

BOARD NOTES
November 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, November 25, 2019, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Rich Shail, Dale Groves, Phil King and Jason DeMeyer present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Al Williamson, Board Vice-President was absent.

Dale Groves, Board Secretary, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

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

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – October 28, 2019
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Brent VanHook – Resignation as Math Teacher at New Prairie High School as of 12/20/2019
 2. Tim Flanagan – FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary Counselor beginning 1/21/2020 through 2/1/2020
 3. Ronald McVay – ECA Resignation as NPMS 7th and 8th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach ending 2019-2020 school year
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Ronald McVay – NPMS 6th Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach beginning 7/1/2019
 2. Amy Wolfe – Rolling Prairie Elementary Co-Principal Designee beginning 11/11/2019
 3. Christia Kolasa – Rolling Prairie Elementary Co-Principal Designee beginning 11/11/2019
 4. Kelly Jarka – Rolling Prairie Elementary PL221 Co-Chair beginning school year 2017-18
 5. Kelly Jarka – Rolling Prairie Elementary RTI Member beginning school year 2017-18
 6. Elizabeth Schmitt – Olive Elementary RTI Team Member beginning 11/8/2019
 7. Ashley Wojtysiak – Olive Elementary Principal Designee beginning 11/11/2019
 8. Tamara Moore – Olive Elementary Science Fair Coordinator beginning 11/15/2019
 9. David Dailey – NPHS Head Boys Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- Adjustments
 1. 2018-19 TAG Stipends in the same amounts as awarded to highly effective and effective teachers will be paid from the general fund to the:
 - Becky Bartlett
 - Rhonda Myers
 - Tara Bush
 - Carrie Cannon
 - Jim Holifield
 - Melissa Kuczmanski

- Allison Middlebrook
 - Tim Flanagan
 - Angela Ruby
 - Heidi Schellinger
 - Megan Dew
 - Sara Harmon
 - Tara Walden
 - Blake Holman
 - Jennifer Sass
 - Tim Scott
 - Ben Bachmann
 - Justin Holmquest
 - Justin Heinold
2. All Certified Administrators to receive the 4.2% Base Salary Wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2019 to be dispersed November 22nd payroll

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Judy Ekovich – FMLA leave as bus driver beginning 10/23/2019 through 11/23/2019
 2. Emma Hunt – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary effective 11/11/2019
 3. Jan Macias – Resignation as Food Service Worker at New Prairie Middle School effective 11/22/2019
 4. Kathy Mowiser – Resignation as Food Service Worker at New Prairie Middle School effective 11/11/2019
 5. Karyl Litke – Termination as Food Service Worker at New Prairie High School effective 11/1/2019
 6. Angela Curless – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Secretary beginning 11/15/19 through 11/15/2020
 7. Jennifer Thompson - Intermittent FMLA Leave as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Secretary beginning 11/15/19 through 11/15/2020
 8. Katrece Steward – Termination as Food Service Worker at New Prairie High School as of 9/18/2019
- Employment
 1. Rachel Spearman – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant begin date pending criminal background search results
 2. Maria Ruminiski – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant begin date pending criminal background search results
 3. Cory Shultz – Rolling Prairie Elementary Building Technician beginning 11/20/2019
 4. Bronson Ellenwine – NPUSC Flex Custodian beginning 11/25/2019
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Kristina Emerick – Prairie View Elementary School 5th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
 2. Amy Bauer – New Prairie Middle School Robotics Sponsor for the 2019-2020 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Hoy Henry, NPUSC IT Specialist, to receive a base salary increase of \$4,000 effective 1/1/2020

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. White announced that he will be calling the calendar committee together to begin planning the school calendar for 2020-2021. He mentioned that he will be sending out a brief survey to parents and staff to obtain input for the calendar.
- Dr. White stated that the New Carlisle Fire Department offered to provide Fire and EMS Services to NPUSC.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as follows:
 - NPMS received the following donations for "Make a Difference Day" from:
 - \$100 from Carl Ackerman and Carol Bonsignore
 - \$50 from an anonymous donor
 - NPHS HOSA Team received a grant in the amount of \$1,650 from the Health Foundation of LaPorte for CPR Certification for 75 NPHS team members
- (B) The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for:
 - Al Williamson
 - Dale Groves
 - Amy Bradburn
- (C) The Board approved the NPHS 2020-2021 Curriculum Guide

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) 2020-2021 School Calendar
 - Dr. White began by asking the Board for their input on Holiday time and ELearning days. Dr. White explained that he is creating a survey to send out to parents and staff asking if a week off at Fall Break is preferred or Thanksgiving. Dr. White asked the Board what their thoughts are on changing the start date. Mr. Shail responded that it has been a long, hard battle but we finally were able to achieve a start time early enough to allow ending the semester before Christmas Break. He feels it is difficult for students and teachers to adjourn for 2 weeks then return to school to finish a semester. Mr. Shail is open to a date change as long as the students can end their semester before the Christmas break as it has proved to be a positive balance. Mr. Shail likes the idea of a survey for parents and staff.
 - Dr. White stated he would like to add an ELearning question to the survey. The Board agreed that they want to cap the number of ELearning days at a total of 6.
 - The Board discussed and agreed to the proposed School Board Calendar of meetings for 2020. This will be an agenda item at the December meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. King stated that he attended the NPHS production of Cinderella and thought it was phenomenal! The high school students acting was top notch. Everything about the play was excellent.
- All Board members wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn the meeting.