

## BOARD NOTES

July 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, July 23, 2018, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Bill Romstadt and Phil King present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Rich Shail, Board President, was absent.

Al Williamson, Board Vice President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Groves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Romstadt and approved 4-0-1.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION**

- Dr. Carrie Cannon handed out two reports to the Board members on NWEA data that she reviewed with them. She stated that we now have a year under our belt with NWEA. NWEA has many different reports and the website was difficult to navigate at times. Dr. Cannon stated she was looking forward to the end of the year to review the data and see if it predicts what she hopes it will predict. The reports so far indicate that it is, for the most part, right on. The Formative Assessment Committee met and agreed they would like to keep NWEA as a predictor for growth for one more year. Dr. Cannon wanted to thank the teachers for their hard work at learning, administering & executing the NWEA Test. The new ILEARN Assessment from the state is coming out this year and it appears to be similar to NWEA.
- Dr. Cannon explained that Exact Path is a K-8 program that forms a learning continuum for each student. Dale Groves asked how much time students are spending on Exact Path. Dr. Cannon responded that it is recommended that students spend 30 minutes a week. Dr. Cannon explained how it isn't necessarily the number of minutes but the amount of things being mastered. Dr. Cannon said we will continue Exact Path for another year as well.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – June 25, 2018
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

### **CERTIFIED**

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
  1. Robyn Kubsch – ECA Resignation as Senior Class Sponsor and Lunchtime Supervisor at NPHS effective 7/16/2018
  2. Kelsey Castle – Position Resignation as NPHS Language Arts Teacher effective 7/18/2018
  3. Angela Foresman – Position Resignation as NPMS Counselor effective 7/18/2018
  4. Brandi Heeter – Position Resignation as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Elementary effective 7/20/2018
  5. Amy Burris – FMLA Intermittent Leave as Kindergarten Teacher at Olive Elementary for the 2018-19 School Year
- **Employment**
  1. Jennifer Younggreen –Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 9/4/2018
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Jordan Staus – NPHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach beginning 7/1/2018
2. Cathleen Lower – NPMS Co-Head Swim Coach for the 2018-19 School Year

- **Adjustments**

### **NON-CERTIFIED**

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Adrienne Jongkind – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Food Service Worker as of 7/2/2018
2. Ray Bukovi – Retirement as NPUSC Bus Driver as of 7/31/2018
3. Tammy Watkins – Resignation as Food Service Director as of 7/31/2018

- **Employment**

- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Allen Williamson – NPHS JV Boys Baseball Coach for the 2017-18 School Year
2. Allen Williamson – NPHS JV Boys Baseball Coach for the 2018-19 School Year
3. Derek Hicks – NPHS Head Softball Coach for the 2018-19 School Year
4. David Dailey – NPHS Assistant Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach for the 2018-19 School Year
5. Ryan Curless – NPHS Girls JV Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 School Year pending criminal background check results
6. Eric Lower – NPMS Assistant Swim/Dive Coach for the 2018-19 School Year
7. Eric Lower – NPHS Dive Coach for the 2018-19 School Year

- **Adjustments**

1. Steve Hand – Adjusted FMLA Leave as Network/Systems Administrator beginning August 7<sup>th</sup> through 8/21/2018
2. Carla Kellogg – Voluntary Position change from PVES Evening Custodian to MS Full-Time Food Service Worker beginning 8/6/2018
3. Kristine Gadacz – Voluntary Position Change from Rolling Prairie Elementary IT Building Technician to Prairie View Elementary School Library Assistant/Summer Technology Assistant beginning 7/23/2018
4. Larry Messer – Voluntary Transfer from Part-Time Evening Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary School to Full-Time Evening Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary beginning 8/1/2018

### **REPORTS**

(A) Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White explained how we are on target getting ready for August 9<sup>th</sup> with many things happening. Many staff members are looking forward to the PLC Conference in Lincolnshire, IL next week. August 6<sup>th</sup> will be the traditional breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. for all staff returning to work at New Prairie Middle School in the Cafeteria. Building staff meetings will follow the breakfast. August 7<sup>th</sup> will be training at the Middle School all day for teachers. Trainings will include PLC, School Safety Topics, Seclusion & Restraint, & Suicide Awareness and Prevention. August 8<sup>th</sup> will be the traditional Teacher Work Day. Tomorrow, July 24<sup>th</sup> is Raptor Training with the Administrators and Directors.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved the Updated NPHS Athletic Handbook for 2018-19
- (B) The Board approved the Updated NPMS Student Handbook for 2018-19
- (C) The Board approved Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Jim Holifield
- (D) The Board approved the Standard for Success Subscription Agreement for the 2018-19 School Year

- (E) The Board approved the 2018 School Bus Replacement Recommendation
- (F) The Board approved the Closing of all NPUSC Elementary School 2nd Grade Classes to Out-of-District Transfer Students for the 2018-19 School Year
- (G) The Board approved the Anniversary Celebration Catering Contract
- (H) The Board approved the Position Description for:
  - Director of Food Service
- (I) The Board accepted donations as follows:
  - NPUSC received the Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte Grant in the amount of \$147,472

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Dale Groves welcomed everyone back to a new school year.
- Al Williamson stated that the last Newsletter that went out was very well written.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn.