

Board Notes
March 16, 2026

The special meeting of the School Board was held Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:55 p.m. CST, at New Prairie United School Corporation in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mrs. Jill Smith, and Mr. Rich Gadacz, and Mr. Rich Shail. Dr. Paul White, 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 Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shail to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved 4-0-1.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Item

(A) Personnel Report:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Sydney Zeier – Resignation as NPHS ELA Teacher effective 6/30/2026
 2. Rose Brienza – Resignation as NPMS Science Teacher and Spell Bowl Coach effective 6/30/2026
 3. Melanie Cloonan – Retirement as Rolling Prairie Elementary School 2nd Grade Teacher effective 5/31/2026
 4. Holly Harenza – Retirement as NPMS 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher effective 6/30/2026
 5. Jennifer Smith – ECA Resignation as Guiding Coalition Member effective 5/26/2026
 6. Kristopher Staats – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School Principal effective 6/30/2026

- Employment
 1. Chloe Goodrich – NPHS ELA Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background search results
 2. Natalie Mills – NPHS ELA Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background search results

- Employment - 2026 Summer School & Camp Staff
 1. HFL Camp Instructors for Week 1:
 - Adam Branch
 - Vincent Dominello
 - Terri Sult
 - Kim Stepp
 - Cassie Pavey
 - Julie Kirkham
 - Amy Wolfe
 - Sarah Huff
 - Jen Soos
 - Kara Mamazza
 - Ashley Duschek
 - Kristina Pentelow
 - Kelle Cartwright
 - Cheryl Karczewski

 2. HFL Camp Instructors for Week 2:
 - Tara Curless

- Vincent Dominello
- Kim Stepp
- Cassie Pavey
- Julie Kirkham
- Amy Wolfe
- Sarah Huff
- Casey Gumm
- Shelley Deckard
- Lisa Smiertelny
- Ashley Duschek
- Kelle Cartwright
- Cheryl Karczewski
- 3. 2nd/3rd Grade IREAD Summer School Instructors:
 - Casey Gumm
 - Megan Horvath
- 4. High Ability Camp Instructors:
 - David Burden
 - Catherine Saylor
 - Laura Schreiber
 - Mia Wind
 - Paige Gonzalez
 - Chuck Halberstadt
 - Kristen Kleist

- Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duty
- Adjustments
 1. Artur Sorg, NPHS Social Studies Teacher, to voluntarily transfer teaching positions to Building Trades Teacher effective 7/1/2026

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirement
 1. Michele Locke – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker at New Prairie High School effective 2/26/2026
 2. Debra Cole – Resignation as NPHS Guidance/Health/CCR Secretary effective 3/18/2026
- Employment
- Employment - 2026 Summer School & Camp Staff
 1. Carol McGuire – Health Assistant/Summer Programming Secretary
 2. Erin Sass-Jenkins – HFL Camp Instructor for Week 1 & 2
- Employment – Extra-Curricular
 1. Brianna Patrizi – RPES Cross Country Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
 2. Amber Schwartz – NPMS Cheer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
- Adjustments

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.