

**Board Notes**  
August 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, August 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m., at the Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Dale Groves and Mr. Rich Gadacz present. Mrs. Jen Sass, Curriculum Director, 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.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Claims
- (B) Payroll
- (C) Personnel Report:

**CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Cheryl Karczewski - ECA Resignation as RPES Hoosier Spell Bowl Sponsor effective 7/1/2023
  2. Brett Parks – Resignation as NPHS 1 Year Temporary ELA Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year effective 7/18/2023
  3. Mark McBride – ECA Resignations effective 2023-2024 for: Olive Twp. Athletic Supervisor, Olive Twp. PLC Leadership Team Member, Olive Twp. Boys Basketball Coach, Olive Twp. Cross Country Coach, Elementary Young Astronauts Sponsor, Olive Twp. Elementary Student Council Sponsor
  4. Sarah Hernandez – Resignation as NPMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher effective 8/3/2023
  5. Todd Dermody – Resignation as NPHS Business Teacher effective 8/4/2023
  6. Gale Gonder – ECA Resignation as NPMS Math Co-Chair effective 8/4/2023
  7. Kathleen Hooks – ECA Resignation as NPHS Senior Class Sponsor effective 8/7/2023
- Employment
  1. Laura Vermillion – Olive Twp. Elementary School 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background search results
  2. Joseph Beachey – NPHS 1 Yr. Temporary Contract for 2023-2024 ELA Teacher pending criminal background check results
  3. Benjamin Shelby – NPHS 1 Year Temporary Contract Math Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background check results
  4. Andrew Wassel – NPHS Business Teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year pending criminal background check results
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
  1. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS Leadership Team Member for the 2023-2024 school year
  2. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS Senior Class Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year
- Adjustments
  1. Laura Schreiber, Olive Twp. Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, to voluntarily transfer to Olive Twp. Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year.

**NON-CERTIFIED**

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
  1. Mavis Atkinson – Medical Leave as Bus Driver beginning 8/7/2023 through 10/1/2023
  2. Lorian Bailey – Medical Leave as NPHS Custodian beginning 7/18/2023 through 7/26/2023

3. John Mathews – Medical Leave as NPHS Custodian beginning 8/30/2023 through 9/5/2023
  4. Amy Talboom – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 8/1/2023
  5. Zoe Spence – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Library Aide effective 8/3/2023
- Employment
    1. Marissa Nichols – PVES Instructional Assistant beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    2. Amanda DeLizio – RPES Instructional Assistant beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    3. Kailey Kalk – RPES Instructional Assistant beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    4. Stephanie Lawrence – Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    5. Rita Cavin – Nutritional Services Worker at NPHS full-time beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    6. Colin Layman – NPUSC Bus Driver to take a single HS/MS Route Bus Driver from substitute bus driver beginning 8/10/2023
    7. Katie Ring – NPUSC Bus Driver to take a single HS/MS Route Bus Driver from substitute bus driver beginning 8/10/2023
    8. Alexandra Newgent - NPUSC Bus Driver to take a single HS/MS Route Bus Driver from substitute bus driver beginning 8/10/2023
    9. Crystal Lewis – Nutritional Services Worker, full-time at NPMS beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    10. Katharine Knotts – Nutritional Services Worker, Part-Time at NPHS beginning 8/10/2023 pending criminal background check results
    11. Mackenzie Denton – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant start date pending criminal background check results
  - Employment – Extra Curricular
    1. Eric Lower – NPHS Swimming Dive Coach B/G for the 2023-2024 school year
    2. Robert Smith – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Cross Country Coach for the 2023-2024 school year
  - Adjustments
    1. Elldona Ferguson, NPUSC Bus Driver, to add a Rolling Prairie route in addition to HS/MS bus route beginning 8/10/2023.
    2. Paul Friedrich, NPUSC Bus Driver, to change from Bus 81 HS/MS route to Bus 48's HS/MS route beginning 8/10/2023.
    3. Jessica Schmidt, NPUSC Bus Driver, to take Prairie View route in addition to her HS/MS route beginning 8/10/2023.
    4. Jackson White, NPUSC Custodian, to transfer from Part-Time NPHS Custodian to Part-Time NPMS Custodian beginning 5/30/2023.
    5. John Mathews, NPUSC Custodian, to transfer from Olive Twp. Elementary Full-Time Custodian to NPHS Full-Time Custodian beginning 5/30/2023.
    6. Doris Price, NPUSC Custodian, to transfer from Full-Time Custodian at Rolling Prairie Elementary to Full-Time Custodian at Prairie View Elementary School beginning 5/30/2023.
    7. Ellie Michiaels, NPHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach position adjusted to Varsity Asst. Volleyball Coach effective 8/3/2023.
    8. Lisa Whalen, Olive Twp. Elementary School Full-Time Nutritional Services Worker, to receive a wage increase to \$14.00 per hour.

## **REPORTS**

- Mrs. Jennifer Sass, NPUSC Curriculum Director, reported that this has been an active summer for teachers with 20 elementary teachers attending Smekens CompCon Reading Training Conference in June, High School Teachers attending Advanced Placement & Prime Math Training and a great deal of teachers taking advantage of curriculum mapping and unit planning in their own grade levels. Mrs. Sass added that last week there were 45 teachers, administrators and Mr. King attended the PLC Conference in Lincolnshire. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of attending this conference which has brought everyone closer together validating that what we are doing is heading in the right direction together for kids. Mrs. Sass thanked the Board for their support in sending the teachers and administrators to this conference which is a great way to start the school year. Mrs. Sass welcomed students and staff back to a new year, especially the new ones. She stated that she is excited for the new students and parents to see that we have a district of caring and hardworking staff that puts kids first.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board approved the Request to Advertise “Notice of Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget”
- (B) The Board accepted Donations:
  - NPHS Biomedical Sciences & HOSA received \$3,000 for CPR equipment and blood pressure training equipment from Northwest Indiana Area Health Education Center
  - NPHS Swim Team received a donation of \$3,200 from Ian and Britany Melton for the purchase of new lane lines
- (C) The Board approved the IDOE Child Nutrition Programs Agreement
- (D) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request
- (E) The Board approved the Board Meeting Schedule Change from September 25<sup>th</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>
- (F) The Board approved the NPUSC Schools to Carry Cash on Site

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Smith welcomed everyone back. She especially welcomed new staff and students. We are looking forward to a great year.
- Mr. DeMeyer also welcomed everyone back stating that he is excited to start a new year.
- Mr. Groves and Mr. Gadacz also welcomed everyone back.
- Mr. King announced that the next Board meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Central Office at 6:00 pm. He stated that there will be a 2024 Budget Hearing by Mr. Scott.
- Mr. King then stated that he had the pleasure of attending the PLC Conference at Lincolnshire. He thanked the classroom teachers and administrators for attending the conference which proved to him the dedication of NPUSC staff to our students.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.