

Board Notes
June 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board was held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at New Prairie United School Corporation Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail present. Dr. Paul White, NPUSC Superintendent, was also present.

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

There was a motion by Mr. DeMeyer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to adopt the Agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – May 19, 2025, May 28, 2025
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Jeff Meinhard – ECA Resignation as 6th Grade PLC Leadership Team Member effective 6/30/2025
2. David McGhee – ECA Resignations as NPHS PLC Leadership Team Member and Art Fair/Competitions Sponsor effective 6/30/2025
3. Chrystal Wilkeson – ECA Resignation as NPHS STAND Sponsor effective 6/30/2025
4. Christy Pietrzak – ECA Resignation as NPHS World Language Dept. Chair effective 6/30/2025
5. Ben Shelby – Resignation as NPHS Mathematics Teacher effective 7/11/2025

▪ **Employment**

1. Mia Wind – New Prairie High School Science Teacher beginning 7/1/2025 pending criminal background check results

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duties**

1. Marlene Nickerson – NPMS Girls Cross Country Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Cathleen Lower – NPMS Co-Head Swim Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS PLC Leadership Team Member for the 2025-2026 school year
4. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Boys Head Wrestling Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
5. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Boys Asst. Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
6. David Dailey – NPHS Boys Cross Country Head Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
7. Adrienne Hurt – NPHS Art Fair/Competitions Sponsor and NPHS PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 7/1/2025
8. Wendy Sundwall – NPMS 6th Grade PLC Team Leader beginning 7/1/2025
9. Taylor Truster – Rolling Prairie Elementary PLC Team Leader beginning 7/1/2025
10. Angela Medors – NPHS English Department Chair beginning 7/1/2025
11. Halle Seaburg – NPHS JV Volleyball Coach beginning 7/1/2025
12. Casey Gumm – Olive Twp. Elementary PLC Leadership Team Member beginning 7/1/2025

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Ashley Wojtysiak to receive a \$2,000 stipend July 3rd for her Swim Camps in May and June paid from the HFL Grant.
2. Casey Gumm, 4th Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to voluntarily transfer to 1st Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 7/1/2025

3. Jillian Matzke, Kindergarten Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to voluntarily transfer to 3rd Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 7/1/2025
4. Renee Mischak, 2nd Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to voluntarily transfer to 5th Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 7/1/2025
5. Keziah Peck – 5th Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary to voluntarily transfer to 4th Grade Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary beginning 7/1/2025
6. Jen Sass, Curriculum Director at NPUSC, to receive a recommended raise in the amount of \$10,000 beginning 7/1/2025; recommendation three-year admin contract 7/1/2025 through the 6/30/2028
7. Tim Scott, NPUSC Treasurer, to receive a \$3,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025
8. Justin Heinold, NPHS Principal, to receive a \$2,500 raise beginning 7/1/2025; recommendation three-year admin contract 7/1/2025 through the 6/30/2028
9. Casey Martin, NPHS Assistant Principal, to receive a \$2,500 raise beginning 7/1/2025; recommendation three-year admin contract 7/1/2025 through the 6/30/2028
10. Justin Holmquest, NPMS Principal, to receive a \$1,329 raise beginning 7/1/2025
11. Heidi West, NPMS Assistant Principal, to receive a \$5,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025; recommendation three-year admin contract 7/1/2025 through the 6/30/2028
12. Tara Bush, Olive Twp. Elementary Principal, to receive a \$5,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025
13. Tara White, NPHS Administrator of College and Career Readiness, to receive a \$2,500 raise beginning 7/1/2025
14. Ryan O'Shea, current Business Teacher at NPHS to voluntarily transfer teaching positions to NPHS Mathematics Teacher beginning 7/1/2025

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▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Renee Davison – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker effective 5/23/2025
2. Kailey Kalk – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Secretary effective 5/30/2025
3. Amy Grad – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker effective 5/23/2025
4. Elicia Ackerson – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2025
5. Debra Kinney – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 5/23/2025
6. Kiyomi Trent – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker effective 6/27/2025

