

BOARD NOTES  
August 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, August 23, 2021, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Jason DeMeyer and Mrs. Jill Smith 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. Williamson to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Smith and approved 5-0.

On a motion by Mr. Groves, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer, the regular meeting was suspended to hold the annual Budget Hearing. The motion was approved 5-0.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Jim Holifield, Director of Finance, explained the Budget Timeline to the Board then presented the proposed 2022 Budget Appropriations as follows:

- Educational Fund - \$19,277,669
- Debt Service - \$ 5,372,373
- Referendum Debt Service \$ 1,763,750
- Operations Fund \$ 9,262,116
- Rainy Day - \$ 1,000,000

The Board members thanked Mr. Holifield for his Budget presentation. There were no questions from the Board.

On a motion by Mrs. Smith the Budget Hearing ended and the regular meeting was reconvened.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – August 4, 2021, August 9, 2021
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Danielle Blosser – ECA Resignation as 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach at New Prairie Middle School effective 5/25/2021
  2. Ariel Gast – Resignation as NPHS PE/Health Teacher as of 8/18/2021
  3. Blake Holman – FMLA Leave as NPHS/NPUSC Librarian beginning 1/10/2022 through 4/1/2022
- Employment
  1. Cristin Hockenberry – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School beginning in September pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Afterschool Program
  1. Catherine Saylor – Afterschool Site Coordinator at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  2. Tim Flannagan - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  3. Jacquelyn DeShone - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year

4. Renee Mischak - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  5. Laura Schreiber - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  6. Mark McBride - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  7. Mikayla Golden - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School paid by HFL Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  8. Jarret Spence - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  9. Megan Horvath - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  10. Julie Kirkham - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  11. Kara Mamazza - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  12. Cheryl Karczewski - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  13. Melanie Cloonan - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  14. Dedrae Smiley - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  15. Krissy Surma - Afterschool Substitute Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  16. Kristen Kleist - Afterschool Substitute Certified Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Tara Curless – New Prairie Middle School Volleyball Assistant 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Coach beginning 2021-2022
    2. Kristen Kleist – Rolling Prairie Elementary Ancillary Duty as Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
    3. Kara Mamazza – Olive Twp. Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
    4. Jon Schroeder – New Prairie Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Volleyball Coach beginning 2021-2022 school year
    5. Joshua Bolakowski – NPHS RTI Member beginning 2021-2022 school year
    6. Amanda Davis – NPHS Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022 school year
    7. David McGhee – NPHS Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022 school year
  - Adjustments

## **CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Amber Szawara – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 8/10/2021
  2. Aimee Price – Resignation as NPMS Nutritional Services Worker effective 8/9/2021
  3. Jill Nekvasil – Resignation as NPMS Nutritional Services Worker effective 8/9/2021
  4. Sharon Lula – Resignation as NPUSC Bus Driver effective 8/11/2021
  5. Melissa Wroblewski – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary effective 8/11/2021
  6. Susan Aikman – Medical Leave as NPUSC Nutritional Services Administrative Assistant beginning 8/27/2021 through 9/10/2021

- Employment
  1. Victoria Parmley – NPHS Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker beginning 8/18/2021 pending criminal background check results
  2. Rebecca Cramer – NPMS Full-Time Nutritional Services Worker beginning 8/18/2021 pending criminal background check results
  3. Megan Thompson – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/18/2021 pending criminal background check results
  4. Kristine Gadacz - Afterschool Site Coordinator at Prairie View Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  5. Rhonda Kujawa - Afterschool Site Coordinator at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for the 2021-2022 school year
  6. Arvester Jackson – Custodian at NPMS beginning 8/23/2021
  
- Employment – Afterschool Program
  1. Camden Bashaw – Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by HFL Grant for 2021-2022
  2. Megan Barnhill - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  3. Gretchen Gadacz - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  4. Hope Hayes - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Prairie View Elementary paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  5. Zoe Spence - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Olive Twp. Elementary paid by HFL Grant for 2021-2022
  6. Morgan Livinghouse - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  7. Caryn Spence - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  8. Grace Spence - Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School paid by Title I Grant for 2021-2022
  
- Employment – Extra Curricular
  1. Staci Mrozinski – Prairie View Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  2. Cody Downs – NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  3. Hayley Shankland – NPHS Color Guard Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  4. Emily Rowe – NPHS Color Guard Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  5. Dustin Buchanan – NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
  6. Jessica Fleck – Olive Twp. Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
  7. Mathew Fleck – Olive Twp. Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
  8. Carin Weston – NPHS Junior Class Sponsor beginning 2021-2022 school year
  9. Brian Sparkman - NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
  10. Angela Reffo – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  
- Adjustments
  1. Heidi Nix, Rolling Prairie Elementary School Library Assistant to transfer her position to Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School effective 8/23/2021
  2. Susan Bannwart, Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant to transfer her position to Rolling Prairie Elementary School Library Assistant effective 8/23/2021

## REPORTS

- Superintendent's Report
  - Dr. White introduced Dr. Cannon, Assistant Superintendent, who presented the ILEARN NWEA Predictor & Real Score Comparisons from Spring of 2021. Dr. Cannon explained how formative assessments like NWEA are a great predictor to how students will do on ILEARN which helps drive remediation and enrichment. Dr. Cannon explained how NPUSC did in a COVID driven year which was phenomenal. She explained that we averaged 17% above state average in Math and ELA. Dr. Cannon expressed great pride in our teachers for how well they did this past year. The PLC process really helped our teachers.
  - Dr. White said that Dr. Cannon deserves a lot of credit for leading an evaluation of our math curriculum 5 years ago. Thank you to Dr. Cannon for standing firm on those conversations and working to bring us to this point with math. Dr. White stated what a blessing the PLC process is for identifying the most essential curriculum. He added, who knew it would come into such an important role in the COVID situation where we saw kids only a couple times a week for much of last year. Dr. White explained that we are putting this data in our model Professional Learning Community district application that we will be completing in the next few weeks to send off for evaluation. Dr. White said that one of the district goals is to obtain the distinction of a model PLC District.
  - Dr. White thanked Den Varnak and the Education Foundation Board for agreeing to take on helping the corporation with handling the funds for the "Learning Loss Grant" obtained by the Corporation from the State of Indiana. The grant will be distributed from the state of Indiana to NPEF per grant requirements, then distributed to NPUSC.

## ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
  - Olive Twp. Elementary received a donation of 20 backpacks and school supplies from the New Carlisle Police Department
  - NPHS FFA received a donation of \$100 from the LaPorte County Farm Bureau
- (B) The Board approved the Edmentum Contract for 2021-2022
- (C) The Board approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 0164.6 & 0167.1
- (D) The Board approved disposal of surplus property from the Nutritional Services Department
- (E) The Board approved the Teacher Evaluation Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year
- (F) The Board approved the appointment of a member to the New Prairie United School Building Corporation
- (G) The Board approved the Updated Job Descriptions:
  - High School Treasurer
  - Building Health Aide
- (H) The Board approved the Grant Administration Agreement between NPUSC & NPEF
- (I) The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between New Prairie High School and Purdue University Northwest for their Dual Credit Program

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) There were no comments from the Board regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Board Policy 3220.01

## BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. DeMeyer commented that he is very proud of the data shared by Dr. Cannon this evening.
- Mrs. Smith seconded what Mr. DeMeyer just said and thanked everyone involved in putting the data together.
- Mr. Groves also agreed with Mr. DeMeyer and Mrs. Smith.

- Mr. King reminded everyone that the next regular Board meeting will be at the Central Office on September 27, 2021.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.