

BOARD NOTES

July 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, July 15, 2019, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Rich Shail, Al Williamson, Dale Groves, Phil King and Jason DeMeyer present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

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

There was a motion by King to adopt the Agenda, seconded by DeMeyer, followed by a motion by Groves to Amend the Agenda removing Action Item "F" and adding Action Item "G", seconded by Williamson and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

NPUSC Science Fair Winners, Joe Henning, Ben Swihart, & Wyatt Hooper were present with their Winning Project named SAVIUTS: Sensory Aid for the Visually Impaired Utilizing Time-of-Flight Sensors. The team was first place at local competition then went on to State to win 1st Place Team and 2nd overall. The Team also attended the Intel International Science Competition. The young men proceeded to present their project to the Board. Mr. Shail responded that he was highly impressed and stated that they did a great job. Mr. Shail also asked if they had considered patenting their project. The young men responded that they did speak with a lawyer and are in the beginning stages of patenting. Dr. White stated that they are a fantastic representation of NPUSC.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –June 15, 2019
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as listed below:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Laura Urban – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School 3rd Grade Teacher as of 7/1/2019
- Employment
 1. Shawn Sterling – New Prairie Middle School Science Gr. 7 Teacher beginning 7/1/2019 pending criminal background check results
 2. Ma "Lucy" Lingxiao – NPUSC & NPMS Mandarin Teacher for School Years 2019 – 2022 as paid through funds received from the Chinese Government for our Confucius Classroom
 3. Kristina Pentelow – NPMS iCoach beginning 7/1/2019
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Shawna Keehn – Resignation as Food Service Worker at Prairie View Elementary as of 7/5/2019
 2. Steffany Segar – Resignation as Food Service Worker at NPMS as of 7/3/2019
- Employment

1. Katie Kester – NPUSC ½ time Social Service Counselor beginning 7/29/2019 pending criminal background check results
 2. Lacie Barger – Rolling Prairie Elementary School 6 Hr. Food Service Worker beginning 8/7/2019 pending criminal background check results
 3. Rita Caevin – NPHS 6 Hr. Food Service Worker beginning 8/7/2019 pending criminal background check results
 4. Lori Whiteman Summerfield – Prairie View Elementary 5.5 Hr. Food Service Worker beginning 8/7/2019 pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Extra Curricular
 1. Keith Werwas – NPMS Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results
 2. Ken Shippley – NPMS Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
 3. Zachary Ketterer - NPMS Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
 4. David Anastos - NPMS Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results
 - Adjustments
 1. Joshua Hughes – Position promotion from RPES Food Service Aide to RPES 8 Hr. Food Service Crew Leader beginning 8/7/2019

REPORTS

- Dr. White announced the hiring of NPUSC ½ time Social Worker. Dr. Cannon introduced Katie Kester who is the new ½ time Social Worker for the schools. Dr. White and the Board welcomed Ms. Kester.
- Dr. White stated that we are three weeks from school beginning which we are hopeful to be ready with the construction projects wrapping up.
- Dr. White enthusiastically said that we have 102 teachers, administrators and Board Members attending the PLC Conference next week at Lincolnshire, IL. Tim Brown, Key Note Speaker for Learning Tree, has set up a large private room for New Prairie in order to focus only on us at the end of the day for debriefing. This is a great gesture on their part. The conference is a great overview of the whole PLC process. Mrs. Hite, NPMS 8th Grade Science Teacher, along with 10 other MS teachers volunteered their time to attend a PLC workshop recently in Elkhart. Mrs. Hite stated that it was exciting and eye opening. Dr. White followed up that the late starts will be essential for the PLC process.
- Dr. White reviewed the Opening of NPUSC Schools plans with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Jim Holifield, Director of Finance/Corporation Treasurer
- (B) The Board approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Updated Board Policies 3131, 3139 and 3141
- (C) The Board accepted Donations:
 - NPUSC received the Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte Partners in Prevention Grant in the amount of \$244,635 and the Empower Hour Afterschool Grant in the amount of \$125,582
 - First Source Bank donated \$1,000 toward NPUSC Teachers Family Fun Night Out at the South Bend Cubs
- (D) The Board approved the Quote for Kitchen Chemicals for the Nutritional Services Department
- (E) The Board approved the Quote for Towels, Mops & Chef Coats Rental for the Nutritional Services Department

~~(F) Approve the Agreement with Kelly Educational Staffing for
Temporary Substitute Positions~~

(G) The Board approved the Emergency Replacement of NPHS Main Sanitary Line

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. King stated that he is impressed with the students who presented this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

- Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn.