

Board Notes
January 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at Rolling Prairie Elementary School in Room 141 with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Dale Groves was absent.

Mr. King recognized and welcomed Scout Troop 664 and 6644 present tonight to earn their Citizenship and community merit badges. Mr. King asked the scouts to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 4-0-1.

JOINT HEARING ON PROJECTS AND ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Mr. King suspended the Regular Meeting and announced the Joint Hearing on Projects and on additional appropriations.

- (A) Discussion of Projects and Financial Impact
 - Dr. Paul White provided an overview of a collection of projects that have been identified throughout the corporation.
 - Dr. White introduced Tyler Loefflerholz, Director, from Baker Tilly US. LLP, Financial Consultants who gave a financial presentation on NPUSC existing debt service/lease rental payments & General Obligation Bonds along with a summary of illustrative financing.
- (B) Public Comment and Questions
 - Mr. King announced that the Board will listen to the public comments and answer any questions. There were no comments or questions posed to the Board from the public.
- (C) Board Discussion
 - Mr. King asked if the Board had any discussion on the proposed projects. The Board was satisfied with what they have studied and heard.

The Joint Hearing concluded and was adjourned. The Regular Meeting was resumed.

INSTRUCTIONAL PRESENTATION

- Mr. King introduced Dr. Moore and staff of Rolling Prairie Elementary.
- Dr. Moore introduced her staff present who shared the wonderful things happening at Rolling Prairie Elementary School: Mrs. Tia Kolasa, Social Worker; Mrs. Melanie Cloonan, 2nd Grade Teacher, Mrs. Krissy Surma, Kindergarten Teacher; Mrs. Kristen Kleist, 3rd Grade Teacher; Mrs. Melissa Kuczanski, Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Lisa Smiertelny, RTI Interventionist. Each staff member gave a very informative presentation on Rolling Prairie Elementary School's focus on Culture & Collaboration. Data was presented that shows that Rolling Prairie students are showing academic growth in ELA, Math and Reading. Dr. Moore concluded saying that they support and encourage each other every day focusing on the positive. They are a team and a family at Rolling Prairie Elementary School.
- Dr. White exclaimed that he has seen so much more excitement and positive life that has come into the school. A good school has become even better in terms of being on fire with students. It has been noticed that the number of disciplinary referrals has substantially been reduced as a result of all that is happening. Mrs. Sass and I are excited to see the academic data progress. We commend and thank Dr. Moore and staff for what has been done and for what you are doing for students.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – December 19, 2022, January 9, 2023
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. David McGhee – ECA Resignation as NPHS Robotics Assistant Coach effective 1/6/2023
- Employment
 1. Alissa Mathews – Prairie View Elementary School Temporary 1st Grade Teacher beginning 3/1/2023 through 5/31/2023
- Employment – Extra-Curricular & Afterschool
 1. Ashley McClintock – Afterschool Olive Tiger Time Substitute Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year paid from HFL Grant
- Adjustments
 1. Scott Soos, NPHS Business Teacher, to voluntarily transfer positions to NPHS PE Teacher effective 1/23/2023

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Marguerite Kieszowski – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Health Aide effective February 3, 2023
 2. Angela Lenig – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Health Aide effective 2/10/2023
- Employment
 1. Ashlyn Masters – Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary School beginning 1/9/2023
 2. Grace Spence – Instruction Assistant at Olive Twp. Elementary School beginning 1/5/2023
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Angela Reffo – Olive Twp. Elementary 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 2. Summer Euler – NPMS 6th Grade Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 3. Jacob Pinter – NPMS Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
 4. Thomas Newgent Jr. - NPMS Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
- Adjustments
 1. Kathy Zielke, Corporation Director of Health Services, adjusted final work day is January 20, 2023.
 2. Kathy Zielke, following her retirement date of January 20, 2023 , is to be paid a sub RN rate of \$30 per hour anytime she is substituting in the NPUSC Health Services.
 3. Izic Rykus, Rolling Prairie Elementary Custodian, to voluntarily move to New Prairie High School as custodian beginning 1/4/2023.
 4. John Mathews, New Prairie High School Custodian, to voluntarily move to Olive Twp. Elementary as custodian beginning 1/10/2023.
 5. Melinda Henke, Prairie View Elementary Attendance Secretary, to voluntarily transfer positions to Prairie View Elementary Health Aide effective 2/13/2023

REPORTS

- Dr. White stated that Dr. Moore and her staff gave a fantastic presentation. It is a good indication of the kind of incredible work being done at all 5 five schools. The combination of academic development, focus on improving CORE academic skills, and a culture and a climate makes kids excited to come to school. Dr. White concluded that the district newsletter that will be sent home soon will highlight some of the exciting things happening in all our schools.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted Donations:
- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a donation of 15, \$50 Walmart Gift Cards for use by the school nurse for emergency clothing and nurse supplies from the Rolling Prairie Business and Community Association, the Rolling Prairie Conservation Club, the Saugany Lake Conservation Club and numerous individuals
 - NPUSC received a donation of cases of cleaning supplies from Lowes of Michigan City
 - Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of 10, \$50 Walmart Gift Cards to fund special needs and supplies from the Rolling Prairie Business and Community Association, the Rolling Prairie Conservation Club, the Saugany Lake Conservation Club and numerous individuals
- (B) The Board accepted Conflict of Interest Statements for:
- Jason DeMeyer
 - Ashley Williamson
 - Mindie Colanese
 - Rich Gadacz
- (C) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests:
- NPHS & NPMS HOSA Teams to attend HOSA State Competition in Indianapolis, IN, April 10th through 12th, 2023
 - NPHS HOSA Team to attend HOSA International Competition in Dallas, TX, June 20th through 25th, 2023
- (D) The Board approved Old Checks to be Voided
- (E) The Board approved the NPUSC School Days Calendar for 2023-2024
- (F) The Board approved the NPHS Curriculum Guide for 2023-2024
- (G) The Board adopted the 1028 Project Resolution
- (H) The Board adopted the Additional Appropriation Resolution
- (I) The Board adopted the Bond Resolution
- (J) The Board approved the New Prairie Little League Agreement for 2023

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mrs. Smith thanked the scouts for attending the meeting and for their service to their community and thank you to Dr. Moore and her staff for the wonderful presentation this evening.
- Mr. DeMeyer thanked the scouts and congratulated them. Mr. DeMeyer also stated that as a parent of students attending Rolling Prairie Elementary, and as a Board Member when speaking on culture the staff here at Rolling Prairie are doing a great job.
- Mr. Gadacz stated that Dr. Moore and her staff did a great job with their presentation tonight. He also thanked the scouts for attending the meeting this evening.
- Mr. King also thanked Dr. Moore and staff for their presentation. Mr. King concluded by stating the next regular Board Meeting is February 27, 2023, in the Central Office Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.