

BOARD NOTES
October 30, 2017

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bill Romstadt and Phil King present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present

Rich Shail, Board President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Groves to amend the agenda changing the Superintendent Contract "Hearing" to the Superintendent Contract "Approval", seconded by Romstadt and approved 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT APPROVAL

There was a motion by Williamson, seconded by Groves to approve the Superintendent's contract. The motion was approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Tara Bush, Principal at Olive Elementary School, introduced Mrs. Allison Middlebrook, Counselor at Olive Elementary, who presented to the Board Olive's Career Education Program. Mrs. Middlebrook explained that they are giving students more exposure to career education, the trades, and college by introducing career field trips composed of hands on learning and experiences. The career field trips include all grade levels. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have up to 5 career job sets per year. These students create their own folders that are kept in the counselor's office until the end of 2nd grade then handed back. 3rd grade does Career Exploration Program. 4th Graders do an interest inventory then look at different jobs pertaining to their interests. 5th grade look at different colleges and universities within Indiana along with apprenticeships and technical schools including visits.

Dr. White asked if the program is new to Olive Elementary School. Mrs. Middlebrook stated that the field trips are a new addition, however, she has been doing the other aspects of the program for some time. Dr. White added that he is excited to see the addition of field trips for these students. This feeds into the proposed Professional Learning Community plan, Mission and Vision of NPUSC. A draft has been developed that will be shared with teachers and staff soon.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items:
 - (A) Minutes – September 25, 2017, & October 23, 2017
 - (B) Financial Reports
 - (C) Claims
 - (D) Payroll
 - (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. James Miko – NPHS Social Studies Teacher Retirement effective 12/31/2017
 2. Jemiah Piesyk – FMLA Leave as 5th Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 11/1/2017 through 11/8/2017
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Janet Pfeil – Olive Elementary RTI Team Member as of 7/1/2017
 2. Daniel Reffo – Prairie View Elementary 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach as of 7/1/2017

3. Cathleen Lower – NPHS Letterman’s Club Sponsor for Boys and Girls for the 2017-18 school year
4. Cathleen Lower – NPMS Co-Swim Coach for the 2017-18 school year
5. Kara Mamazza – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
6. Natalie Spevak – NPHS Key Club Sponsor as of 7/1/2017
7. Samantha Vogeler – NPHS Assistant Girls Swim Coach as of 7/1/2017

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Angela Curless – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Secretary at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 9/29/2017 through 12/29/2017
 2. Sandra Kleine – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Bus Driver for NPUSC beginning 9/20/2017 through 12/20/2017
 3. Angela Johnson – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Bus Driver for NPUSC beginning 9/1/2017 through 5/31/2018
 4. William Rose – Retirement as Corporation Grounds Maintenance Worker as of 12/30/2017
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Clayton Glossinger – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year
 1. Jake Revere – NPHS Assistant Boys Swim Coach for the 2017-18 school year

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. White introduced Tim Short of Performance Services who is the onsite project manager. Mr. Short gave a brief report on the high school project stating that demolition and reconstruction of classrooms has begun, paving of the new parking lot on north end of the building and behind baseball and football fields is complete. They are moving to complete retention area and reseed this fall. Demolition in horse shoe area has begun in preparation of starting the new office areas and auditorium. Water softener replacement will begin soon. Tim Short will be invited to future Board Meetings to keep us updated.
- Dr. White reported that he and Phil King attended the ISBA Fall Meeting where they learned that the upcoming state legislative agenda contains a possible mandate that schools may not start until 3rd or 4th Monday in August. This will be closely monitored for future calendar creation.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
- Rolling Prairie and Olive Elementary Schools received items of clothing for students from Delta Theta Tau Sorority
 - Prairie View Elementary received:
 - school supplies from Frank and Carol Davis, and New Carlisle United Methodist Church
 - backpacks and supplies from the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church Women’s group
 - backpacks with miscellaneous school supplies and \$180 to be used to purchase gym shoes from AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary #911

- \$150 Wal-Mart Gift Card to be used to purchase needs for the students from the United Methodist Women of Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church
- New Prairie High School Robotics Team received a \$300 sponsorship from the American Licorice Company of LaPorte
- New Prairie High School Cougar Outreach program received a donation of Candy for the Trunk-or-Treat program from American Licorice Company of LaPorte
 - (B) The Board approved the Agreement with the Midwest Area School Employees' Insurance Trust for 2017-2018
 - (C) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests for:
 - NPHS FBLA to the Fall Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, October 30 & 31, 2017
 - NPHS FBLA to the Indianapolis State Leadership Conference March 9 – 11, 2018
 - NPHS Spell Bowl Team to State Competition at Purdue University in West Lafayette on November 10 & 11, 2017
 - NPHS Robotics Team Competition at Plainfield High School, in Plainfield, IN, March 23 – 25, 2018
 - NPHS Robotics Team Competition in Indiana First State Championship (if qualified) at Kokomo Memorial High School, Kokomo, IN, April 12 – 14, 2018
 - NPHS Robotics Team Competition in Championship Event (if qualified) at the Cobo Center, Detroit, MI, April 25 – 28, 2018
 - (D) The Board approved the Section 125 Provider for the 2017-2018 School Year
 - (E) The Board approved the Nursing Student Receptor Agreement between New Prairie United School Corporation and Purdue University, West Lafayette on behalf of Purdue University Northwest Hammond Campus, IN
 - (F) The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies Vol.29 No. 2 & July 2017 Special Release Policies: 0100, 2261.01, 3220.01, 5111, 5111.01, 5111.03, 6330, 8330, 8355, 8500, & 8510
 - (G) The Board approved the Closing of Out-of-District Transfer Students for grades 9, 10 and 11 at New Prairie High School and Grade 5 at Rolling Prairie, Prairie View and Olive Elementary Schools for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year
 - (H) The Board approved the New Position Description for the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Technology and Director of Buildings and Grounds
 - (I) The Board approved the Emergency Capital Project Fund Expenditures not to exceed \$350,000

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Groves, the meeting was adjourned.