

BOARD NOTES
October 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, October 25, 2021, at the Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Mr. Jason DeMeyer and Mrs. Jill Smith present. Dr. Carrie Cannon, Assistant Superintendent, was also present.

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

There was a motion by Mr. Groves, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

There was a motion by Mr. Williamson to suspend the regular meeting to hold the Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Contract, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer and approved 5-0.

Mr. King asked the audience for any discussion regarding the Superintendent's Contract of which there were no comments.

Mr. Groves made the motion to return to the regular meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – September 27, 2021 & October 1, 2021
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirements:

1. Tim Flanagan – FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary Counselor beginning approx. 10/27/2021 through 11/10/2021
2. Megan Papp – FMLA Leave as NPHS Counselor beginning approx. 1/4/2022 through 3/29/2022
3. Erin White – ECA Resignation as NPHS Language Arts Dept. Chair
4. Camille Goethals – Resignation as NPHS Language Arts Teacher effective 10/31/2021
5. Aislin Zwierzynski – FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary 4th Grade Teacher beginning 11/29/2021 through 2/20/2022
6. Erin White – Resignation as NPHS ELA Teacher effective 11/5/2021

▪ Employment:

▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular:

1. Sharon Bashaw – Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
2. Lauren Dyer - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
3. Sandra Ernst - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
4. Timothy Flanagan - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022

5. Wendy Hemphill - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 6. LeAnn Pease - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team beginning 2021-2022
 7. Mary Ward - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 8. Amy Schilla - Prairie View Elementary School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 9. Brienne Childs – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 10. Sara Harmon – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 11. Jennifer Hite – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 12. Adrienne Hurt – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 13. Ron McVay – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 14. Kristina Pentelow – New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 15. Dylan Simon - New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 16. Maria Sobecki - New Prairie Middle School PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2021-2022
 17. Kortney Brennan – NPHS English Dept. Chair beginning 2021-2022 school year
- Employment - Afterschool Program:
 1. Jennifer Smith – NPMS Afterschool Program ELA Tutor for the 2021-2022 school year
 - Adjustments:

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- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements:
 1. Laurie Jacobson – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Director effective 12/31/2021
 2. Donna Mills – FMLA Leave as Olive Twp. Elementary Lead Custodian beginning 10/7/2021 through 11/17/2021
 3. Lisa Deutscher – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Superintendent's Administrative Assistant beginning 10/29/2021 through 11/12/2021
 4. Diane Molnar – FMLA Leave as Bus Driver beginning 9/8/2021 through 11/8/2021
 5. Brian Sparkman – Resignation as NPMS Asst. Football Coach effective 10/13/2021
 6. Lori Miller – Retirement as NPUSC Bus Driver effective 1/10/2022
- Employment:
 1. Hayley Shankland – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Title I Instructional Assistant beginning 10/4/2021
 2. Sarah Walenga - Rolling Prairie Elementary School Title I Instructional Assistant beginning 10/11/2021
- Employment – Extra-Curricular:
 1. Shari Rose – NPHS Senior Class Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year

2. Mike Nelson – Rolling Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
 3. Erica Schascheck – NPMS Co-Dance Team Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
 4. Kasey Bates – NPMS Co-Dance Team Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
 5. Clem Litka – NPHS Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year
 6. Andrew Morris – NPHS Marching Band Percussion Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Afterschool Program:
 - Adjustments:
 1. Kenneth Shipley position change from 1/3 Football Freshman Coach to Full JV Football Coach

REPORTS

- Dr. Cannon wished Dr. White and his wife a safe, well-deserved vacation.
- Dr. Cannon recognized the Football Team who won their sectional game against Plymouth last Friday night and will be traveling to Culver this Friday night. She added that the Girls Volleyball Team fell short in their well fought final match against West Lafayette. They are a strong team looking forward to next year. NPUSC hosted the Cross-Country Semi-State this past Saturday. Dr. Cannon explained that she received some complimentary calls expressing gratitude for such a well-run event. Dr. Cannon added that NPHS student, Lillian Zelasko, is going on to State competition for the second year in a row. This year the team will get to join Miss. Zelasko to cheer her on as they did not get to join her last year due to COVID.
- Dr. Cannon stated that the Board Retreat was such a great way to collaborate on Goals for the district adding that not all school corporations are lucky enough to have such wonderful collaboration that NP does. Dr. Cannon listed the PLC Smart Goals stemming from the Retreat: RTI system for K-12 students, NPUSC students will improve writing applications, and by May 2022, NPUSC will create a phase one grading policy that will prioritize best practices in grading.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following Donations:
 - Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of six pairs of headphones from the Ladies AmVets Post 911
 - NPHS HOSA received a donation of \$1,000 from Unity Foundation of LaPorte County in honor of NPHS Teacher, Tonya Aerts, who earned one out of 79 teachers across the USA 2021-2022 PLTW Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award
 - Prairie View Elementary received a donation of \$298 from the Vineyard Church of Mishawaka for student needs
- (B) The Board approved the Agreement with the Midwest Area School Employees Insurance Trust for 2022
- (C) The Board approved the Emergency Expenditure for NPHS Main Gym Lighting
- (D) The Board approved the DOD STARBASE Program Partnership Agreement

- (E) The Board approved the Solution Tree, Inc. Purchase Agreement for Onsite PD
- (F) The Board approved the NIESC Director of Food Service Agreement
- (G) The Board approved the Digital Scoreboard Purchase for the NPHS Natatorium
- (H) The Board approved the Revised Grant Agreement between NPUSC and the NPUSC Education Foundation
- (I) The Board approved the MOU between NPUSC and Bethel University for the Student Teacher Candidate Program

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) The Board had their first reading of Board Policy Special Updates & Vol.33 No. 2: 0112, 1220, 1422.02, 1422, 1623, 1662, 2240, 2260.01, 2260, 2266, 3120, 3122.02, 3122, 3123, 3362, 4120, 4122, 4123, 4362, 4430, 5111, 5410, 5517, 6250, 7440.01, 7450, 7455, 7530.02, 8500, 8510, 8606. The Board had no discussion on these updated Board policies.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Groves stated that it is a pleasure working with everyone here at New Prairie.
- Mrs. Smith congratulated the fall teams for their hard work. It has been a great year so far.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn the meeting.