

North Judson-San Pierre School Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Meeting Room
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Board President 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 Michael Shireman, members Jim Menis and Michael Sharkozy. Others present were Interim Superintendent Dr. Robert Boyd and Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson. A list of patrons attending the meeting is on file at Central Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board presented Nicholas Sierzputowski with a Bluejay Way certificate for his achievement on being the Starke County 2016 Lilly Endowment recipient. Nicholas explained the process he went through to apply for the grant. The Board extended their congratulations to Nick and his family.

Mr. McBride & Dr. Zupin both took the opportunity to discuss the changes that will occur as we transition to a K-6 grade elementary and a 7-12 grade Jr.-Sr. High School.

Consent Items

Mr. Shireman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the May 9, 2016 Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Menis; motion passed 5-0.

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

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

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Beverly Howard	Custodian - HS	Request FMLA leave
Cheryl Brewer	Lunch aide – HS	Retirement effective 6-1-16
James Clemons	Lunch van driver	Retirement effective end of school year
Erica Griffith	Title I Paraprofessional	Resignation effective immediately
Cheryl Kolic	Lunch aide – MS	Resignation effective end of school year
Kelly Shepherd	MS Principal/ Athletic Director	Resignation effective June 30, 2016
Matthew Barnett	Title I paraprofessional (until end of school year)	Recommended to hire
Nathan Japkowski	Summer Technology Assistant	Recommended to hire
Wilbur Collins	Transportation Director	Recommended to approve
Dawn Danford	Voluntary transfer for 2016-2017 -elementary special education teacher to general education teacher	Recommended to approve
Preston Frame	Recall from RIF status 2016-2017 –6 th gr. teacher	Recommended to approve
Lisa Hughes	Recall from RIF status 2016-2017 special education teacher in K-6	Recommended to approve
Diane Trusty	Volleyball Head Coach	Resignation
Kathy Ward	Competition Coordinator – MS (remaining ¾)	Recommended to approve
Steve Carson	Academic Coach – MS Science	Recommended to approve

Approval of remuneration details for Superintendent Contract

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the remuneration details for the superintendent’s contracted as presented. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of recommendation to hire NJ-SP Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Shireman made a motion to approve to hire Dr. Annette Zupin as NJ-SP Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Elementary School Student Handbook changes

Mr. McBride discussed the changes in the Elementary School Student Handbook noting they were mostly cosmetic and in reference to the changes with the incoming 6th grade. Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the handbook changes as presented. Mr. Shireman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of High School Student Handbook changes

Dr. Zupin discussed the changes in the Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook also noting that the changes basically pertain to the grade reconfiguration and the new name, but procedures and rules have not changed. Dr. Zupin went on to say that the middle and high school's handbooks were uniform in nature prior to the new configuration, making the transition to a new handbook was not difficult. Mr. Sharkozy made a motion to approve the Jr. -Sr. High School Student Handbook changes as presented. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of School Meal Prices for 2016-2017

Dr. Boyd presented the new school meal prices to the Board noting the slight increase. Mr. Menis approve the school meal prices for 2016-2017 as presented; motion passed 5-0.

Board Policy # 5840 –First Reading

Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity

Dr. Boyd explained that Indiana Code 20-26-18 requires that school corporations shall develop this policy in consultation with parents, school employees, local law enforcement officials, the county prosecuting attorney, the county public defender, a juvenile court judge, representatives of organizations with expertise in criminal gang education, prevention, or intervention, a school behavioral health or community mental health professional, and any other person or entity the governing body of the school corporation determines to be appropriate. Dr. Boyd explained that he has attended a meeting, along with Knox and Oregon-Davis officials, concerning the development of this policy. This policy deals with reporting and investigating suspected criminal gang activity and recommendations for prevention and intervention services. We currently have no issues in this area. This policy, once approved, will be made available to all parents and placed on the website.

Other

Dr. Boyd announced that the Northern Indiana Community Foundation recently donated \$6,000 for the 2016 Kindergarten Countdown Program. We wish to extent our gratitude to them for this generous donation.

Dr. Zupin addressed the audience, thanking her supporters and discussing the positive things going on at NJ-SP School.

Recognition of Visitors

A patron addressed the board stating that they would support the new superintendent but had concerns over the school rating and the impact on the community. The patron discussed the fact that this school board is an appointed board and that he would be moving forward to pursue the necessary steps to implement an elected school board.

Adjournment

Mr. Shireman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Pat Goin, President

Larry Lambert, Vice President

Michael Shireman, Secretary

Jim Menis, Member

Michael Sharkozy, Member