

Board Notes

April 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, April 27, 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, and 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 Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. DeMeyer to amend the Agenda moving Action Item B to Action Item N; adding a new Action Item B; adding Action Items K, L & M. The Revised Agenda was approved 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved Consent Items

- (A) Minutes – March 23, 2026, April 20, 2026
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report

CERTIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**
 1. Angie Medors – Intermittent FMLA Leave as NPHS ELA Teacher beginning 4/2/2026 through 5/24/2026
- **Employment**
- **Employment – Co. & Extra-Curricular, Ancillary**
 1. Bobby Whitenack – NPHS Asst. Football Coach and NPHS Head Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
- **Adjustments**

CLASSIFIED

- **Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**
 1. Donna Mills – Retirement as Lead Custodian at Prairie View Elementary School effective 6/30/2026
- **Employment**
- **Employment – Co. & Extra-Curricular**
 1. Amber Schwartz – NPMS Cheer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
 2. Ryan Curless – NPHS Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
- **Adjustments**
 1. Shari Rose retirement date correction from previously approved 5/15/2026 to 7/15/2026

REPORTS

- Dr. White began his report by highlighting New Prairie Middle and High School HOSA Teams. Dr. White gave Ms. Jennifer Smith, NPHS/MS HOSA Sponsor, the floor to talk about her HOSA Teams. She introduced the students present who advanced to International Competition and had them talk about their accomplishments that advanced them to the highest competition of the year.
- Dr. White introduced Mr. Ryan Curless, NPHS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Dr. White listed Mr. Curless's extensive coaching years of experience. Mr. Curless stated that he is very

excited about the opportunity to coach the varsity girls and plans to move the program forward by focusing on the youth programs and building the program from there.

- After approval of Action Item “B”, Dr. White congratulated and introduced Prairie View Elementary School’s new Principal beginning 7/1/2026 on a 2-year contract, Mr. Timothy Pedley. Dr. White stated that Mr. Pedley distinguished himself as a Principal at Bristol Elementary School for the past 5 years. Dr. White explained that Mr. Pedley has demonstrated some very specific things that NPUSC is looking for in a Principal. Mr. Pedley then spoke on how thrilled he is to be here at New Prairie. Mr. Pedley said that he is a big advocate of Professional Learning Communities and that New Prairie is the place for him to be.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board approved Donations as Listed:
 - NPUSC received a Grant in the amount of \$7,190 from Project AWARE School Mental Health and Wellness
 - NPHS Robotics Team received \$500 from Grimm Mold & Die
 - All NPUSC school counselors & social workers received \$5000 from Amazon for SEL supplies
 - NPUSC received \$1,514 from Amazon to purchase new CPR/AED equipment for staff training
- (B) The Board approved the New Prairie View Elementary School Administrator for a 2-year contract
- (C) The Board approved the Closure of Grade 12 at NPHS to Transfer Students for 2026-2027
- (D) The Board approved and adopted the Second Reading of Updated Board Policy 5136- Personal Communication Devices
- (E) The Board approved Parking Lot Construction and Maintenance at New Prairie High School, New Prairie Middle School and Central Office
- (F) The Board approved the Purchase of a New Truck Lift for the Transportation Department from AMGO Hydraulics
- (G) The Board approved the New Prairie Middle School Flooring Project
- (H) The Board approved Justin Holmquest, NPUSC Director of Finance/Assistant to the Superintendent, as NPUSC MASE Insurance Trust Representative
- (I) The Board approved the Apple Lease Purchase Agreement Resolution
- (J) The Board approved the Technology Device Insurance Rates for 2026-2027 school year
- (K) The Board approved Overnight Field Trip Requests
- (L) The Board approved Bus Replacement Plan Purchase
- (M) The Board approved Activity Bus Purchase
- (N) The Board approved Handbooks for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - General Elementary Handbook
 - NPMS Student & Athletic Handbooks
 - NPHS Student & Athletic Cougar Code of Conduct Handbooks

BOARD COMMENT

- The Board members welcomed Mr. Pedley as Prairie View Elementary School new Principal. The Board also congratulated Mr. Ryan Curless on his approval of being the new High School Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. They concluded by congratulating the Middle School and High School HOSA Teams for their presentation and advancement to International Competition making New Prairie very proud.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.