

**Board Notes**  
March 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Dale Groves, Mrs. Jill Smith and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Jason DeMeyer was absent.

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

There was a motion by Mrs. Smith to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Groves and approved 4-0-1.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –February 27, 2023
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Blake Holman – Resignation as NPHS Library Media Specialist effective 3/31/2023
  2. Lexi Wagner – Resignation as NPMS Temporary 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher effective 3/10/2023
  3. Sara Smoroske – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher effective 6/30/2023
  4. Erin White – FMLA Leave as NPHS ELA Teacher beginning 2/22/2023 through 3/14/2023
  5. Jennifer Younggreen – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher effective 6/30/2023
- Employment
  1. Juan Carlos Alvarez Gomez – NPHS Temporary Grant Funded Advanced Manufacturing Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background check results
  2. Katlyn Lewandowski – NPMS Temporary Math Interventionist on a 1-year contract for the 2023-2024 school year
- Employment – Co. & Extra-Curricular & Afterschool
  1. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS Leadership Team Member for the 2022-2023 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Kate VanPelt, current NPMS Interventionist to voluntarily transfer positions to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher effective 2/6/2023
  2. New Prairie High School Teachers Tutoring after school to receive a stipend of \$25 an hour through the Remediation Grant for the rest of the school year:
    - Erica White
    - Erin White
    - Neil Hackett
    - Kasey Leake
    - Holly Reichard
    - Nicole Chase
    - Terence Clines
    - Arlene Zarate

- Leslie Zech
- Angie Medors
- Chrystal Wilkinson
- Kristen Barden

## **CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
  1. Isaac Neuhold – Resignation as Nutritional Services Team Leader at Prairie View Elementary effective 2/28/2023
  2. Tess Piotrowski – Resignation as NPMS Building Athletics/Guidance Administrative Secretary effective 3/23/2023
  3. Jane Bealor – Intermittent FMLA Leave as Prairie View Elementary Building Secretary Treasurer beginning 3/10/2023 through 3/10/2024
- Employment
  1. Jack Mayo – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 3/6/2023
  2. Emily Kampf – NPUSC Building Tech beginning 3/10/2023
- Employment – Co. & Extra-Curricular, Afterschool, and Summer 2023
  1. Phil Oudhuis – Rolling Prairie Elementary **Co**-Head Wrestling Coach for the 2022-23 school year
  2. Jacob Pinter – Afterschool Instructional Assistant at Olive Twp. Elementary for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year
  3. Gretchen Gadacz – Afterschool Instructional Asst. at Prairie View Elementary paid by Title I for the remainder of the 22-23 school year
  4. Alexis Lichtenbarger – NPHS Assistant Girls Track Coach for the 2022-2023 school year
  5. Jared Emmons – NPHS Head Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
  6. Gabriel Groves – NPUSC Summer 2023 Custodial Worker
- Adjustments
  1. Brian Magers, Rolling Prairie Elementary Full Head Wrestling Coach approved 2/27/23 will be splitting his coaching stipend as **Co**- Head Wrestling Coach with **Co**-Head Wrestling Coach Phil Oudhuis for the 2022-2023 school year.
  2. Starting Bus Driver pay to increase to \$19.00 per hour. This increase will affect four (4) current drivers to be reflected on the April 14<sup>th</sup> payroll.
  3. Starting Instructional Assistant pay to increase \$2.00 from \$11 to \$13 per hour. This increase will begin 7/1/2023.
  4. Qualified Instructional Assistants will receive a \$600 stipend in April.
  5. Richelle Kmak to receive a stipend of \$200 for her work in planning a McKinney-Vento event in March paid out of the McKinney-Vento grant.

## **REPORTS**

- Dr. White did not have a report this evening.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations:
- Heston Hills gave New Prairie Athletic Department a reduced rate for the site fee and a discount on food items, for a total of \$1450, for the Blue & Gold Gala held on Saturday, March 18, 2023
  - Rolling Prairie Elementary received the following:
    - A new child's bicycle for a student in need from Mike & Crystal Lewis
    - Various coats and winter gear from Ms. Crawford
  - NPHS HOSA received the following donations

- \$1,695 from Goodman Plumbing
  - \$600 from the Long family
  - Prairie View Elementary received a donation of items for the PV Health Clinic from Delta Theta Tau
- (B) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests
  - NPHS Baseball Team to Kokomo, IN, 4/7-8/2023
  - NPHS FFA to State Convention in Lafayette, IN 6/19-22/2023
  - NPHS FFA to National Convention in Indianapolis, IN 11/1-4/2023
- (C) The Board approved Conflict of Interest Forms
- (D) The Board approved the Closure of Grade 12 to Transfer Students for the 2023-24 school year
- (E) The Board tabled the 2023 Bus Replacement Recommendation
- (F) The Board approved the updated 2023 Summer School Schedule
- (G) The Board approved the purchase of a Replacement Truck for New Prairie Building Trades
- (H) The Board approved the purchase of a Replacement Truck and Trailer for the New Prairie Maintenance Dept.
- (I) The Board approved the Replacement of the New Prairie High School Track

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. King stated that the next regular meeting is April 24, 2023 here at the Central Office.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.