

## Board Notes

June 22, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 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. Gadacz to amend the Agenda adding Action Item O. The Revised Agenda was approved 4-0-1.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board approved Consent Items

- (A) Minutes – May 18, 2026
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report

### **CERTIFIED**

#### ▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirements**

1. Jacob Kowalczyk – Resignation as NPHS Construction-Industrial Education Teacher effective 5/20/2026
2. Veronica DeBone – FMLA Leave as NPMS Art Teacher beginning 8/4/2026 through 10/28/2026
3. Erica White – ECA Resignation as Co-Social Studies Dept. Chair effective 6/30/2026
4. Deana Gregory – Resignation as NPHS FACS/Health Teacher effective 5/25/2026
5. Halle Seaburg – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher effective 5/27/2026
6. Kari McLaughlin – ECA Resignation as NPMS Student Council Sponsor effective 5/26/2026
7. Hayden Young – Resignation as NPHS FACS Teacher effective 6/30/2026
8. Tyler Miller – Resignation as Prairie View Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher effective 6/30/2026
9. Kortney Brennan – ECA Resignation as National Honor Society Sponsor effective 5/28/2026
10. Erin Taylor – Resignation as NPHS English Teacher effective 6/30/2026
11. Jennifer Litza – Resignation as NPHS Mathematics Teacher effective 6/30/2026

#### ▪ **Employment**

1. Sabrina Scroggin – NPHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background check results
2. Emily Huff - NPHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background check results
3. Sydney Zeier – NPHS English Teacher beginning 7/1/2026
4. Noel Rangel - NPHS Construction-Industrial Education Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background check results
5. Aileen Serafin - NPHS Mathematics Teacher beginning 7/1/2026 pending criminal background check results

#### ▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular/Ancillary Duties/2026 Summer School**

1. Marlene Nickerson – NPMS Girls Cross County Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
2. Cathleen Lower – NPMS Co-Head Swim Coach for the 2026-2027 school year

3. Dylan Olson – NPHS Social Studies Dept. Chair beginning 2026-2027 school year
4. Jared Jaggi – NPHS 2026 Summer Band Instructor
5. Kendall Fowler – NPHS 2026 Summer Band Instructor
6. David Dailey – NPHS Model UN Sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year
7. David Dailey – NPHS Model UN Sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year
8. David Dailey – NPHS Head Boys Track Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
9. David Dailey – NPHS Head Boys Cross-Country Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
10. Cathleen Lower – NPHS Boys Asst. Cross Country Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
11. Shannon Edmondson – Prairie View Elementary School Guiding Coalition Member beginning 2026-2027 school year
12. Jessica Sinka – New Prairie High School Guiding Coalition Member beginning 2026-2027 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

1. The following teachers will receive \$200 each from the High Ability Grant for completing online LEAP Modules outside of contractual time through June 2026:
  - Lisa Smiertelny, Kim Holifield, Cathleen Lower, David Dailey, Sandra Ernst, Elizabeth Hayden, Shannon McBride, Jessica Sinka, Aislin Zwierzynski, Catherine Saylor, Angie Medors, Tamara Moore, Dedrae Smiley, Terrie Sult, Sue Kozumplik, Shalon Kirkwood, Ron McVay, Cheryl Karczewski, Laura Schreiber, Erin Taylor
2. Ashley Wojtysiak to receive a stipend from the HFL grant for Spring and Summer Swim lessons in the amount of \$2000
3. Lauren Dyer, currently Prairie View Elementary Interventionist Teacher to voluntarily transfer to Grade 5 Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School beginning 7/1/2026
4. Garrett Curless, current 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach to transfer Coaching positions to NPHS JV Girls Basketball Coach beginning 2026-2027 school year
5. Sharon Bashaw, currently Prairie View Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, to voluntarily transfer positions to Prairie View Elementary Interventionist Teacher beginning 2026-2027 school year.
6. Morgan Farlie, current Olive Twp. Elementary Grade 3 teacher to voluntarily transfer to Prairie View Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher beginning 7/1/2026

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▪ **Leaves/Resignations/Retirement**

▪ **Employment**

1. Renee Chojnacki – NPHS College & Career Readiness/Health Secretary beginning July 21, 2026, pending criminal background check results
2. Marjorie Young – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026, pending criminal background check results
3. Erica Daniel - Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026, pending criminal background check results
4. Deziray Hefright - Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026, pending criminal background check results
5. Mary Loeffler – NPMS Guidance Secretary Treasurer beginning 7/21/2026, pending criminal background check results

▪ **Employment – Extra-Curricular**

1. Amanda Schwingendorf – Prairie View Elementary Cross Country Coach for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Ross Strieter – NPMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
3. Ross Strieter – NPMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year

