

Board Notes

July 29, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. CST, at New Prairie United School Corporation in the Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Rich Gadacz and Mr. Rich Shail. Dr. Paul White, Superintendent, was also present.

Mr. Jason DeMeyer & Mrs. Jill Smith were absent.

Mr. Phil King, Board President, reviewed guidelines for speaking on agenda items.

There was a motion by Mr. Shail, seconded by Mr. Gadacz to approve the Agenda and was approved 3-0-2.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved Consent Items

- (A) Minutes – June 22, 2026, July 8, 2026
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report

CERTIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirements

1. Juan Gomez-Alvarez – Resignation as NPHS Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering CTE Teacher effective 7/16/2026
2. Beau Ludwick – Resignation as NPHS Bustiness Teacher and NPHS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach effective 7/28/2026

▪ Employment

1. Ryan Curless – NPHS Building Trades - Facility Maintenance Teacher beginning 2026-2027 school year
2. Clarissa James – NPMS Science Teacher beginning 2026-2027 school year pending criminal background check results
3. Matthew Kirkwood – NPHS Engineering Teacher beginning 2026-2027 school year pending criminal background check results
4. Arlene Zarate – NPHS Mathematics Teacher as a temporary teacher for Semester 1 beginning 2026-2027 school year

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

1. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS Guiding Coalition Member for the 2026-2027 school year
2. Jeanne Romstadt – NPHS Senior Class Sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year
3. Ryan Curless – NPHS Asst. Boys Varsity Tennis Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
4. Ryan Curless – NPHS JV Baseball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
5. Mark Schellinger – NPHS New Teacher Mentor beginning 2026-2027 school year
6. Justin Goodenkauf – NPHS Robotics Sponsor beginning 2026-2027 school year

▪ Adjustments

1. The following will receive a stipend of \$420 for planning work for their Collaboration on the HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle) Grant:
 - David Burden-\$420
 - David Dailey-\$420
 - Julie Beakas-\$420
 - Tim Pedley-\$420
 - Mark McBride-\$840
 - Joel Hostetler-\$840

- Ashley Wojtysiak-\$840

CLASSIFIED

▪ Leaves/Resignations/Retirement

1. Avery Morris – FMLA Leave NPUSC Custodian beginning 7/2/2026 through 8/27/2026
2. Joeline Allen – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 7/13/2026
3. Stephanie Bladecki – Resignation as NPUSC Nutritional Services Worker effective 7/20/2026
4. Erica Daniel – Resignation as Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary effective 7/20/2026
5. Kaylee Smith – Resignation as Olive Twp. Elementary Instructional Assistant effective 7/21/2026
6. Katie Ring - Resignation as NPUSC Bus Driver effective 7/21/2026
7. Brianna Patrizi – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant effective 7/22/2026
8. Kristina Meller – Medical Leave as NPUSC Bus Driver beginning 7/23/2026 through 10/19/2026
9. Mary Loeffler – Resignation as Building Secretary/Treasurer effective 7/27/2026
10. Jamie Hoffmaster - Resignation as Full-Time Nutritional Services Worker effective 7/27/2026

▪ Employment

1. Deborah Scott – Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
2. Madison Wells - Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
3. Heather Margraf – Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
4. Amber Oudhuis - Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026
5. Katelynn Scheffer - Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026
6. Jennifer Kantowski – Prairie View Elementary Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
7. Nancy Beattie – NPHS Full-Time Nutritional Services Worker beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
8. Sarah Reyna - Prairie View Elementary Instructional Assistant beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
9. Cameron First – NPUSC Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results
10. Tammy Fulwider – NPUSC Part-Time Nutritional Services Worker/Floater beginning 8/5/2026 pending criminal background check results

▪ Employment – Extra-Curricular

1. Thomas Mannen – NPHS Head Girls Golf Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
2. William Chalik Jr. – NPHS Boys Head Soccer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
3. Ryan Wise – NPHS Boys Asst Soccer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year
4. Justin Land – NPMS Robotics Sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year
5. Samantha Hackett – NPHS Girls Asst. Track Coach for the 2026-2027 school year

▪ Adjustments

1. Jamie Lau, NPUSC Bus Driver, to take a HS/MS Bus Route that was previously Bus 31 beginning 8/5/2026
2. Jared Emmons to receive a stipend of \$420 for planning work for his Collaboration on the HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle) Grant:

REPORTS

- Dr. White had nothing to report.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following donations:
 - NPUSC received an HFL Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,000
 - New Prairie Education Foundation donated on behalf of Cleveland Cliffs \$5000 towards NPHS Robotics team and \$6000 towards STEM supplies for Elementary schools
 - NPUSC received a School Mental Health Mini Grant in the amount of \$7190 (Project Aware)
- (A) The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip Request
- (B) The Board approved the Milestone XProtect Care Renewal Camera Software
- (C) The Board approved the Mosyle Subscription Upgrade from Mosyle Premium to Mosyle OneK12
- (D) The Board approved the Securly Aware and Securly Pass Renewal Subscriptions for 2026-2027
- (E) The Board approved the Fortinet Firewall Support and Licensing Renewal for 2026-2027
- (F) The Board approved the Contract for Services between the Boys & Girls Clubs of LaPorte County and New Prairie United School Corporation
- (G) The Board approved the Operation Agreement for LaPorte County Career & Technical Education Area Vocational District #6 for the 2026-2027 School Year

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Shail welcomed everyone back to a new school year at NPUSC.
- Mr. King thanked the 28 team members who took time out of their summer to attend the PLC Conference and learn more about the PLC process for the students of NPUSC.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. King asked if the Board had any further business. The Board had no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.