

BOARD NOTES

January 27, 2020

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

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. Williamson and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Olive Twp. Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Tara Bush, introduced Olive Teachers: Ms. Tina Stombaugh, Mrs. Laura Schreiber, & Mrs. Renee Mischak who have implemented the 2nd Step Program at the 2nd grade level as funded by the Partners in Prevention Grant. They shared their progress with the classroom based program. The program is designed to help students increase their school success and decrease their problem behaviors. The program promotes social-emotion competence and self-regulation. The teachers presented a video of students actively participating in the program and expressing their positive feelings about the program. The teachers' explained that hopefully this program can continue to expand to other grade levels as they have seen improvements in some student behaviors.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – December 16, 2019, January 3, 2020, & January 6, 2020
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Kelle Cartwright – Intermittent FMLA Leave as 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher extended through 5/25/2020

▪ Employment – Afterschool

1. Maggie Stepniewski - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
2. Rachel Ralston - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
3. Kim Stepp - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
4. Janelle Hembree - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
5. Elizabeth Schmitt - Afterschool Program Teacher at Olive Elementary School Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020

▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Ron McVay – NPMS Boys 7th & 8th Grade Head Track Coach beginning 2019-2020 school year
2. Maria Sobecki – NPMS Boys Assistant Track Coach beginning 2019-2020 school year

▪ Adjustments

NON-CERTIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Kathy Klopfenstein – Resignation as Nutritional Services Float Worker at NPMS effective 12/20/2019
2. Maryjean Paprocki – Resignation as Nutritional Services Worker at Prairie View Elementary effective 1/16/2020
3. Maggie Hisick – Termination as Nutritional Services Worker at New Prairie Middle School effective 1/21/2020
4. Paula Brewer – Termination as Nutritional Services Worker at Rolling Prairie Elementary School effective 1/23/2020
5. Beth Eigenman – FMLA Leave as NPHS Nutritional Services Crew Leader beginning 1/21/2020 through 3/4/2020

▪ Employment

1. Becky Bolze – NPMS Night Lead Custodian beginning 1/13/2020
2. Laura Spearman – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results
3. Nina Emerick – Prairie View Elementary Temporary Instructional Assistant beginning 1/10/2020 through 5/21/2020
4. Michelle Ruff – Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 1/7/2020
5. Holly Buchanan – NPMS Nutritional Services Worker beginning 1/9/2020
6. Melissa Lems – NPHS Nutritional Services Worker pending criminal background check results

▪ Employment – Afterschool

1. Violeta Mendez – Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary Paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
2. Morgan McLalin – Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
3. Aiyana Burdue – Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
4. Kayla Walsworth - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
5. Kamryn Nichols - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
6. Hannah Pittman - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
7. Ashlei Sonnonberg - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
8. Derrick Cummings - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
9. Kaitlyn Kujawa - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
10. Karen Combs - Afterschool Program Nutritional Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
11. Lynsey Daley - Afterschool Program Nutritional Instructional Assistant at Olive Elementary paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
12. Jacqueline Scarborough - Afterschool Program Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie & Prairie View Elementary Schools paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020
13. Jacqueline Scarborough – Afterschool Program Fitness Instructor at Olive Elementary School paid by HFL Empower Grant beginning 1/6/2020

▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Shaunna Sommers – NPHS JV Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results
2. Katlynn Sopczynski – NPHS Assistant Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year pending criminal background check results

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Michael Buell promotion to Night Lead Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary School as of 1/1/2020

REPORTS

- Dr. White introduced NPHS Teacher and HOSA Sponsor, Mrs. Tonya Aerts, who highlighted the NPHS/NPMS HOSA program. Mrs. Aerts gave a brief explanation of what HOSA is. She explained that HOSA is a national organization that focuses on competitions and a community service project. The competitions are: State Competition, and International Leadership Conference Competition (ILC). NPUSC HOSA has been a competitive team since 2013 and has since made a name for themselves nationally. Every year since 2013, NP HOSA has had ILC qualifying students; last year there were 30 qualifying students. There is now a middle school chapter in its 3rd year. NPUSC HOSA is becoming a leader in SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest) and AED awareness. Last June, at the ILC there were a total of 9 students from Indiana who were in the top ten of their events, of the 9 total Indiana students, 6 students were NPUSC students. This was a huge accomplishment for our school and for the State of Indiana. HOSA students are actively participating in the AED part of the Safety initiative checking all AEDs on New Prairie campus to see if they are working and replacing the ones that do not work as well as doing monthly checks on the AEDs. Dr. White expressed his gratitude for all the work the HOSA students are doing.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received \$775 in gift card donations from Rolling Prairie and Saugany Lake Conservation Clubs, Rolling Prairie Business Association, and several private community members to purchase coats, clothing and other needed items
 - New Prairie High School Building Trades received a donation of \$1,617.40 from Indiana Builders Charitable foundation
 - NPUSC received a donation of \$5,100 from Olive Twp. PTO to pay Instructional Assistants for remediation at Olive Elementary School
 - Mishawaka High School donated wrestling Mats to the NPHS Wrestling Team
 - New Prairie Middle School received a donation of \$240 to the student fund from the weekly men's basketball group
 - NPUSC Nutritional Services Angel Fund received a donation of \$700 from USW #9231 WOS
- (B) The Board approved Conflict of Interest Statements for:
- Jason DeMeyer
 - Ashley Williamson
 - Mindie Colanese
- (C) The Board approved the Revised Board Meeting Calendar for 2020
- (D) The Board approved the 2020 New Prairie Little League & Rolling Prairie Baseball Association Agreements
- (E) The Board approved the Resolution to Transfer Cash Balance Amount from Operations Fund to the Education Fund
- (F) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests:

- NPHS Baseball Team to Martinsville, IN, Bedford North Lawrence High School & Whiteland High School to Play 3 Baseball Games April 3rd and 4th, 2020
 - NPHS Dance Team to attend State Competition at Jefferson High School, Lafayette, Indiana, March 13th & 14th, 2020
- (G) The Board approved the Unleaded and Bio-Diesel Fuel Bid Renewal
- (H) The Board approved the School Days Calendar for 2020-2021
- (I) The Board tabled the Inter-local Agreement between New Carlisle/Olive Twp. Fire Department & NPUSC for Fire & EMS Services
- (J) The Board appointed the New Carlisle/Olive Twp. Library Board Member

DISCUSSION

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. King stated that he did a walk-through of all the school buildings and was impressed with the progress the teachers are making with the PLC process. He feels that this process is helping student learning.
- Mr. King went on to state that the Middle School FACS Club is making soups that can be ordered as a fund raiser for the FACS program. Tuesday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. you can taste the soups prior to ordering them for pick up on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

- Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.