girls Basketball
 - Boys & Girls Tennis
 - Volleyball
 - Football
 - Wrestling
 - Softball

- The Board accepted the donation from the Hey U.G.L.Y. Organization in the amount of \$1,400 and Horizon Bank for \$350 for the Rolling Prairie Elementary American Idol Contest. The Board also accepted a donation from Mike Wilhelm of Andy's Furniture for a washing machine for Prairie View Elementary School valued at \$650.
- The Board approved the cancellation of old checks totaling \$1,162.96. This process is necessary to cancel old checks from the books that have not been cashed.
- The Board approved the resolution to establish a Rainy Day Fund to receive transfer of unused and unencumbered funds, and to establish the purpose and intent for use of the said Rainy Day Funds. No more than 10% of its total budget may be transferred to the Fund in a fiscal year.
- The Board approved the establishment of the Angie's Angels Scholarship Fund for the NPUSC. Carrie Cannon was approached by this organization offering the Scholarship to the students of the NPUSC.
- The Board accepted the quotation from C.J.'s Outdoor Services for lawn mowing services at all buildings for three years. The Board also accepted the quotation from Lawnscape Services for the NPHS and Rolling Prairie Elementary Courtyards for three years.

DISCUSSION

- Student Instructional Technology Device Initiative Update

Mr. Dermody updated the Board on the progress of the Student Instructional Technology Device Initiative. A worksession was held on March 19th to present the information to the Board and community. A committee also toured Garrett School Corporation that adopted the 1-1 about 3-4 years ago; and Bluffton School Corporation which adopted this initiative a year ago. The team was able to see the strengths and challenges of its program.

- Challenges we will face:
 - Infrastructure is the biggest challenge
 - Evaluate which device is best for NPUSC
 - Meeting with our staff members, students and parents to inform and seek input from the community

Mr. Dermody and the committee will be preparing for the next worksession scheduled for April 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the LGI Room at NPMS. Mr. Dermody asked the Board to submit their questions to him prior to the worksession. We would like to tentatively schedule a special Board meeting in May to consider the approval of this initiative if it is recommended.

Mr. Dermody said this transition may not be a smooth transition for all. It is a paradigm shift. We will not be going K-12 the first year. Reading would be the first transition, but all other subjects would utilize textbooks. There would be a gradual transition to other digital subject matter if this initiative were to be recommended and approved.

- Board Policy #5530.01 – Drug Testing – 1st Reading

We would be bringing some recommended and proposed changes to the Athletic Handbook at the May meeting. We currently need to link the current Board policy with the Athletic Handbook regarding the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian for follow-up drug testing. The Board felt the language was confusing. Also, Al Williamson would like to know the cost to the parents for the follow-up drug testing. Mr. Dermody will review the language and submit a recommendation for the second reading at the April meeting.