

## Board Notes

June 14, 2023

The special meeting of the School Board was held Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m., at the Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, and Mrs. Jill Smith present. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz were absent.

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

There was a motion by Mr. DeMeyer to amend the Agenda moving the Consent Items to follow the Action Items, seconded by Mrs. Smith and approved 3-0-2.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved Prairie View Elementary School Principal, Mr. Kristopher Staats
- Dr. White congratulated Mr. Staats and family and welcomed him to his new role. Dr. White stated that Mr. Staats has worked very hard for the last 2 years as Assistant Principal at New Prairie Middle School as well as he previously worked at LaPorte High School as Assistant Principal thus bringing a wealth of administrative experience to his new role as Principal at Prairie View Elementary. Dr. White concluded by congratulating Mr. Staats and stated that he looks forward to Mr. Staats continuing his great work at Prairie View Elementary School.
  - Mr. Staats thanked Dr. White and the Board. He stated that he and his wife feel coming to New Prairie two years ago has been the best thing for them both personally and professionally. Mr. Staats thanked Mrs. Jill Smith, Board Secretary, for all her hard work and help filling in for the open secretary positions at the Middle School. He has never seen a Board member step up and fill in where needed in a school corporation. Mr. Staats also thanked Mr. Holmquest for bringing him into the corporation and mentoring him for the past two years. He thanked his wife for being with him for the ups and downs. Mr. Staats concluded by thanking everyone involved for this opportunity as he is ready to get started.
- (B) The Board approved Updated Job Descriptions:
- NPHS Asst. Principal for College & Career Readiness
  - NPHS Nutritional Services Manager
- (C) The Board approved Student Handbook Addition for Saturday School/Extended After School Detention
- (D) The Board approved the updated AUP for Technology Usage

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- (A) Personnel Report

#### **CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment
  1. Gabriel Chavez – NPHS Social Studies Teacher beginning 7/1/2023
  2. George Arndt - NPMS/HS Alternative Education Teacher, Temp. 1-year contract, grant funded position for the 2023-2024 school year
  3. Brett Parks – NPHS 1 Yr. Temporary ELA Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year
  4. Anthony Renwand – NPHS ELA Teacher beginning 7/1/2023 pending criminal background check results

5. Katherine Ott – NPHS Business CTE Teacher beginning 7/1/2023 pending criminal background check results

▪ Adjustments

1. Catherine Saylor, current 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to voluntarily transfer positions to Olive Twp./Prairie View Elementary School Art Teacher beginning 7/1/2023
2. Robyn Kubsch, current Asst. Principal at NPHS, to involuntarily transfer to NPHS Asst. Principal of College and Career Readiness effective 7/1/2023.

**CLASSIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
- Employment
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

**REPORTS**

(A) Superintendents Report

- Dr. White introduced and welcomed Mrs. Katherine Ott and her family to New Prairie. He stated that she will be teaching Business classes at the High School next year. Mrs. Ott is drawn to the culture that we are building in this school system. She has a deep background in both business and marketing aspects. We appreciate that she is here this morning. Mrs. Ott introduced her family and stated that she is thrilled to be here at New Prairie. Dr. White appreciates her willingness to be here to work with us this coming school year.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. DeMeyer congratulated Mr. Staats and Mrs. Ott. He also thanked Mr. Holmquest for his leadership and mentorship of New Prairie's top leaders.
- Mr. King concurred with Mr. DeMeyer as we now have 2 top building leaders mentored by Mr. Holmquest's leadership and stating that he is much appreciated for that.
- Mr. King finished up with the next Board meeting being held at the High School, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm where we will be celebrating some New Prairie State Champions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.