

## **Board Notes**

July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board was held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 21, 2025, at New Prairie United School Corporation Central Office in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail present. Dr. Paul White, NPUSC 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. Shail, seconded by Mr. Gadacz to adopt the Agenda. The motion was approved 4-0-1.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – June 25, 2025
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

### **CERTIFIED**

#### **• Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Casey Gumm – ECA Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary PLC Leadership Team Member effective 2025-2026 school year
2. Timothy Flanagan – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Counselor effective 7/16/2025
3. Melissa Kuczmanski – Retirement as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Counselor effective 7/18/2025

#### **▪ Employment**

1. Robert Ludwick – NPHS Business Teacher beginning 7/21/2025 pending criminal background check results

#### **▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duty**

1. Amy Schilla – Prairie View Elementary Principal Designee beginning 7/1/2025
2. Robert Ludwick – NPHS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach beginning 2025-2026 school year pending criminal background check results

#### **▪ Adjustments**

1. Kristen Kleist, Rolling Prairie Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Teacher, to receive a \$400 Stipend for completing 2 online High Ability Professional Development modules pd from the HA Grant

### **CLASSIFIED**

#### **▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**

1. Nina Emerick – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Library Assistant effective 6/30/2025
2. Kate Wilson – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 7/13/2025
3. Erica Durk – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 7/16/2025
4. Tony Chelminiak – ECA Resignation as NPHS Asst. Boys Varsity Basketball Coach effective 7/16/2025
5. John Matthews – Resignation as NPUSC Custodian effective 7/17/2025
6. Jessica Finn – NPMS Health Aide effective 7/21/2025

#### **▪ Employment**

1. Shari Sheldon - Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/7/2025
2. Kayla Vogel – Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/7/2025 pending criminal background check results

#### **▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Kyle Liedtke – NPHS Percussion Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year pending criminal background check results
2. Derek Hicks – NPHS Softball Head Varsity Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Anne Spahn – NPHS Softball Assistant Varsity Coach for the 2025-2026 school year

4. Shaunna Tewell - NPHS Softball Assistant Varsity Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
5. Kenneth Shipley – NPHS Freshman Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
6. Dustin Buchanan – NPHS Co-Assistant Football Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
7. Eric Lower – NPMS Assistant Swim Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
8. Jason Clemons – Elementary Athletic Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year

• **Adjustments**

1. Kristina Meller , NPUSC Bus Aide, to transfer position to Bus Driver taking a single high school/middle school route beginning 2025-2026 school year.

## **REPORTS**

- Dr. White announced that he is excited to get another great school year started. He gave a couple of dates to keep in mind: Open Houses for the Middle School and High School are August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Middle School opens at 4:00 pm CST and the High School at 5:00 pm CST; all three of the elementary schools will be open on August 6<sup>th</sup> beginning 5:00 pm CST. Students first day of school is August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. White shared that New Prairie's final testing results from the State of Indiana from last spring's testing showed New Prairie did great! Dr. White was proud to say that New Prairie is in the top 25 school systems in the State which proves that our teaching staff is doing excellent work.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- (A) The Board accepted a Donation:
  - New Prairie High School Athletics received a donation of \$1,000 in memory of Rich Witkowski from Mark & Mariann Witkowski
- (B) The Board approved the Revised NPUSC School Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year
- (C) The Board approved the Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between NPUSC and Indiana University for the 2025-2026 School Year
- (D) The Board approved the Renewal for the Milestone Video Management System
- (E) The Board approved Meal Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year
- (F) The Board approved the NPUSC Kitchen Equipment Maintenance Program Agreement with D.A.Dodd for the 2025-2026 School Year

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- (A) Mr. King read each Board Policy number for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Updated Board Policies as follows:
  - Bylaw 0166.1 - Consent Agenda (Revised)
  - Bylaw 0167.2 – Executive Session (Revised)
  - Po 1216 – Dress and Appearance (Revised)
  - Po 3216 - Dress and Appearance (Revised)
  - Po 4216 - Dress and Appearance (Revised)
  - Po 5511 - Dress and Appearance (Revised)
  - Po 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent (Revised)
  - Po 2131 V1 – Educational Outcomes for Students (Rescinded)
  - Po 2131 V2 – Educational Outcomes for students (Revised), now known as Policy 2131 – Educational Outcome for Students
  - Po 2210 – Curriculum Development (Technical Correction & Updates)
  - Po 2221 – Mandatory Curriculum (Revised)
  - Po 2340 – Field and Other Corporation-Sponsored Trips (Replacement)
  - Po 2370 – Educational Options (Revised)
  - Po 2370.02 – Flex Program (Revised)
  - Po 2411 – Guidance & Counseling (Revised)
  - Po 2421 – Career & Technical Education Program (Revised)
  - Po 2623 – Student Assessment (Revised)
  - Po 2700 – Annual Performance Report (Rescinded)
  - Po 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff (Revised)
  - Po 4120 – Employment of Support Staff (Revised)
  - Po 3120.02 – Adjunct Teachers (Revised)
  - Po 3120.11 – Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement (Revised)
  - Po 3142 – Cancellation of a Teaching Contract (Revised)

- Po 4213.01 – Staff-Student Relations (Technical Correction)
- Po 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Proof of Indiana Residency (Revised)
- Po 5310 – Health Services (Technical Correction)
- Po 5330 – Use of Medication (Revised)
- Po 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention (Revised)
- Po 5460 – Graduation Requirements (Revised)
- Po 5462 – Retaking a Class (Revised)
- Po 5517.01 – Bullying (Revised)
- Po 5540 – The Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies (Replacement Policy)
- Po 5540.01 – Investigations by the Department of Child Services (New Policy)
- Po 5540.02 – The Schools and Governmental Agencies (New Policy)
- Po 6111 – Internal Control Standards and Procedures (Revised)
- Po 6116 – Time and Effort Reporting (Revised)
- Po 6151 – Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts (Revised)
- Po 6230 – Budget Hearing (Revised)
- Po 7300 – Disposition of Real Property (Revised)
- Po 7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property (Technical Correction)
- Po 7430 – Safety Standards (Revised)
- Po 7440.01 – Electronic Monitoring and Recording (Revised)
- Po 7455 – Accounting System for Capital Assets (Revised)
- Po 8120 – Volunteers (Revised)
- Po 8121 – Personal Background Check – Contracted Services (Revised)
- Po 8330 – Student Records (Revised)
- Po 8400 – School Safety Information (Technical Correction)
- Po 8405 – Environmental Health and Safety Issues – Indoor Air Quality, Animals in the Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property (Revised)
- Po 8451 – Parasitic Infestation (Head Lice, Bed Bugs) (Revised)
- Po 8500 – Food Service Program (Replacement Policy)
- Po 8510 – Wellness (Revised)
- Po 8540 – Vending Machines – (Rescinded)
- Po 8640 – Transportation for Field and Other Corporation-Sponsored Trips (Rescinded)
- Po 9150 – School Visitors (Revised)
- Po 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)
- Po 8606 – Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use (NPUSC Revised)
- Po 5421 – Grading (NPUSC Revised)

Mr. King asked the Board Members if they had any questions or discussion on the above-mentioned policies. There were no questions or discussion from the Board Members present. Mr. King then added a policy to discuss Po 5223- Released Time for Religious Instruction.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. Shail commented that he hopes everyone had a good summer and wished everyone a great school year.
- Mrs. Smith wished everyone a great school year.
- Mr. King reminded everyone about the next Regular Board meeting to be held August 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the NPUSC Central Office Board Room. Mr. King stated that at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting the Board will have the second reading and vote on the policies just read in Discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.