

BOARD NOTES
August 29, 2022

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, August 29, 2022, at NPUSC Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mr. Al Williamson, 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 Mr. Groves, seconded by Mr. Williamson and approved 5-0.

On a motion by Mr. DeMeyer, the regular meeting was suspended to hold the annual Budget Hearing.

BUDGET HEARING

Tim Scott, Director of Finance, introduced Mr. Brandon Penrod of Equitable Education Solutions, LLC who explained the Budget Timeline to the Board then presented the proposed 2023 Budget Appropriations as follows:

- Educational Fund - \$21,700,000
- Debt Service - \$ 6,206,936
- Referendum Debt Service \$ 1,758,000
- Operations Fund \$10,003,085
- Rainy Day - \$ 1,000,000

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

On a motion by Mr. DeMeyer the Budget Hearing ended and the regular meeting was reconvened.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – July 25, 2022, August 8, 2022
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Tara Curless – ECA Resignation as NPMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach effective 2022-2023 school year
 2. Amanda Davis – Resignation as NPHS ELA Teacher effective 9/2/2022
 3. Dena True – Intermittent FMLA Leave as MS 8th Grade Science Teacher beginning 7/26/2022 – 8/16/2022
 4. Neil Hackett – ECA Resignation as NPHS Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach effective 2022-2023 school year
 5. Janelle Hembree – FMLA Leave as 1st Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 1/28/2023 through 4/17/2023
 6. Sandra Ernst – ECA Resignation as Student Council Sponsor at Prairie View Elementary effective 2022-2023 school year
 7. Rachel Chelminiak – ECA Resignation as a Leadership Team Member at Olive Twp. Elementary effective 2022-2023 school year
- Employment
 1. Erin White – NPHS ELA Teacher pending criminal background check results

- Employment – Afterschool Program
 1. Megan Horvath – RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 2. Dedrae Smiley - RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 3. Linda Surma - RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 4. Julie Kirkham - RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 5. Jarret Spence - RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 6. Cheryl Karczewski - RPES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 7. Tim Flanagan – PVES Afterschool Nutrition Instructor Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 8. Tim Flanagan – PVES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 9. Lisa Pietrzak - PVES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 10. Amy Schilla - PVES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 11. Sandra Ernst - PVES Afterschool Teacher Pd by Title I for 2022-2023
 12. Jacquelyn DeShone – OTES Afterschool Site Coordinator pd by HFL for 2022-23
 13. Renee Mischak – OTES Afterschool Teacher Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 14. Mark McBride - OTES Afterschool Teacher Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 15. Tina Stombaugh - OTES Afterschool Teacher Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 16. Lizzy Schmitt - OTES Afterschool Teacher Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 17. Tammy Moore - OTES Afterschool Teacher Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023
 18. Dylan Simon – NPMS Afterschool Social Studies Tutor pd by HFL for 2022-23
 19. Andrew Maez - NPMS Afterschool Social Studies Tutor pd by HFL for 2022-23
 20. Shannon McBride - NPMS Afterschool ELA Tutor pd by HFL for 2022-23
 21. Joseph Hurt - NPMS Afterschool Math Tutor pd by HFL for 2022-23
- Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duties
 1. Maria Sobecki – NPMS Mentor Teacher (2 Years) beginning 2022-2023 school year
 2. Jennifer Hite – NPMS Mentor Teacher (1 Year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 3. Andrew Maez – NPMS Mentor Teacher (1 Year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 4. Jenn Smith – NPMS Mentor Teacher (1 year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 5. Shannon McBride – NPMS Mentor Teacher (1 year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 6. Ashley Wojtysiak – Olive Twp. Elementary Mentor Teacher (1Year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 7. Rachel Ralston – Olive Twp. Elementary Mentor Teacher (1Year) for the 2022-2023 school year
 8. Lizzy Schmitt – Olive Twp. PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2022-2023 school year
 9. Todd Dermody – NPMS CTE Department Chair beginning 2022-2023 school year
 10. Todd Dermody – NPMS PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 2022-2023 school year
 11. David Dailey – NPMS Asst. Cross Country Boys Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 12. Dylan Simon – NPMS Academic Super Bowl – Language Arts Sponsor beginning 2022-2023 school year
 13. Dylan Simon – NPMS 1/3 Lunchroom Supervisor beginning 2022-2023 school year
 14. Lori Rose – NPMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach beginning 2022-2023 school year
 15. Jon Schroeder – NPMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach beginning 2022-2023 school year
 16. Corbin Gall – NPMS 1/3 Lunchroom Supervisor beginning 2022-2023 school year
 17. Kristen Kleist – RPES School PL 221 Co-Chair beginning 2022-2023 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Ashley Wojtysiak to receive a stipend for the 2022 Summer Swim Program at NPMS paid by the HFL Grant.