4. Ross Strieter – NPMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
5. Alyssa Staley – NPMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
6. Michael Nelson – NPMS Asst. Football Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
7. Eric Lower – NPMS Assistant Swim Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
8. Eric Lower – NPMS Diving Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
9. Sarah Woodrick – NPMS Asst. Girls Swim Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
10. Tara Dome – NPMS Dance Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
11. Cydney Palmer – NPMS Asst. Dance Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
12. Derek Hicks – NPMS Varsity Head Softball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
13. Anne Spahn – NPMS Varsity Asst. Softball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
14. Shaunna Tewell – NPMS JV Softball Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
15. Shaunna Tewell – NPMS Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
16. Shaunna Tewell – NPMS Girls Head Flag Football Coach for the 2026-2027 school year paid by the Colts Grant
17. Gretchen Krivak – NPMS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
18. Teresa Hostetler – NPMS Co-Asst. Girls Tennis Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
19. Hannah Houghton – NPMS Co-Asst. Girls Tennis Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
20. Joel Hostetler – NPMS Head Girls Tennis Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
21. Jared Emmons – NPMS Head Boys Tennis Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
22. Jared Emmons - NPMS Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
23. Alex Csenar – NPMS Girls Soccer Head Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
24. Catelyn Naragon – NPMS Girls Asst. Soccer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
25. Tersandro Santos – NPMS Girls Asst. Soccer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
26. Halle Seaburg – NPMS JV Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
27. Stefanie Leffert – Summer 2026 8-day IREAD Program Instructor
28. Angela Colalillo – NPMS Head Cheerleading Coach for the 2026-2027 school year

▪ **Adjustments**

1. Debra Lipps – Correction of her retirement job title from the previously approved Lead Custodian to Bus Driver.
2. Amanda Nelson transferred from her current position as NPMS Building Secretary/Treasurer to NPMS Building Treasurer beginning 7/21/2026.
3. Kelli Grahl, NPMS Night Lead Custodian, to move to Prairie View Elementary Lead Custodian, to receive a pay increase to \$21.00 per hour effective 5/26/2026
4. Joshua Shriber, Rolling Prairie Elementary School Custodian to move to Rolling Prairie Elementary School Lead Custodian at \$21.00 per hour effective 5/26/2026
5. Taylor Keller, NPUSC Bus Driver to change routes to Bus 63 High School Route beginning 8/7/2026.
6. Sharin McGuire - NPUSC Bus Driver to drop her double elementary route and only drive a single route beginning 8/7/2026.
7. Cherry Terry, Transportation Secretary, to receive a \$1 per hour increase effective July 1st for completion of national training courses in transportation safety and administration.
8. Cory Shultz, NPUSC Technology Director, to receive a \$3,000 salary increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. Lory Samford, Transportation Director, to receive a stipend of \$1,000 for sub driving time in 2025-2026 school year.
10. Tricia Toth, Current NPUSC Bus Driver, to change her Route to Bus 74's previous HS route and keep her current Rolling Prairie Route.

## REPORTS

- Dr. White had nothing to report.

## ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The board accepted the following donations:
- NPUSC received a donation of 229, \$5 Gift Cards from Full Tilt Arcade in LaPorte to be given to every 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in the corporation
  - NPUSC Angel Fund received donations of \$30 from Tom & Betty Rowe and \$50 from Jerry & Connie Dominiack
  - Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of \$29.15 from the Hudson Lake Mennonite Church
  - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a Grant in the amount of \$5,815 for the Farm to Table project from Health Care Foundation of LaPorte (HFL)
  - NPUSC received a Grant in the amount of \$95,000 for the “Be your Best” program from Health Foundation of LaPorte (HFL)
  - New Prairie Baseball Teams received the following donations from the NP Diamond Club:
    - Hack Attack Pitching Machine- \$3,000 value
    - Jugs BP3 Pitching Machine-Donated \$3,395 value
    - Big Bubba Batting Cage- \$6,300 value
  - NPHS/MS HOSA Team received a \$1,750 Donation from the Northwest Indiana Area Health Education Center to go toward the International Leadership Conference
- (B) The Board approved the Summer 2026 Band Schedule
- (C) The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip Request
- (D) The Board approved the New Prairie High School Softball Field Renovation
- (E) The Board approved the Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between Indiana University and New Prairie United School Corporation for the 2026-2027 school year
- (F) The Board approved the AP-TIP Affiliate Agreement for 2026-2027
- (G) The Board approved Debt Service Payments
- (H) The Board approved Student Meal Prices for the 2026-2027 school year
- (I) The Board approved the IDOE approved Food Service Renewal Programs with NIESC School Food Cooperative for 2026-2027 school year
- (J) The Board approved Class Closures to Transfer Students for Semester 1 of the 2026-2027 school year as follows:
- Prairie View Elementary School Grade 5
  - Olive Twp. Elementary School Grades 2 & 4
- (K) The Board approved an Administrative Contract Renewal
- (L) The Board approved the Resolution for Debt Service Transfer to Operations Fund
- (M) The Board approved the Resolution to Transfer Real Estate from NPUSC to the Town of New Carlisle
- (N) The Board approved the NPUSC Certified Teaching Staff Handbook
- (O) **The Board approved the Mobile Device Management Licensing Renewal with Mosyle**

## BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. King announced that the next Board meeting will be on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Central Office Board Room.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.