

BOARD NOTES
February 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, February 24, 2020, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Rich Shail and Mr. Jason DeMeyer present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Phil King, Board President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Mr. Groves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Jen Sass, Principal, New Prairie High School, highlighted for the Board "what we are doing right for kids at New Prairie High School". Mrs. Sass did a PowerPoint showing statics on the current seniors tracking their past four years of academic growth and successes. Mrs. Sass explained how the NPHS graduation rates have gone up in the last 4 years. Cougar Mentor/RTI time and PLC have proven valuable for our students and their success. Our teachers are doing great work with our students. Mrs. Jen Soos, NPHS Math teacher, shared more in depth information on the Cougar Mentor/RTI time which focuses on re-teaching for student success. Senior Abigail Huff was present to share her personal success with the RTI time available to her for math. Mrs. Heidi Schellinger, NPHS Guidance Counselor, briefly explained Graduation Pathways & career options for students including internships and what is offered to students. Brandon Kasinger and Zane Gazarkiewicz, NPHS students, were present to describe their current internships and how it works with their school schedule and athletics. Dr. White and the Board thanked the HS Admin, staff and students for their presentation.

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Jim Parent – Retirement as Dean of Students at New Prairie High School effective 7/6/2020
 2. Jon Schroeder – ECA Resignation as 7th grade Volleyball Coach at NPMS effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
 3. Todd Dermody – ECA Resignation as NPHS Girls Varsity Head Basketball Coach effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Bobby Whitenack – Olive Elementary School Wrestling Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
 2. John Arndt – NPHS Boys Cross Country Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- Employment – Afterschool Program
 1. Laura Schreiber – Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
 2. Renee Mischak - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
- Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Rhonda Smoroske – Termination of employment as Prairie View Elementary School Health Aide effective 1/29/2020

2. Kellie Sturgeon – Resignation as Afterschool Program Coordinator at Prairie View Elementary effective 2/11/2020
 3. Nathan Bradley – Resignation as Full-Time Custodian at Prairie View Elementary effective 2/14/2020
 4. Amber Bradshaw – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary School effective 1/31/2020
 5. Meredith Greathouse – Resignation as Nutritional Services Aide at Prairie View Elementary School effective 2/10/2020
 6. Russ Radtke – Resignation as NPHS Student Management Director and NPHS Head Varsity Football Coach effective 2/14/2020
 7. Tracy Rykhus – Intermittent FMLA Leave beginning 1/20/2020 through 5/31/2020
- Employment
 1. Aimee Price – Nutritional Services Worker at Rolling Prairie Elementary pending criminal background check results
 2. Angela Lenig – Health Aide at Prairie View Elementary School pending updated criminal background check results
 - Employment - Afterschool
 1. Zoie Martinez – Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year paid by HFL Empower Grant
 2. Allison Marshall – Afterschool Program Site Coordinator at Prairie View Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results paid by HFL Empower Grant
 - Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Alan Meredith – NPHS Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results
 2. Alan King – Prairie View Elementary Wrestling Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
 - Adjustments

REPORTS

- Dr. White thanked Mr. Russ Radtke for his 8 years of service to NPUSC. Mr. Radtke resigned his position as Student Management Director and Head Varsity Football Coach. Mr. Radtke worked hard to take our football program to another level.
- Dr. White congratulated Mr. Jim Parent on his retirement as Dean of Students at NPHS at the end of the school year. He is an invaluable part of the high school administrative team and will be sorely missed.
- Dr. White announced that Wednesday evening, March 18th, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., an Open House for the community will be held at the High School and Middle School new addition to showcase the renovations that have been completed. Students will be available to give tours to the community members. Extra-curricular programs will be going on for the community to see how the newly renovated spaces are being used. Mr. Hale, Nutritional Services Director, will also have food available in the cafeteria.
- Winter sports are wrapping up their season with NPHS Swim Team finishing 3rd place in the Sectional. The Wrestling Team has had a successful season. The Basketball Program will be at Hanover Central for Sectional play this weekend. Girls Basketball was very competitive in their sectional game. The Boys Swim Team finished 20th place in the 200 Medley Relay with a new school record of 137.81 at the IHSAA State Swim Meet.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations:
- ArcelorMittal donated \$10,000 to NPUSC for the Robotics Program

- Prairie View Elementary School received \$475 in gift card donations from: Saugany Lake Conservation Club, Rolling Prairie Business Association, and several private community members to purchase coats, clothing and other needed items
 - Olive Twp. Elementary received a donation of hats, gloves, scarves and school supplies from Maple Grove Church
 - NPHS Robotics received a donation of \$2,225 from the RoboClub (Booster Club)
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary received a donation of \$500 from David Davis for the 5th Grade Manners Luncheon
- (B) The Board approved the Drivers Education Summer Program & Fees for 2020
- (C) The Board approved the NPUSC Summer Remediation Programs for 2020
- (D) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests:
- NPMS Dance Team to Jefferson High School in Lafayette Indiana for State Competition March 13 & 14, 2020
 - NPHS FBLA Team to attend State Leadership Conference and Competition at Marriott East Hotel Conference Center March 13 – 15, 2020
- (E) The Board approved the Insurance Renewal with Wright Specialty & United Heartland Accident Fund
- (F) The Board approved the expenditure of Emergency Repair monies from Operations Fund
- (G) The Board approved the closure of all NPUSC grade levels to Transfer Students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. King stated that there will be a Work Session on Athletic Facilities, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the High School, in the Library at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.