

Board Notes
November 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, November 24, 2025, at New Prairie United School Corporation in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail. Dr. Paul White, 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 approve the Agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – October 21, 2025, October 27, 2025
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Zoe Zesinger – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Counselor effective 10/31/2025
2. Tara Walden – Resignation as New Prairie Middle School Guidance Counselor effective 11/21/2025

▪ **Employment**

▪ **Employment – Afterschool Program**

1. Paige Gonzales – HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Craft Club for the 2025-2026 school year Session 1 & Session 2
2. Amy Wolfe - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Holidays Around the World Club for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Amber Mrozinski - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Homework & Study Club for the 2025-2026 school year
4. Cassie Pavey - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Holiday Bracelet Making Club for the 2025-2026 school year
5. Paige Gonzales - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Craft Club for the 2025-2026 school year
6. Taylor Emmons - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Yoga Club for the 2025-2026 school year
7. Cheryl Karczewski - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Stained Glass Club for the 2025-2026 school year
8. Kristen Kleist - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Art Club for the 2025-2026 school year

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

▪ **Adjustments**

1. The following Certified Staff will receive \$1500 Stipends from the Career Coaching Grant for their work on extra planning time and instruction for students on grant objectives:
 - Angela Ruby
 - Dawn Horn
 - Michelle Kilcoyne
 - Tara Walden
 - Sara Harmon

- Taylor Emmons

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▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Candice Dickinson – ECA Resignation as NPHS Head Cheer Coach effective 10/30/2025
2. Courtney Priebe – Resignation as NPUSC Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker effective 11/3/2025
3. Kelly Goufas – Resignation as NPUSC Custodian effective 11/21/2025

▪ **Employment**

1. Darius Beaty – NPUSC Custodian beginning 10/30/2025
2. Maria Bornacelli Polo - NPUSC Custodian beginning 11/3/2025
3. Izzy Ashton – NPUSC Full-Time Food Service Worker beginning 11/17/2025
4. Sophia Cauffman – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant start date pending criminal background check results

▪ **Employment – Afterschool Program**

1. Jacqueline Shore - HFL Grant Sponsored “Be Your Best Club “ Leader for Soccer Club & Holiday Club for the 2025-2026 school year

▪ **Employment – Extra Curricular/Co-Curricular**

1. Joe Mitchell – NPHS Co-Assistant Swim Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Gabriel Boggs – NPHS Co-Assistant Swim Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
3. Samantha Hackett – NPHS Girls Assistant Track Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
4. Angela Colalillo – NPHS Cheer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
5. Stephan Nokes – RPES 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
6. Cody Downs – NPHS Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2025-2026 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Erin Jenkins to receive a \$1500 Stipend from the Career Coaching Grant for work on extra planning time and instruction for students on grant objectives
2. The following employees recommended raises retroactive to July 1st that were not included in the previous raise listings are:
 - Deb Spite- \$1500 base salary increase, adjunct teacher
 - Erin Jenkins- \$2500 base salary increase, social worker
 - Stephanie Callahan- \$2500 base salary increase, social worker

ACTION ITEMS

(A) The Board accepted Donations:

- NPMS Received a Donation of \$20 for Make a Difference Day from Bill & Barbara Kushner
- NPUSC Received the following Donations from Amazon AWS:
 - \$30,000 for K-8 STEM Materials & Supplies
 - \$10,000 for Summer Camp Supplies
- NPUSC received Food Access Emergency Grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Health Foundation of LaPorte
- NPHS Mathematics Professional Development Received a Donation of \$7,500 from the New Prairie Education Foundation
- NPHS received a donation of \$200 in support of Student Support Services from Journey Church
- NPUSC received 1,000 pairs of Bambas socks for students in need from The Nest Community Center

- NPUSC received donations at the 1st Annual SBN Construction Charity Golf Outing sponsored by AWS from the following individuals and organizations for the College Bound Cougars program:
 - Walbridge \$1,000
 - Katherine Maloney \$1,000
 - Joseph Andrews \$20
 - Chad Higgins \$20
 - Jonathan Wells \$80
 - Jonathan Lutz \$20
 - Mark Portell \$20
 - Jeremy Benek \$20
 - Chad Higgins \$2,000
 - Robert O'Sullivan \$60
 - Joel Goncalves \$20
 - Ben Rose \$20
 - Jonathan May \$20
 - Adam Ries \$20
 - Colleen Connors \$1,000
 - Joshua Williams \$1,000
 - Guadalupe Tapia Hernandez \$1,000
 - Ryan O'Sullivan \$2,000
 - AWS \$280
- (B) The Board approved the Renewal of Microsoft Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES) Subscription
- (C) The Board appointed New Carlisle-Olive Twp. Library Board Trustee
- (D) The Board approved the Renewal of Easy Clocking Time and Attendance System
- (E) The Board approved the Contract with MOTIVE for Transportation GPS Tracking System
- (F) The Board approved the Purchase of the Boyce Employee Hub
- (G) The Board approved the Repair of the Lights around the Football Field/Track
- (H) The Board approved the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the New Prairie United School Corporation concerning the transfer of real estate from the School Corporation to the Town of New Carlisle

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. King stated that the next regular Board Meeting will be held at the Central Office in the Board Room on December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.