

BOARD NOTES
September 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday, September 27, 2021, at the Central Office Board Room with Mr. Phil King, Mr. Al Williamson, Mr. Dale Groves, Mr. Mr. Jason DeMeyer and Mrs. Jill Smith present. 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. DeMeyer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved 5-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the Consent Items as follows:

- (A) Minutes – August 23, 2021, September 2, 2021, & September 13, 2021
- (B) Financial Reports
- (C) Claims
- (D) Payroll
- (E) Personnel Report as follows:

CERTIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
- Employment
- Employment – Afterschool Program
 1. Nichole Blake - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by the Title I Grant
 2. Tim Flanagan - Afterschool Cooking & Nutrition Teacher at Prairie View Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant as a Stipend
 3. Barb Papai - Afterschool Certified Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant
 4. Jalen Alexander - Afterschool Fitness Teacher at Olive Twp. Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant as a stipend
 5. Jalen Alexander - Afterschool Certified Math Tutor Teacher at New Prairie Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant
 6. Ron McVay - Afterschool Certified Social Studies Tutor Teacher at New Prairie Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant
 7. Lori Rose - Afterschool Certified Science Tutor Teacher at New Prairie Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant
 8. Jim Schwingendorf – Afterschool Certified Teacher at New Prairie High School for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant
 9. Camille Goethals – Afterschool Nutrition & Cooking Instructor at Olive Twp Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant as a stipend
- Employment – Extra-Curricular & Ancillary Duties
 1. Jalen Alexander – NPMS New Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
 2. Lori Rose - NPMS New Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
 3. Dena True - NPMS New Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
 4. Kate VanPelt - NPMS New Teacher Mentor for the 2021-2022 school year
- Adjustments

1. Erica White – ECA Volunteer Coaching Change from NPHS 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach to NPHS JV Girls Basketball Coach as of 2021-2022 school year

CLASSIFIED

- Leaves/Resignations/Retirements
 1. Jennifer Cicero – Resignation as Rolling Prairie Elementary Instructional Assistant as of 10/1/2021
 2. Colleen Chance – Medical Leave as Instructional Assistant at Rolling Prairie Elementary beginning 9/20/2021 through 12/31/2021
- Employment
 1. Michelle Ruff – Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant beginning 9/20/2021
- Employment – Afterschool Program
 1. Yasmin Parras – Afterschool Rolling Prairie Elementary School Instructional Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year paid by Title I Grant
 2. Emily Kolacz - Afterschool Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year paid by Title I Grant
 3. Tyler Stanley - Afterschool Prairie View Elementary School Instructional Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year paid by Title I Grant
 4. Melissa Whitaker – Afterschool Nutrition & Cooking Instructor at Rolling Prairie Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant as a stipend
 5. Christal Jonas – Afterschool Fitness Instructor at Prairie View and Rolling Prairie Elementary Schools for the 2021-2022 school year paid by HFL Grant as a stipend
- Employment – Extra Curricular
 1. Patrick Alander – Prairie View Elementary School 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year pending criminal background check
- Adjustments

REPORTS

- Dr. White shared that the PD for teachers and classified staff last week was great. Teachers were involved in a Grading Practices Professional Development. The Classified staff learned about the PLC processes the teachers are and have been engaged in and how the collaboration process can help them in their positions. Dr. White stated he is looking forward to each employee group meeting to collaborate.

ACTION ITEMS

- (A) The Board accepted the following Donations:
- Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of backpacks of school supplies and a bag of miscellaneous school supplies from Jodi Walbring
 - Prairie View Elementary School received a donation of 48 bottles of hand sanitizer from Erica Clark
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received a donation of \$500 from Peepers for Teachers
 - Rolling Prairie Elementary School received the following donations:

- Valentines Cards from Cheryl Severa
 - Backpacks and school supplies from Cellular Connection
 - Backpack and school supplies, one per grade level from AmVets
 - Donation of raisins and craisins from the local food bank in Rolling Prairie
 - School supplies donated from Olivia Machowiak and her dad
 - NPUSC Elementary students in need received backpacks filled with school supplies, and gym bags with gym shoes from the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Niles Ward
 - Olive Twp. Elementary received a \$50 donation to Rachel Chelminiak's Classroom from Kim Rehlander
 - Football Trivia Night Winning Table donated \$100 to the NPHS Theatre Company
 - NPHS received a donation of two books valued at \$55 from John Rumely
 - Donation of school supplies to NPHS from LaPorte County Community Corrections Participants
- (B) The Board approved and adopted the 2022 Budget and Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates
- (C) The Board adopted the 2022 Capital Projects Fund Plan and Resolution
- (D) The Board adopted the 2022-2025 Bus Replacement Plan and Resolution
- (E) The Board approved the NPUSC Counselor Evaluation Instrument
- (F) The Board approved updated Board Policy 3220.01
- (G) The Board approved Updated Job Descriptions for:
- Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
 - Lead Bus Mechanic
 - Deputy Treasurer/Accounts Payable
 - Payroll & Human Resources Coordinator
 - Assistant Network Administrator
- (H) The Board approved the New Prairie Building Trades Line of Credit/Construction Loan with Horizon Bank for the 2021-2022 Building Trades home
- (I) The Board approved the Ivy Tech Community College MOU for High School-Based Dual Credit for the 2021-22 School Year
- (J) The Board approved the Emergency Expenditure for Speed Drives for NPHS/NPMS Main Well Pumps from Chase Industrial Controls
- (K) The Board approved the MOU between NPUSC & the Youth Service Bureau of LaPorte County to facilitate the Kids on the Block & Safe Place programs
- (L) The Board approved the Emergency Expenditure to Replace NPHS Baseball In-Field
- (M) The Board approved the Closure of Transfer Students, K-12, in all NPUSC Schools for the remainder of the First Semester for the 2021-2022 School Year

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (A) CPR Certification Requirements for NPUSC Coaches, and Sponsors, for Extra-Curricular & Co-Curricular Activities
- Dr. White gave brief information on the Heart Safe Program, HOSA, and Play for Jake Foundation and he mentioned the serious heart incident that happened at a NPHS afterschool program. Dr. White continued that this has brought on the question of requiring CPR certification of NP coaches, and staff for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as so many incidents happen afterschool and during activities and games. Dr. White stated that teachers are supportive of this possible requirement. Dr. White said that he understands the questions of when and how often to offer the trainings as well as the cost of training. He added that there is also the question of would volunteers fall under this requirement? Dr. White said that funding would need to be looked at. Mrs. Aerts, HOSA Sponsor and Biomedical Science Teacher at NPHS, stated that the State of Indiana does not require coaches to be certified, however, some school corporations in Indiana do require their coaches to be CPR Certified. She added that with NPUSC being awarded Indiana's first "Heart Safe School", and with a death happening on our campus, this is an opportunity to do the right thing and require CPR Certifications. Mrs. Aerts went on to explain that the Athletic Trainers in the school corporations who require CPR Certification of their coaches and staff are certified to train their teachers, coaches and staff. NPUSC's trainer is not certified to teach the CPR training. NPUSC would definitely need more instructors as a CPR Certified Instructor.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. King recognized Mrs. Tonya Aerts who recently earned two National Awards: The 2021-2022 PLTW Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award and the Indiana Outstanding HOSA Advisor Award. Mr. King and the Board congratulated Mrs. Aerts on her achievements and are grateful for all she has done for New Prairie.
- Mr. King thanked the Teacher Association and the Administration for the timely completion of the Teacher Contract. Congratulations to our teachers and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Groves made the motion to adjourn the meeting.