

**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
North Judson-San Pierre School Board of Trustees
Central Office Board Meeting Room
Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Pat Goin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The board members present were President Pat Goin, Vice President Larry Lambert, Secretary Marsha Reibold, and Members Jim Menis & Michael Shireman. Others present were Superintendent Lynn Johnson, Treasurer/Business Manager Guy Richie, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson. A few patrons and students were present for the meeting: M.J. Bendt, Anita Goodan, Annette Zupin, and Brandy Materna.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The “Bluejay Way”

Mrs. Johnson and the board recognized Robb Vessely, Athletic Director. Robb has been working diligently with Mr. Cox and Mr. Shepherd during this time of transition with his position and is to be commended for his work and continued concern for the welfare of NJ-SP School Corporation. Also recognized was corporation Treasurer Guy Richie for going above and beyond with his time and efforts throughout the challenges of budget reductions.

Consent Items

Mr. Shireman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Menis; motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Reibold made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the financial reports & claims as presented. Mrs. Reibold seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Alicia Fier	Title I Aide – Elem.	Resignation
Sharon Hochstedler	MS – English Teacher	Retirement (end of school year)
Jill Ingram	Extend maternity leave	Recommended to approve
Karen Oliver	Bus driver	Retirement (end of school year)
Erica Griffith	Temporary Title I Aide – Elem.	Recommended to hire
Delora Mullens	Library Aide – HS	Resignation (end of school year)
Danna (Timm) Allen	Sp. Needs Aide- HS - maternity leave	Recommended to approve
COACHING/ECA's	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Kevin Cox	8 th gr. Girls basketball	Resignation
Dakota Stalbaum	Lifeguard	Recommended to hire

Are you Committed to Graduate (RUC2G?)

Mrs. Zupin reported to the board with the graduation rate percentages over the past few years. She stated that over several years there has been a slow and moderate increase in the graduation rate, she attributes that to the hard work of the teachers and counselors. From 2013 to 2014, however, there was an 11% increase. Mrs. Zupin feels that the determination of the students must be attributed to such a large increase. The 2014 Graduation Rate is 95.8%.

Summer School Programs

Mrs. Johnson provided the board with the information for our Summer School Programs that will begin on June 8 and run through June 25, from 8 -11 A.M. The programs are funded through grants and include Jump Start 1st and 2nd grade, Bridge to middle school, IREAD for 3rd grade, and Summer Enrichment. Starke County Youth Club also offers a program for remediation and an extended day program. New this year is an agricultural class, Supervised Agricultural Experience, this will be taught by agriculture teacher Miss DuVall and will run from June 22 – July 24. All other middle school and high school classes are through A+ credit recovery and Indiana Online Academy which are self-funded. As in the past, the lunch program will be offered from June 8 - June 26 Monday thru Thursday and is available for all children in our community under the age of 18, and to adults for a small fee.

School Funding Proposals

Mrs. Johnson discussed the funding proposals from the House vs. Senate, stating that neither proposals give NJ-SP Schools additional money. Basically growing districts will receive more money and declining districts will receive less. We are unfortunately a declining corporation and are listed in the top 10 districts whose funding will be reduced. A community meeting will be held in the high school auditorium on April 30 at 6:30 P.M., the community is encouraged to attend.

Budget Reductions

Mrs. Johnson provided the board with a hand-out of the proposed budget reductions for 2015 and 2016 that include reductions already made in February 2015 and reductions that will be made beginning in August of 2015. A total of \$483,973 was recommended to be reduced from the 2015 budget and \$805,504 from the 2016 budget. Some of the items included in these numbers are reductions in force, resignations, retirements, reduction of non-certified positions and hours, and JESSE reductions. A motion was made by Mr. Lambert to approve the budget reductions as presented to the board. Mr. Shireman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Other

Mrs. Johnson discussed the upcoming community meeting, The Fight for Public Education. Mrs. Johnson also mentioned how exciting it was that we recently had 24 new members inducted into the National Honor Society, which has never happened before.

Recognition of Visitors

M.J. Bendt discussed the Starke County Bicentennial celebration for next year. She mentioned that one of the pillars is education and maybe the school could take the leadership of that. Mrs. Johnson will communicate with her about the plans. She also mentioned the Lincoln Train Ceremony that will be held in San Pierre on May 2th.

Adjournment

Mrs. Reimbold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Mr. Shireman; motion passed 5-0.

Pat Goin, President

Larry Lambert, Vice President

Marsha Reimbold, Secretary

Jim Menis, Member

Michael Shireman, Member