

BOARD NOTES

January 5, 2026

The School Board Organizational Meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Jason DeMeyer, Mrs. Jill Smith, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail present. Dr. Paul White was also present.

Mr. Phil King reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

The Board adopted the School Board Organizational Meeting agenda.

- Board members were elected to office as follows:
 - Mr. Phil King – President
 - Mr. Jason DeMeyer – Vice-President
 - Mrs. Jill Smith – Secretary
- The Board appointed Mr. Tim Scott as Corporation Treasurer until 2/28/2026 and Mrs. Ellen Borkowski as Deputy Treasurer for the year 2026.
- Mr. Phil King was elected to serve as the ISBA Legislative Liaison for the New Prairie United School Corporation. The Liaison works with the ISBA in Indianapolis on legislation relating to school issues as a representative of the corporation.
- Mrs. Smith was elected to serve as the ISBA Policy Liaison for the New Prairie United School Corporation. The Policy Liaison will receive the ISBA Policy Advisor publication that addresses board policy issues.
- The Board retained the legal services of Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones to represent the New Prairie United School Corporation on a retainer basis for 2026 at the cost of \$20,475 per year which is the same cost as 2025.
- The Board set the Board Compensation rate for each Board Member at \$3450 (7.5% of starting teacher salary with a Bachelor's Degree) for the 2026 calendar year. In addition, it is recommended that the Board receives \$150 per diem stipend as approved by the Board for the 2026 calendar year meeting dates, 16 in total, and \$75 per diem stipend for special meetings, such as Executive Sessions, Work Sessions and Committee Meetings, if in attendance. Special meetings that occur just before or just after a regularly scheduled meeting as approved by the Board for the 2026 calendar year will not be eligible for the \$75 per diem stipend.

CONSENT ITEMS

- The Board approved the Consent Items:
 - Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Tim Scott – Retirement as NPUSC Director of Finance effective 2/28/2026
- Employment
 1. Erin Mooneyhan – Prairie View Elementary School Guidance Counselor start date pending criminal background check results
 2. Drew Lutz – New Prairie High School ELA Teacher beginning 1/5/2026
 3. Brehana Johnson – New Prairie Middle School Temporary Contract Interventionist beginning 1/5/2026
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Elldona Ferguson – FMLA Leave as NPUSC Bus Driver beginning 1/7/2026 through 2/18/2026
- Employment
 1. Leslie Kelly – New Prairie Middle School Custodian beginning 12/22/2025
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
- Adjustments

REPORTS

Dr. White announced with appreciation the retirement of Mr. Tim Scott, Director of Finance for NPUSC, who has served New Prairie with distinction for many years. Dr. White went on to list Mr. Scott's contributions to the students and staff of New Prairie in the many roles he served as during his tenure. Dr. White concluded his statement by thanking Mr. Scott and adding that he will be missed as he has been a valued and respected staff member of NPUSC.

The Special Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 and the Board of Finance Meeting was held at 5:18 p.m. (CST)

The Board adopted the Board of Finance Agenda as presented.

- Mr. Phil King was elected as President of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Jill Smith was elected as Secretary.
- The Board approved the Interest/Investment Report for 2025.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.