▪ Employment

1. Derek Benson – NPUSC Custodian beginning 5/13/2025
2. Jennifer Ezzell – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Building Secretary beginning 7/22/2025 pending criminal background check results
3. Christine Sendgikoski - Roll Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/7/2025 pending criminal background check results
4. Riley Mortensen – Elementary Building Tech beginning 7/7/2025

▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Shaunna Tewell – NPHS Girls Flag Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Joel Hostetler – NPHS Head Girls Tennis Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Teresa Hostetler – NPHS Assistant Girls Tennis Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
4. Jocelyn Cotner – NPHS Marching Band Color Guard Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
5. Tony Chelminiak – NPHS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
6. Jonathan Chase – NPHS Asst. Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
7. Josh Bolakowski - NPHS Asst. Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
8. Jacob Pinter – NPHS Co 9th Gr. Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
9. Cody Downs - NPHS Co 9th Gr. Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year

10. Robert Taylor Adams – NPHS Co-JV Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year pending criminal background check results
11. Ryan Wise – NPHS Boys Asst. Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year

- **Adjustments**

1. Candice Scott, current NPUSC Bus Driver, to take a Prairie View Route in addition to her high school/middle school route beginning 8/7/2025.
2. Lory Samford, NPUSC Transportation Director, to receive a \$6,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025 along with a \$1,000 stipend for sub driving during the 2024-2025 school year
3. Ed Aikman, NPUSC Building and Grounds Maintenance Director, to receive a \$1,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025 and a \$2,500 stipend for 24-25 coverage while short staffed
4. Heather Jones, NPUSC Director of Nursing, to receive a \$3,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025
5. Cory Shultz, NPUSC Director of Technology, to receive a \$3,000 raise beginning 7/1/2025
6. Ellen Borkowski, NPUSC Deputy Treasurer, to receive a \$2.00 per hour raise for completion of 2 IASBO certifications beginning 6/30/2025
7. Bronson Ellenwine, NPMS Building Tech, to receive a \$2.00 per hour raise due to increased duties beginning 6/30/2025
8. Jenny Harringer, Rolling Prairie Elementary Building Tech, to receive a \$2.00 per hour raise due to increase in duties beginning 6/30/2025
9. Melissa Krycka, NPUSC PowerSchool Data Administrator, to receive a \$11,000 salary increase beginning 6/30/2025
10. Emily Kampf, NPUSC Technology Systems Administrator, to receive a \$10,000 salary increase beginning 6/30/2025
11. Austin Amor, NPUSC Transportation Assistant Mechanic, to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise beginning 6/30/2025
12. Cindy Pardy, ½ time Olive and ½ time PVES Building Tech, to receive a \$.48 per hour raise beginning 6/30/2025
13. Starting rate for building secretaries to increase to \$14 per hour beginning 7/1/2025
14. Starting rate for building technology staff to increase to \$19 per hour beginning 7/1/2025

REPORTS

- Dr. White did not have anything to report this evening.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations:
 - NPHS Athletic Dept. received \$250 from Nathan Schulte of St. Louis , MO in memory of Rich Witkowski
 - NPHS Key Club received \$200 from the LaPorte Kiwanis Club to cover the costs of a breakfast hosted by the Key Club
 - Olive Twp. Elementary received \$100 from Jeff Jones and Mark & Beth Poehl
- (B) The Board approved the Summer 2025 Band Schedule
- (C) The Board approved the Renewal with SMART Systems for NPUSC Nutritional Services Dept.
- (D) The Board approved the 2025-2026 NIESC Renewal of Dairy Proposals
- (E) The Board approved the 2025-2026 NIESC Renewal of Food Proposals
- (F) The Board approved the 2025-2026 NIESC Renewal of Snack & Beverage Proposals
- (G) The Board approved the Replacement of the Diesel Fuel Dispenser
- (H) The Board approved the Debt Service Payments
- (I) The Board approved the Agreement with Computer Logic Group
- (J) The Board approved the Securly Visitor and Securly Pass Visitor Management System
- (K) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Requests

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. King reminded everyone about the next Regular Board meeting to be held July 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the NPUSC Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.