

## BOARD NOTES

June 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, June 21, 2021, at New Prairie United School Corporation Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Al Williamson and Mr. Jason DeMeyer present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present. Mrs. Jill Smith was absent.

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

There was a motion by Mr. DeMeyer to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved 4-0-1.

There was a motion by Mr. Groves to suspend the regular meeting to begin the Public Hearing on ESSER 3.0 Federal Stimulus Funds and the NPUSC Back to School Plan.

- Mr. Holifield presented the ESSER II & III budget plan and proposal to the Board and community. There were no questions from the Board or the community.
- Dr. White presented to the Board and community the Back to School Plan for 2021-2022. He explained that NPUSC will be in full time, in-person attendance in the 2021-22 school year. NPUSC will not be offering a virtual option for students. COVID protocols for positive students or staff such as contact tracing or quarantine guidelines will be determined in July 2021 in partnership with the LaPorte County Health Department, with input from the New Prairie Classroom Teachers Association based on the latest developments at that time with the pandemic. There were no questions or comments from the Board or the community.

Mr. Williamson made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Board Meeting.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the following Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – May 24, 2021
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Dena True – ECA Resignation as NPMS Science Fair Coordinator effective 5/28/2021
  2. Amy Bauer – ECA Resignation as NPMS Robotics Co-Coach effective 5/26/2021
  3. Jessica Winkel – Resignation as NPMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher effective 6/6/2021
  4. Jacquelyn DeShone – ECA Resignation as NPMS Girls Asst. Soccer Coach effective 6/8/2021
  5. Lydia Carroll – Resignation as NPMS PE/Health Teacher and ECA Resignation as NPMS RTI Member effective 6/9/2021
- Employment
  1. Ashley McClintock – Olive Twp. Elementary Temporary HA/Remediation Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
  2. Tyler Miller – Prairie View Elementary Temporary Grade 5 Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
  3. Stephen Baumgartner – New Prairie High School Temporary Math Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results

4. Kathleen Hooks – New Prairie High School Social Studies Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
  5. Camille Goethals – New Prairie High School Language Arts Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
  6. Deborah Spite – New Prairie High School French Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
  7. Corbin Gall – New Prairie High School Temporary ELA Teacher beginning 7/1/2021 pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Summer School 2021
    1. David Dailey – Summer Special Education Instructor HS-MS
  - Employment – Extra-Curricular
    1. Ashley Wojtysiak – Olive Twp. Elementary Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
    2. Jen Soos – NPHS Co-Math Chair for the 2020-2021 school year
    3. Gale Gonder - NPHS Co-Math Chair for the 2020-2021 school year
    4. Ashley McClintock – NPHS Assistant Volleyball Coach beginning 2021-22 school year
    5. Jim Matz – NPHS Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
    6. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
    7. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  - Adjustments
    1. Ashley Hernandez, Art Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary, voluntary transfer to Temporary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 7/1/2021

## **CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Meredith Igaz – Resignation as NPHS Attendance Secretary effective 6/11/2021
  2. Brenda Adkins - Resignation as NPHS Administrative Secretary effective 6/14/2021
  3. Catherine Peterson – Retirement as Rolling Prairie Elementary Library Assistant effective 6/30/2021
  4. Chloe Bronner – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 6/10/2021
  5. Mike Barnes – Intermittent Medical Leave as NPUSC Maintenance Worker beginning 6/1/2021 through 5/28/2022
  6. Katie Kester – Resignation as NPUSC PiP Implementation Specialist/Social Worker at NPHS effective 6/15/2021
- Employment
  1. Kari Webber – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results beginning 8/11/2021
  2. Alana Boothe - Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results beginning 8/11/2021
  3. Zoe Spence - Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results beginning 8/11/2021
  4. Heather Hale – Rolling Prairie Elementary Title I Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results beginning 8/11/2021
  5. Gabrielle Tabler – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant pending criminal background check results beginning 8/11/2021
  6. Lindsey Cole – NPHS Attendance Secretary start date pending criminal background check results

7. Stephanie Callahan - NPUSC PiP Implementation Specialist/Social Worker at NPHS beginning 8/11/2021 pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Summer 2021
    1. Brayden Conley – NPUSC Summer IT Help beginning 5/28/2021
    2. Matthew Dettinger - NPUSC Summer IT Help beginning 5/28/2021
    3. Corbin Jonas NPUSC Summer IT Help beginning 5/28/2021
  - Employment – Extra Curricular
    1. Jason Clemons – NPMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
    2. Allen Williamson – NPHS JV Boys Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year
    3. Bill Gumm – NPHS Letter Club Sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year
    4. Casey Lapczynski – NPHS Cheer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
    5. Bruce Watson – NPHS Ladies Golf Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
  - Adjustments
    1. Heidi Nix, RPES Instructional Assistant, to change positions to Library Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 8/11/2021
    2. Courtney Martinez – NPHS Secretary/Registrar position change to NPUSC Information Management Specialist beginning 7/5/2021
    3. Laura Spearman – PVES Instructional Assistant, to change positions to NPHS Building Administrative Secretary beginning 2021-22 school year

## **REPORTS**

- Dr. White explained that we have filled most open positions filled with quality, energetic new teachers who are all excited about New Prairie's collaborative teaching culture.
- Dr. White stated that he appreciates Dr. Cannon's work arranging 2 days of training for the Interventionists' hired for the next couple of school years paid by federal money. The Interventionists' are veteran teachers stepping out of the classroom to work with students who need additional support.
- Dr. White went on the say that we will not be going to Lincolnshire, IL this year but are fortunate to have Mike Mattos coming August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to work with teachers for 2 days on the PLC process. John Eller will also be here to work with us on the new Teacher Evaluation plan. RISE will no longer be used. The new plan is more specifically connected to our Core Values with collaboration and other student learning practices. This system is more reflective of who we are and more supportive of teachers.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
  - Prairie View Elementary received the following Donations:
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade students each received a tree sapling in honor of Earth Day from Delta Beta Phi
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students each received a dictionary from the Lions Club
- (B) The Board approved the Operation Agreement with LaPorte County Career & Technical Education
- (C) The Board approved the MOU with NPCTA for ESSER Teacher Stipends
- (D) The Board approved the ESSER Classified Employee Stipends
- (E) The Board approved the ESSER Administrator and Director Stipends
- (F) The Board approved the 2021-2022 NIESC Food Service Vendors
- (G) The Board approved the NPHS Athletic Handbook
- (H) The Board approved Debt Service Payments

- (I) The Board approved the Updated Joint Agreement with the South LaPorte County Special Education Cooperative
- (J) The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Meridian Health Services
- (K) The Board approved the NPUSC Classified Employee Handbook Revisions
- (L) The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip Request
- (M) The Board approved the IXL Learning Contract
- (N) The Board approved the updated Job Descriptions

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. King gave a shout out to those who helped with graduation. It was held outside on Amzie Miller Field and went well.
- Mr. King stated that thankfully we will be returning to school with some normalcy with students returning in person, full time. It will be good to get the kids back into the classroom.
- Mr. King added that there will be a special Board Meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> to finalize the plan for back to school. The next regular Board Meeting will be July 26<sup>th</sup> in the Central Office Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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