

## **BOARD NOTES**

March 23, 2020

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, March 23, 2020, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, and Mr. Rich Shail was present via cell phone conference call. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Jason DeMeyer was absent.

Mr. Al Williamson was called out at the beginning of the meeting to his vehicle for an urgent work call returning at the end of the meeting.

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. Shail and approved 3-0-2.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the following:

- (A) Minutes – February 24, 2020 & March 17, 2020
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Angela Allen – Resignation as Family & Consumer Science Teacher at New Prairie Middle School effective 6/30/2020
  2. Janet Pfeil – Retirement as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Elementary School effective 6/30/2020
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Bobby Whitenack – Head NPHS Wrestling Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
  2. Cathleen Lower – Co-Middle School Swim Coach for the 2019-2020 school year
- Adjustments

### **NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Jamie Willis – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Bus Driver beginning 7/2/2020 through 9/24/2020
  2. Don Sudlow - FMLA Leave as NPMS Lead Custodian starting 3/12/20 through June 4, 2020
- Employment
  1. David Ross – New Prairie Middle School Custodian beginning 3/4/2020
  2. Penny Garcia – New Prairie High School 5.5 Hour Nutritional Services Worker beginning 9/24/2019
  3. Lynn Hill - New Prairie High School 5.5 Hour Nutritional Services Worker beginning 9/24/2019
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Eric Lower – Dive Coach for New Prairie Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year
  2. Al Williamson – NPHS JV Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year

- Adjustments
  1. Melissa Krycka – Transfer from New Prairie Middle School Nutritional Services Manager back to Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Manager beginning 9/24/2019
  2. Traci Rykhus – Transfer from Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Manager back to New Prairie Middle School Nutritional Services Manager beginning 9/24/2019

## REPORTS

- Dr. White thanked everyone and the Board Members who were present to help with the processing of the meals last Friday for the weekly meal pickup. Dr. White went on to thank Mr. Mike Hale, Nutritional Services Director, who has done a great job leading this process. Today there were 1500 meals available for pickup of which there were 400 left over. There will be an additional meal pickup tomorrow at LaPorte Mobile Home Village of 200 meals and the other 200 meals can be picked up at Olive Twp. Elementary school at 12:00 p.m.
- Dr. White recognized the retirement of Mrs. Janet Pfeil, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School. Mrs. Pfeil has been a teacher for the New Prairie United School Corporation for the past 27 years. NPUSC thanks Mrs. Pfeil for her many years of service to students and staff and wishes her well in her retirement.
- Dr. White also wished to thank Mrs. Angela Allen who resigned as the New Prairie Middle School, Family and Consumer Science Teacher. Mrs. Allen has distinguished herself in her commitment to students and will be missed.

## ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
  - Mrs. Schilla, Kindergarten Teacher at Prairie View Elementary, received a donation of \$200 for classroom supplies from an anonymous donor
  - Prairie View Elementary received a donation of hats, gloves, scarfs and school supplies from Maple Grove Church
  - Prairie View Elementary received a donation of Cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, vegetables and spaghetti from Dan & Jamie Sales for the backpack families
  - Rolling Prairie Elementary received a \$100 donation from First Christian Church of Rolling Prairie for the Student Field Trip Fund
  - NPHS HOSA Team receive a donation of \$1000 from the Long Family
  - Olive Twp. Elementary School received a donation of \$150 from the New Prairie Education Foundation Board Members
- (B) The Board approved the 2021 Budget Calendar
- (C) The Board approved Expenditure from Rainy Day Fund to reimburse Construction Fund for additional items in the Referendum Project
- (D) The Board approved New Summer Position Descriptions for:
  - Summer Program Curriculum Writer
  - Summer Camp Instructional Staff

## DISCUSSION

- (A) Work Session Follow-up – Athletic Facilities
  - Dr. White began the discussion with the two main follow-up items from the Work Session on March 17, 2020. Dr. White explained that he will start with the Half Time Building and the initial estimate that was put together by Mr. Ed Aikman, Facility Director. There were three size building estimates for concrete floor, framing, insulation and roof. Quotes are as follows
    - 8640 sq. ft. at 199,000, approximate finished cost \$400,000
    - 10,080 sq. ft. at 230,000, approximate finished cost 460,000

- 12,000 sq. ft. finished cost at 550,000
- Dr. White recommended the 10,080 sq. ft. option.
- Mr. Groves agreed that he likes the 10,080 sq. ft. option which offers more square footage than was previously discussed. He looks forward to working with all stake holders on getting this done.
- Dr. White added that Mr. Bachmann and Mr. Schwingendorf submitted ideas on a two story structure which Mr. Aikman looked into which would entail code issues, ADA and elevator which is costly so Dr. White wished to stay with the original rendering yet expanding it 1,080 square feet.
- Regarding the score board, Dr. White suggested that we pay for the base score board and fund raise for the video board section of the score board. Mr. Brandon Kiefer and Mr. Rusty Borrer, representatives of the Touch Down Club, were present. Dr. White asked the gentlemen what the Club usually pays for. Mr. Borrer stated that the club is financing a new wireless camera this year. The new camera is to be used on the video part of the score board as soon as that can be installed. He went on to let the Board know that the club paid for the white uniforms for the team last year as well as other team needs. Mr. Borrer and Mr. Kiefer stated that the club can help with sponsorships. Dr. White and Mr. Bachmann can help with finding sponsorships as well. Mr. Borrer asked if we have to wait to add the video part of score board, what will the cost be to retrofit the video board in perhaps 2 years upon obtaining sponsorships. Dr. White answered that the current quote of \$100,000 for the video board might be good for 3 - 6 months and will check on this. Mr. Shail added that market increases past that time frame will be a 3 to 7% per year if we wait.
- Dr. White summed up that the score board without the video board will cost \$75,000 - \$100,000 as paid by the Corporation with an additional \$100,000 to install the video board which will be fundraised.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Shail commented that Mrs. Pfeil is a wonderful teacher and a great loss as is Mrs. Allen.
- Mr. Groves said that it was incredible to see everyone who worked together to put the food bags together. He wants to thank everyone who was present and was proud to be part of this group.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dale Groves made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.