

BOARD NOTES
AUGUST 13, 2012

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, August 13, 2012 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, LuAnn Schwingendorf, Bernie Baltes and Dale Groves present. Jim Dermody was also present.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

The Board approved the agenda as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Jim Dermody reviewed the approved RISE Teacher Evaluation document with the Board.

On a motion by Baltes, seconded by Groves, the regular meeting was suspended to hold the Budget Hearing,

BUDGET HEARING

- Kelley Kitchen reviewed the proposed 2013 Budget.

Bernie Baltes talked about a school corporation that instituted a “green” building to conserve energy. Bernie hopes in the future we can look at some of this technology that would support energy conservation.

Rich Shail said the budget presentation by Kelley Kitchen provided very useful information for the general public to understand. He feels this information needs to be shared with the community.

Mr. Dermody said Mrs. Kitchen is always looking at ideas to establish reliable funding streams for the corporation. She has a vision for needs we have and strategies on how to accomplish it.

Matt Fritz of the Herald Argus asked about the Free and Reduced funding which Kelley Kitchen explained.

There were no other comments from the public.

On a motion by Baltes, seconded by Groves, the Budget Hearing was adjourned.

On a motion by Williamson, seconded by Schwingendorf, the regular meeting resumed.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items as presented:
 - Minutes – July 23, 2012
 - Financial Reports
 - Claims
 - Payroll
 - Personnel as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. John Slater – 5th Grade Teacher – Rolling Prairie Elementary School – Retirement effective August 1, 2012.
- Employment/Transfers
 1. Kristen Kleist – 2nd Grade – Rolling Prairie Elementary School – Effective August 9, 2012.
 2. Nicole McClure – Transfer from 2nd Grade to 5th Grade – Rolling Prairie Elementary School effective August 9, 2012.
 3. Samantha Glasgow – Language Arts Teacher – NPHS – Effective August 9, 2012.
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Jennifer Smith – Spell Bowl – NPMS – Effective 2012-2013 school year
 2. Jennifer Smith – Academic Super Bowl – NPMS – Effective 2012-2013 school year
 3. Jennifer Smith – Co-Yearbook – NPMS – Effective 2012-2013 school year
 4. Jeff Meinhard – Cross Country Coach – NPMS – Effective 2012-2013 school year
 5. Sharon Bashaw – Co-Student Council – Prairie View Elementary – Effective 2012-2013 school year

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations
 1. Cheryl Pumroy — Co-Student Council – Prairie View – Resignation effective immediately
 2. Ruthanna Thomson – Food Service – NPMS – Resignation effective July 27, 2012.
 3. Elizabeth Reynolds – Teacher Assistant – Prairie View Elementary School – Resignation effective August 10, 2012.
 4. Teri Strieter – Lunchroom Aide – Rolling Prairie Elementary School – Resignation effective July 24, 2012.
 5. Tracey Sheedy – Bus Driver – Resignation effective August 24, 2012.

- Employment
 1. Sharon Coffman – Bus Driver – Single HS Route #11 – effective August 13, 2012
 2. Maria Lewis – Bus Driver – Single HS Route #35 – effective August 13, 2012
 3. Angela Pearson – Cook – 4 hours – High School – effective August 13, 2012
 4. Julie Abbott – Cook – 3 hours – Middle School – effective August 13, 2012
 5. Heather Adams – Cook – 4 hours – High School – effective August 13, 2012
 6. Kristina Adams – Lunch Aide – Rolling Prairie – effective August 13, 2012
 7. Debra Wells – Remediation Assistant – Olive – effective August 13, 2012
 8. Tabitha Downs – Food Service – Transfer from Cashier to Cook – Prairie View Elementary – effective August 13, 2012

9. Lynsey Daley – Food Service – Transfer from Cashier to Cook – Olive Elementary – effective August 13, 2012
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Elisabeth Roush – Cheerleading – NPMS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 2. Heather Alva – Co-Yearbook – NPMS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 3. Marlene Nickerson – Cross-Country Assistant – NPMS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 4. Bobby Whitenack – Assistant Football – NPHS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 5. Ryan Radtke – Assistant Football – NPHS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 6. Bobby Whitenack – Head Wrestling Coach – NPHS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 7. Jared Emmons – Assistant Boys Tennis – NPHS – effective 2012-2013 school year
 8. Larry Sheagley – Freshman Volleyball Coach – NPHS – effective 2012-2013 school year

Mr. Dermody recognized John Slater who is retiring effective August 1, 2012. Mr. Slater has been a 4th and 5th grade teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School since 1969. John has also served as coach for Boys/Girls Soccer, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Track, Cougar Camp, Student Council, Junior Conservation Club and Math Bowl Sponsor. Mr. Dermody advised that students have performed in a stellar manner on the ISTEP assessment under Mr. Slater's leadership.

Mr. Shail said John Slater has touched a lot of lives in the New Prairie Corporation. Bernie said Mr. Slater makes students want to learn.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Dermody wanted to recognize the maintenance, custodial, technology and the Athletic department personnel who all worked together during the August 3-4 storm to correct many issues throughout the corporation.
- Mr. Dermody also wanted to recognize Mike Balanow, a local contractor, who donated his services to the football program.
- Mr. Dermody recognized Jim Holifield and Julie Jerzak who have been selected by the IDOE to serve on an assessment of the evaluation system. Mr. Holifield will serve on the administrative licensing portion and Julie Jerzak has been asked to serve on the Business Education licensing portion.

- Sherry Bailey will be recognized in Ft. Wayne on October 4th as a Red Cross Life Saver for this year. Mrs. Bailey conducted a blood drive on January 13, 2012 during a power outage incurred in her building. Mrs. Bailey stayed on her own personal time to keep the blood drive operational during that day.
- Monday, August 13, 2012 was the first day of school which went well thanks to the efforts of all certified and non-certified personnel.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the resolution to adjust the pension neutrality. The resolution would adjust the percentage of property tax levies associated with the severance bond obligations to reduce the negative impact that pension levy neutrality has on the corporation's CPF fund.
- The Board approved the PLATO contract for the middle school remediation recovery program. There are two classes at the middle school. This program also drives the summer program at the high school and middle school. The corporation has seen a significant improvement in the ISTEP+ scores from the participants.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Bernie read an article that stated businesses are looking for employees that are properly dressed and arrive on time for work which indicates that character is still an important element for employment.
- All Board members wanted to welcome back staff and students and look forward to a great year.