

Board Notes
November 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, November 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at New Prairie High School in the Auditorium 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. DeMeyer to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and approved 5-0.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. J.R. Shelt, Principal at New Prairie High School, presented a video on the daily life at New Prairie High School highlighting PLC and Cougar Pride. Mr. Shelt thanked his administration and staff for all they do to make NP great!

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –October 24, 2022
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

The Board approved the Personnel Report as follows:

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Wendi Hemphill – FMLA Intermittent Leave as Prairie View Elementary Title I Teacher beginning 8/24/2022 through 5/31/2023
 2. Kortney Brennan – ECA Resignation as Drama Club Sponsor effective 6/30/2023
 3. Mary Olind – FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher beginning 3/1/2023 through 5/31/2023
- Employment – Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular
 1. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 2. Mark McBride – Olive Twp. Elementary Student Council Sponsor beginning 2022-2023 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Robyn Kubsch to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with the 3-E Grant.
 2. Ashley McClintock to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work as High Ability Coordinator from the High Ability Grant.
 3. Barbara Papai to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work as High Ability Coordinator from the High Ability Grant.
 4. Janelle Hembree to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with “Girl’s on the Run” at Olive Twp. Elementary this past fall.
 5. Jennifer Younggreen to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with “Girl’s on the Run” at Olive Twp. Elementary this past fall.
 6. Kristen Kleist to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with “Girl’s on the Run” at Rolling Prairie Elementary School this past fall.
 7. Megan Horvath to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with “Girl’s on the Run” at Rolling Prairie Elementary School this past fall.
 8. Lisa Smiertelney to receive a stipend of \$500 for her work with “Girl’s on the Run” at Rolling Prairie Elementary School this past fall.

NON-CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Kathy Zielke – FMLA Intermittent Leave as NPUSC Corporation Nurse beginning 10/1/2022 through 2/28/2023
 2. Chloe VanOverberghe – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 10/24/2022
 3. Brittany Hartsock – Resignation as NPUSC Bus Aide effective 10/4/2022
 4. Courtney Martinez – NPUSC Information Management Specialist effective 11/25/2022
 5. Anne Spahn – Resignation as NPHS Athletic Secretary effective 12/2/2022
 6. Lisa Deutscher – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees beginning 12/16/2022 through 1/2/2023
 7. Breanna Moore – Termination as Rolling Prairie Elementary Nutritional Services Worker effective 10/31/2022
 8. Renee Davison – Resignation as NPHS Part-Time Food Service Worker effective 12/20/2022
- Employment
 1. Samantha Hackett – NPHS Attendance Secretary beginning 10/31/2022
 2. Kasilynn Lloyd – NPHS Full-Time Nutritional Service Worker beginning 10/23/2022
 3. Drew Weiler – NPMS Full-Time Nutritional Service Worker beginning 11/14/2022
 4. Katie Ring – NPUSC School Bus Driver – HS/MS Single Route beginning 11/21/2022
 5. Erica Durk – Rolling Prairie Elementary Part-Time Nutritional Service Worker beginning 11/15/2022
 6. Izik Rykhus – Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian beginning 10/23/2022
- Employment – Afterschool
 1. Hailey Hesch – Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Sean Brennan – NPHS Freshman Boys Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 2. Hayley Shankland – Rolling Prairie Elementary Athletic Site Supervisor for the 2022-2023 school year
 3. Johnny Lopez – NPMS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2022-2023 school year

REPORTS

- Dr. White exclaimed that the video presented by Mr. Shelt was outstanding. It was exciting to see the multitude of things to be proud of that the high school has to offer. Dr. White congratulated the football team for their exciting victory in Kokomo on Friday and the trip to state finals coming up on the 25th. Dr. White stated that he is looking forward to going to Indianapolis to support the team this Friday. Dr. White went on that the PLC process that was highlighted at the beginning of the video has become more streamlined. The PLC process was started by Mrs. Jen Sass four years ago and continues with Mr. Shelt and Mrs. Kubsch. Dr. White gave special thanks to all New Prairie staff for all their hard work as there is a lot to be proud of.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following Donations:
- NPHS Robotics Team received a “2022 Power for Good Community Grant” in the amount of \$2,464 from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte

- NPHS Theatre Company received the following donations for the upcoming production of Willy Wonka, Jr.:
 - 6 Reels from Carris Reels
 - Cardboard from Akers Packaging Service Group
 - 4 Gift Baskets from South Bend Chocolate Company
 - 4 Grift Cards from Albanese Candy Factory
- NPMS receive a \$50 donation from Josephine Carroll for “Make a Difference Day”
- North Central Community Action Group led by Becky Knoll donated the time of 10 people who helped complete vision screenings at all elementary schools and the middle school
- Eye Care Associates Dr. Linnea Robbins-Winters and Dr. Kristina Offerle donated their time to complete the state mandated vision screenings of the first graders at all NPUSC elementary schools
- Purdue Northwest student nurses and their professor donated their time to complete the required screenings of all first, fourth, seventh and tenth graders
- Prairie View Elementary receive the following donations:
 - a box of socks, underwear, sweatpants of multiple sizes for students in need from the New Carlisle American Legion Auxiliary Post 297
 - a roll of paper and several children’s book from Gail Cavinder
- NPHS received a donation of 4 boxes of candy for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event
- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a donation of school supplies and \$100 cash from the employees of Alkegen (formerly Unifrax) of New Carlisle
**Correction from October 24th Board Meeting Donations: D.A.Dodd was reported as donating \$1,500 to Rolling Prairie Elementary which was supposed to be \$1,200 to support STEM Day for students K-5*
- (B) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests
- (C) The Board approved the Nursing Student Receptor Agreement between New Prairie United School Corporation and Purdue University, West Lafayette on behalf of Purdue University Northwest, Hammond Campus and Westville Campus, IN
- (D) The Board appointed Mindie Colanese to the New Carlisle-Olive Twp. Library Board Trustee

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Williamson thanked the staff at the high school and Mr. Shelt for the presentation that was well done. There is a lot of excitement in the community right now but let’s not forget why we are here, education is number one. Our fall athletes have been having a very successful year which is a part of what New Prairie does. Mr. Williamson concluded by wishing luck to the Football Team at the state competition on Friday afternoon.
- Mr. DeMeyer thanked the high school for their presentation and wished the football team the best of luck this weekend.

- Mrs. Smith thanked the staff for the presentation as it is exciting to see what is happening here at New Prairie High School. Hearing positive comments from students and staff is great. In addition to congratulating the football team, Mrs. Smith congratulated Lillian Zelasko who won 3rd in the State of Indiana for Cross Country.
- Mr. King mentioned that Mr. DeMeyer was voted back on to the Board of Trustees and Mr. Rich Gadacz was voted to take Mr. Williamson's seat beginning in January. Mr. Williamson chose not to run again and is retiring from the Board after 20 years. Mr. King thanked the high school for their presentation this evening. Mr. King announced that there will be a reception to honor Mr. Williamson at the high school in the Cafeteria Annex beginning at 4:30 p.m. on December 19th. Following Mr. Williamson's reception, beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be the regular Board Meeting at New Prairie Middle School in the LGI Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.