

**Board Notes**  
March 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CST, 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. Shail to amend the Agenda adding Action Item M to Approve the Multi-Purpose Field Proposal Agreement with DLZ Construction, seconded by Mr. Gadacz. The motion was approved 5-0.

There was a motion to approve the Amended Agenda by Mr. DeMeyer, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and approved 5-0.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved Consent Items:

- (A) Minutes – February 23, 2026, March 4, 2026, March 16, 2026
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

**CERTIFIED**

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
  - 1. Aimee Litka – ECA Resignation as NPHS Head Girls Basketball Coach effective 3/18/2026
- **Employment**
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duty**
  - 1. Veronica DeBone – NPMS Guiding Coalition Member beginning 2026-2027 school year
  - 2. Jessica Williams - NPMS Guiding Coalition Member beginning 2026-2027 school year
- **Adjustments**
  - 1. Michelle Kilcoyne, NPHS Counselor, FMLA Leave adjustment from 4/15/2026 through 6/1/2026 to 4/15/2026 through 9/8/2026.

**CLASSIFIED**

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**
  - 1. Jane Bealor – Intermittent FMLA Leave as PVES Secretary/Treasurer beginning 3/22/2026 through 3/22/2027
  - 2. Jessica Schmidt – NPUSC Bus Driver two days un-paid suspension, 3/24/2026 & 3/25/2026
- **Employment**
  - 1. Nicholas Whitaker – IT Software Specialist start date pending criminal background check results
- **Employment – Extra-Curricular**
  - 1. Dan Luther – Olive Twp. Elementary School Wrestling Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
  - 2. Gabriel Boggs – Olive Twp. Elementary Cross-Country Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
- **Adjustments**

## **REPORTS**

### (A) Superintendent's Report

- Dr. White reported that the State Legislature passed a revised state law regarding cell phone or other device usage to access social media or other related platforms cannot be used during the instructional day in schools. There is further guidance coming soon from the Indiana Department of Education. Board Policy 5136 – Personal Communication Devices has been in place at NPUSC since 2013. This policy has been updated to follow the updated State Law and will be in a first read for the School Board later in this meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### (A) The Board accepted donations:

- NPUS Robotics team 2197 LasPumas received sponsorship donations from the following:
  - Larsen Danielson Construction -\$250
  - Mid-States Refrigeration Supply -\$500
  - Marjorie Young -\$500
  - Lisa Leniski, Michigan City Pediatric Dentistry-\$250
  - DA Dodd-\$400
- Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a Heart Safe donation of a new manikin from Julie West from Play for Jake Foundation
- NPUSC Angel Fund received a donation of \$100 from David & Renee Millar in memory of Beverly Szczypiorski

(B) The Board approved the Renewal Contract for PowerSchool Perform for 2026-2027

(C) The Board approved and accepted the Quote for District-Wide Battery Backup Infrastructure Upgrade with People Driven Technology

(D) The Board approved Renewal with Google Workspace for Education for 2026-2027

(E) The Board approved the Corporation Telephone Upgrade

(F) The Board approved the Access Control Upgrade

(G) The Board approved a New Job Description

(H) The Board approved the Schoology Renewal for 2026-2027

(I) The Board approved the Renewal for PowerSchool SchoolMessenger Communicate Subscription for 2026-2027

(J) The Board approved the Three-Year Agreement with Incident IQ

(K) The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip Request

(L) The Board approved the Biennial Appraisal with Deyo/Stone Associates, Inc. for Insurance Purposes

(M) The Board approved the Multi-Purpose Field Proposal Agreement with DLZ Construction

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### (A) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of revised Policy 5136 – Personal Communication Devices

- Mr. Shail asked if there will be approved special circumstances that a student can have their phone with them in the classroom? If so, can those situations be listed in the Policy? Dr. White said that list will be included in the Policy after consulting State and legal guidance.
- Mr. King also stated that we will have to wait for the IDOE to issue further guidance.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mr. King congratulated the NPUS & NPMS Performing Arts for their fantastic job at competitions this past weekend.
- Mr. King reminded everyone that the next regular Board Meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.