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Traci Rykhuis – Resignation as NPMS Building Kitchen Manager effective 8/22/2022

2. Brenda Gorny – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Bus Driver beginning 6/1/2022 through 8/29/2022

▪ Employment

1. Desiree Freeman – Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/11/2022
2. Jacob Pinter - Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/22/2022
3. Brianna Borkowski – NPHS Custodian beginning 8/15/2022
4. Danita Martinez – Rolling Prairie Elementary Building Secretary/Treasurer pending criminal background check results
5. Marni Clark – Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian beginning 8/24/2022
6. Jamie Lau – NPUSC Bus Aide pending criminal background check results
7. Angelique King - NPUSC Bus Aide beginning 2022-2023 school year
8. Jason Clemons – NPHS Adjunct Business Teacher start date pending criminal background check results
9. Kate Wilson – Olive Twp. Instructional Assistant start date pending criminal background check results
10. Theresa Chambers – NPMS Full-Time Nutritional Service Worker pending criminal background check results
11. Crystal Krueger – NPUSC ½ Time Nutritional Service Worker pending criminal background check results
12. Ashley Moore – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Full-Time Nutritional Service Worker pending criminal background check results
13. Gidget Griffin – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/30/2022

▪ Employment – Afterschool Program

1. Christal Jonas – RPES Afterschool Fitness Instructor, stipend pad by HFL Grant for 2022-23
2. Sarah Walenga – RPES Afterschool Site Coordinator pd by Title I for 2022-23
3. Heather Hale – RPES Afterschool Instructional Assistant pd by Title I for 2022-23
4. Morgan Livinghouse – RPES Afterschool Instructional Assistant pd by Title I for 2022-23
5. Kristine Gadacz – PVES Afterschool Site Coordinator pd by Title I for 2022-23
6. Amy Talboom – PVES Afterschool Fitness Instructor pd by HFL Grant for 2022-23
7. Tyler Stanley – PVES Afterschool Instructional Assistant pd by Title I for 2022-23
8. Zoe Spence - OTES Afterschool Instructional Asst. Pd by HFL Grant for 2022-2023

▪ Employment – Extra Curricular

1. Rachel Deutscher – NPMS Assistant 7/8th grade Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
2. Robert Smith – Rolling Prairie Elementary Cross-Country Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
3. Kristina Emerick – Prairie View Elementary Cross-County Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
4. Kristina Emerick – Prairie View Elementary 5th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
5. Angela Reffo – Olive Twp. Elementary 5th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
6. Angela Reffo – Olive Twp. Elementary 5th Grade Cross Country Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
7. Dr. A. Bruce Watson – New Prairie High School Girls Varsity Head Golf Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
8. Andrew Morris – NPHS Percussion Instructor for the 2022-2023 school year
9. Emily Rowe – NPHS Color Guard Co-Director for the 2022-2023 school year
10. Hayley Shankland - NPHS Color Guard Co-Director for the 2022-2023 school year

- Adjustments
 1. Alicia Deutscher to transfer from Prairie View Elementary Kitchen Manager to NPMS Kitchen Manager effective 9/6/2022.
 2. April Manley to transfer from Prairie View Nutritional Services worker to NPMS Food Service Crew Leader effective 9/6/2022.
 3. Julie Abbott to transfer from NPMS Nutritional Services Crew Leader to Prairie View Elementary School Nutritional Services Crew Leader effective 9/6/2022.
 4. Melissa Whitaker to transfer from Rolling Prairie Nutritional Services Kitchen Manager to Prairie View Elementary Nutritional Services Kitchen Manager effective 9/6/2022.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White thanked the new administrative team here at the Central Office and the new and current blended administrative team in the schools for working hard together for a great start to the new school year. Dr. White also thanked the new and returning staff for their hard work as well. With appreciation he expressed that everyone did a great job.

ACTION ITEMS

(A) The Board accepted the following Donations:

- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received the following donations:
 - a donation of school supplies from Sons of the American Legion of New Carlisle
 - a donation of school supplies from GAF Materials of Michigan City
 - a donation of school supplies from Hamilton Grove, New Carlisle
- NPHS HOSA Team received the following donations:
 - \$500 from Gavilon
 - \$600 from LaPorte County Agricultural Association

Mr. King introduced Ms. Heather Oake of the Moms for Liberty of LaPorte County who wished to share that their organization would love ideas for donations that they would like to make to New Prairie Schools. The Board thanked Ms. Oake for the offer and will definitely respond to them with NPUSC needs.

- (B) The Board approved the Articulation Agreement between New Prairie High School and Purdue University Northwest for Chemistry Dual Credit
- (C) The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Indiana University on Behalf of The Advance College Project (ACP) and NPUSC for Dual Credit
- (D) The Board approved the Closure of New Prairie High School Grade 9 to Transfer Students for the 2022-2023 School Year

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) There were no questions or comments from the Board regarding the 1st reading of Board Policy 5540

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mrs. Smith commented that the new school year is off to a great start. She went on to thank the staff for all their efforts.
- Mr. DeMeyer stated that he is proud of our staff for the wonderful start to the new school year and looks forward to hearing all the success stories that New Prairie will have.
- Mr. King stated that the next Board meeting will be at Prairie View Elementary School on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Prairie View will have their Instructional Presentation that evening for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.