

Board Notes

July 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, July 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Dale Groves 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 Mr. Groves to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Gadacz and approved 4-0-1.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes –June 26, 2023
- (B) Claims
- (C) Payroll
- (D) Financial Reports
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Robyn Kubsch – ECA Resignation as NPHS National Honor Society Sponsor effective 6/30/2023
 2. Frank Hobart – Retirement as PLTW Engineering Teacher, Robotics Sponsor, NPHS Mentor Teacher and NPHS Assistant Football Coach effective 7/10/2023.
 3. Adam Tenbarge – Resignation as New Prairie High School Asst. Principal effective 7/17/2023
- Employment
 1. Casey Martin – New Prairie High School Assistant Principal beginning 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background search results
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments
 1. Samantha Eldridge, RPES 3rd Grade Teacher, correction to her previously approved FMLA Leave beginning 7/27/2023 through 1/8/2023 corrected to FMLA Leave beginning 8/7/2023 through 10/30/2023 with Child Rearing beginning 10/31/2023 through 1/7/2024 returning to work 1/8/2024.
 2. Mark McBride, current Olive Twp. Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher to voluntarily transfer positions to NPHS Assistant Athletic Director beginning 7/17/2023.

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Brooke Smous – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Instruction Assistant effective 6/27/2023
 2. Judy Ekovich – Resignation as NPUSC Bus Driver effective 8/12/2023
 3. Hayley Shankland – Resignation as RPES Instructional Assistant effective 6/21/2023
 4. Desiree Freeman – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 7/10/2023
- Employment
 1. Desirea Dailey – Prairie View Elementary Kitchen Crew Leader beginning 8/8/2023

2. Olivia Kinney – NPHS Full Time Food Service Worker beginning 8/8/2023 pending criminal background check results
 3. Robert Miteff – Rolling Prairie Elementary Part-Time Dishwasher beginning 8/8/2023 pending criminal background check results
 4. Sarah Albert – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background search results
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Kyle Young – NPHS Asst. Boys Swim Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 2. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Girls Head Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 3. Teresa Hostetler – NPHS Girls Asst. Tennis Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 4. Alex Csenar – NPHS Girls Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 5. David Dailey – NPHS Asst. Boys Cross Country Coach, NPHS Boys Head Track Coach, and NPHS Girls Head Track Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 6. Kenny Talboom – NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background check results
 7. Jonathan Chase – NPMS Head Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 8. Johnny Lopez – NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 9. Kasey Conklin - NPMS Assistant Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background check results
 10. A. Bruce Watson – NPHS Head Girls Golf Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Adjustments
 1. Pamela Boonstra, NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker to receive an hourly wage increase to \$15 per hour beginning 7/1/2023.
 2. Carrie Samila to take over Bus 86 HS/MS & Rolling Prairie Bus Route beginning 8/10/2023.
 3. Kamille Blacks, IT Intern, to transfer to full time Building Technician at NPMS beginning 7/17/2023

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted a Donation:
 - NPHS Swim Team received a \$100 donation from the Fedorchak Family
- (B) The Board approved the Administrator Contracts
- (C) The Board approved the Authority to Non-Renew Administrator Contracts
- (D) The Board approved the Heartland Payment Systems Renewal Quote for Nutritional Services
- (E) The Board approved the MOU with Valparaiso University for Placement of Valparaiso University Students for both Student Teaching and General Field Work Experience

REPORTS

- Dr. White began his reports by congratulating Mr. Mark McBride on his transfer from Olive Twp. Elementary School Teacher to New Prairie High School Assistant Athletic Director working under Mr. Ben Bachmann.
- Dr. White then recognized and congratulated Mr. Frank Hobart on his Retirement adding that he will be sorely missed. Mr. Hobart was a successful long-time teacher here at New Prairie.
- Dr. White introduced and congratulated Mr. Casey Martin our new Assistant Principal at New Prairie High School. Dr. White stated that he comes to us with significant administrative and teaching experience.
- Mr. Martin stated that he is grateful for the opportunity and is honored looking forward to joining the NPHS team. He stated that he has always had great respect for this district.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mrs. Smith welcomed Mr. Martin. She stated that she is excited to have Mr. Martin join the team and is also looking forward for the new school year to begin.

- Mr. Gadacz welcomed Mr. Martin and stated that he will learn quickly that New Prairie is a great place to be.
- Mr. King announced that the next Board Meeting will be Monday, August 7th, at the Central Office beginning at 6:00 pm. Mr. King stated that the Cubs game is tomorrow for staff appreciation which should be a fun time for all.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.