

BOARD NOTES  
December 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, December 19, 2011 with Rich Shail, LuAnn Schwingendorf, Bernie Baltus and Dale Groves present. Al Williamson was absent. Jim Dermody was also present.

Rich Shail reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Rich Shail requested we amend the agenda to remove Action "C" – Approve Bio-diesel Bids. The Board approved the amendment to remove Action "C" and then approved the agenda as amended.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- The Board recognized three Middle School students who received awards from the VFW Patriot Pen Essay contest. Those students were Ben Burns, Marisa Tafelski and Molly McFadden. Mr. Holifield announced that Ben Burns has qualified for district competition.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- Minutes – November 28, 2011
- Financial Reports
- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report as follows:

**CERTIFIED**

- Resignations/Retirements
  1. Marty Mosson – Head Football Coach – NPHS – Resignation effective December 15, 2011.
- Employment
  1. Garrett Curless – Temporary PE/Health Teacher – Rolling Prairie/Prairie View Elementary Schools – Beginning January 9, 2012 through March 2, 2012.

2. Rebecca Williamson – Temporary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – Prairie View Elementary School – Beginning approximately February 6, 2012 through March 30, 2012.

### **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations
  1. Kay Schneider – Custodian – Extend leave of absence through December 30, 2011
- Employment
  1. Lisa Hicks – Cook – Middle School – Effective December 7, 2011
  2. Anna Thomson – Cook – Middle School – Effective December 7, 2011
  3. Theresa Barnes – Cook – High School – Effective December 7, 2011

Mr. Dermody wanted to recognize Marty Mosson who submitted his resignation as Head Football Coach for his leadership to New Prairie students for over 20 years. Mr. Dermody stated that Mr. Mosson is a very dedicated educator and coach.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Dermody announced the end of the first semester on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. NPHS students have concluded the End of Core Assessments in Algebra I and Language Arts 10.
- Mr. Dermody announced the Central Office schedule during the holiday season. The office will be closed December 23, 26, 30 and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- NPMS was successful in receiving a grant for \$6,000 from Lakeshore Alliance for Student Success to be used for science instructional resources. Lori Rose and Jeff Meinhard will be working on this.
- We will be upgrading the lighting in the Cougar Gym at NPHS during winter break.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- The Board approved the resolution to grant permission to transfer from major accounts and line 2 budget cuts.
- The Board approved the overnight field trip requests for the NPHS Robotics Team as follows:
  - Boilermaker Regional – West Lafayette – March 15-17, 2012
  - Queen City Regional – Xavier University – Cincinnati, Ohio – April 5-7, 2012

- The Board set the Board Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Board approved the Agreement between the New Prairie United School Corporation and the LaPorte Circuit Court for the 2012 Alternative to Expulsion/Day Reporting Program for students at NPHS and NPMS.
- The Board approved the 2012-2013 NPHS Curriculum Guide as presented.
- The Board approved the Citizens Petition in support of restoring Indiana to the Central Time Zone. The NPUSC has been asked by the Hoosiers for Central Time to join in signing this petition.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Bernie Baltes asked if we could increase PE/Health or the recess time for elementary students in an effort to encourage more activity. Keith Dennis said the Wellness Committee has discussed this issue as well. Mr. Dermody said it is very challenging to meet the multitude of assessment and curriculum guidelines currently in place.
- Bernie wanted patrons to be aware of the 529 deduction that can be used for higher education for students.