

## **BOARD NOTES**

April 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, April 27, 2020, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, and Mr. Rich Shail was present via cell phone conference call. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

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

Mr. Williamson made a motion to amend the Agenda adding an Action Item B1 and changing the current name of Action Item B, to Action Item B2, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer and approved 5-0.

There was a motion by Mr. Groves to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved 5-0.

There was a motion by Mr. Groves to suspend the regular meeting to hold the Public Hearing on Projects and on Additional Appropriation, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer and approved 5-0.

Mr. King called to order the Joint Public Hearing to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed capital improvements at various school corporation facilities as further described at this hearing including, but not limited to, water line replacement, parking and driveway improvements, LED Lighting, playground equipment, athletic facility upgrades, bus and transportation cost replacement, safety measures and to consider the additional appropriation of the bonds.

An appropriation in the amount of 3 million dollars, to be paid off in 7 years 9 months, on account of the proposed projects and issuance of bonds on account. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds by the school corporation.

There were no public comments or comments from the Board.

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved 5-0.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – March 23, 2020, April 2, 2020
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Jordan Staus – ECA Resignation as NPHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach effective 4/13/2020
  2. Britney Kreighbaum – FMLA Leave as Dyslexia Reading Specialist beginning 7/1/2020 through 10/16/2020
  3. Chrystal Wilkeson – ECA Resignation as NPHS English Department Chair effective 6/31/2020
  4. Neil Hackett – ECA Resignation as NPHS Freshman Class Sponsor effective 6/31/2020

5. Jacqueline DeShone – Olive Twp. Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher pending criminal background check results and pending receipt of Indiana Teaching License
- Employment
  - Employment – 2020 Summer School
  - Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Dan Reffo - NPHS Head Soccer Coach (boys or girls TBD)
    2. Jacqueline DeShone - NPHS Assistant Soccer Coach (boys or girls TBD) pending criminal background check results

## CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
- Employment
- Employment – Afterschool
  1. Mackenzie Hertzberg – Prairie View Elementary Afterschool Instructional Assistant beginning 3/11/2020
- Employment – Classified 2020 Summer School
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Kyleigh Kubit – NPHS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach pending criminal background check results for the 2020-2021 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Don Sudlow – Position change from Lead Custodian at New Prairie Middle School to NPUSC Grounds Maintenance Worker effective 4/6/2020.
  2. Becky Bolze – Promotion position change from Evening Custodian at New Prairie Middle School to Lead Custodian at New Prairie Middle School effective 4/6/2020.
  3. Joyce DeLaurentis rescinded her retirement request that was previously approved by the Board. She will continue her employment as Secretary/Treasurer at Olive Twp. Elementary School.

## REPORTS

- (A) Superintendent's Report
  - Dr. White shared that he sent out a mass mailing to parents with NPUSC updates of which he has received very little response from the community. He concludes that the community must approve and/or accept the plans made. Graduation as of this evening, has not been canceled but anticipates it will happen. The optional dates of June 21 or July 19 will be considered for the graduation ceremony. Update-Due to DOE Announcement 4/28/20, Graduation Commencement will occur July 19<sup>th</sup> or the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> if COVID-19 guidelines require a modified ceremony with smaller groups
  - Dr. White mentioned that Mr. Norton, Technology Director, and the administrators are working out a plan for iPad returns and student pickup of personal belongings at the schools.
  - Dr. White said that a change was made to the 10,080 sq. ft. Half Time Building plan. It was decided we make the visitor locker room smaller and the home team locker room larger. The visitor locker room will accommodate 60 players with small stackable lockers. The home team locker room will

accommodate 80 players with full size lockers. Plans are moving along as it is a high priority project.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted Donations as Listed:
  - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a donation of \$150 from the New Prairie Education Foundation
- (B1) The Board approved the Reading/ELA Adoption Recommendation K-12
- (B2) The Board approved Textbook Fees for 2020-21
- (C) The Board approved the Athletic Trainer Contract with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
- (D) The Board approved the Renewal Agreement with Schoology for 2020-21
- (E) The Board approved the Student handbooks for 2020-2021:
  - New Prairie Middle School
  - New Prairie High School
  - Elementary Schools – Olive, Prairie View, Rolling Prairie, Elementary General Handbook
  - NPMS Athletic & Parent Athletic Handbook
- (F) The Board adopted the 1028 Project Resolution
- (G) The Board adopted the Additional Appropriation Resolution
- (H) The Board adopted the Bond Resolution
- (I) The Board approved the AP-TIP Indiana Affiliate Agreement for 2020-21

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Shail thanked everyone involved with the meal preparation and distribution to those in need. It is greatly appreciated by the community.
- Mr. King reminded everyone that the next meeting is May 18, 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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