

**North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**  
**Central Office Board Meeting Room**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Board President Sheila Akers called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. The Board members present were President Sheila Akers, Vice President Derrick Stalbaum, Secretary Jim Menis and members Susan McCormack and Gerald Bacon. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Annette Zupin, Business Manager/Treasurer Guy Richie and Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson. There were a few patrons in attendance for the meeting. A list of patrons that attended the meeting is on file at the Central Administrative Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Items**

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Mrs. McCormack seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Virginia Cole	Long-term substitute	Resignation
Marrienne Soplanda	Teacher – Elementary	Leave of absence continuance
Jill Bejes	Special Needs Paraprofessional	Recommended to hire
Janet Truty	Sub Bus driver	Recommended to hire
<b>ECA's</b>		
Jan Fitzpatrick	Head Varsity Volleyball coach	Resignation
Diane Trusty	Head Girls MS Track coach	Resignation

**Approval of Tax Anticipation Warrant Bids**

Mr. Richie stated that the Tax Anticipation Warrant was for the Capital Projects Plan for the amount of \$230,000. He noted that two bids were received; The First National Bank of Monterey was the lowest bid with an interest rate of 1.5%. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the TAW bid from First National Bank of Monterey as presented. Mrs. McCormack seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims & Make Transfers**

Mr. Richie explained that this resolution was a formality so as not to close the books with any negative balances and also to pay any claims. if necessary, between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay claims and make transfers as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**Board Policies – Volume 30, No. 1 – First reading**

Dr. Zupin commented on the Board Policies stating that the policies are revisions from the 2017 spring legislative session. Dr. Zupin noted that the changes from NEOLA are primarily minor word changes. There are also policy revisions dealing with the new requirements with background checks, student suicide awareness prevention, and child abuse and neglect reporting. Dr. Zupin noted that next month the revisions and updates will be up for approval.

**Principals' Reports**

The elementary school and junior-senior high school principals were present to report on the first semester of the school year. Mrs. Berndt discussed what has been happening with the staff noting on-going staff training on Google Classroom, and NWEA and SRI Data Driven Instruction. Mrs. Berndt also talked about a few newly established committees this year. Mrs. Berndt went on to discuss many PTO activities that are keeping students and parents involved and talked about the many community projects that students have been involvement with this year. A few highlights in student achievement include, Spell Bowl Division Champions with 2nd place overall, 6th grade boys basketball undefeated in regular season. Mrs. Berndt talked about student attendance being a competitive game between the classes with incentives for individual and class attendance. Mrs. Berndt mentioned the sponsors that donated money for the prizes for the attendance incentive program.

Mrs. Berndt touched on some events that will be upcoming for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester: ISTEP and IREAD testing, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Relay for Life, Girls on the Run, Title I parent/teacher events, Literacy Night and a convocation from Brown's Music Bus. Mrs. Berndt also thanked the sponsors for his event.

Mr. Polite spoke about the first semester at the junior-senior high school, noting that the letter grade has improved to a "B" this year and that students have demonstrated individual student growth on ISTEP with 4 out of the 6 test areas showing an overall increase in student passing rate. Mr. Polite talked about utilizing NWEA data to drive instruction. Mr. Polite mentioned a few of the teachers' goals, one of which is to set high expectations. Mr. Polite further discussed the new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bluejay Academy that involves extended time each day in Language Arts and Math saying that this

program has been very positively received by students, teachers and parents. Various student involved projects from groups such as the NHS, FFA, Student Council, and Operation Care were mentioned. In academic success, Mr. Polite reported that the Spell Bowl Team qualified for the state meet and finished 9<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, there will be more ISTEP & NWEA testing and learning about the new Graduation Pathways. The board thanked the principals for their presentations.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Zupin thanked the principals and all the staff for all their hard work and a great first semester. Dr. Zupin reported that the work on the pool has been finalized and should be ready for use in January. Dr. Zupin mentioned the bid process will begin in January and the goal is to be finished with projects before the start of school next year. Dr. Zupin also mentioned that energy efficiency is required on this project and that we have already received a rebate for the middle school boiler project. Dr. Zupin talked about the changing guidelines of school accountability, stating that we have a great team of teachers, counselors and administrators working on things and thinking outside the box. Graduation Pathways and ILEARN are concerns, the teams will be busy working on these matters next semester.

**Other**

Mr. Bacon thanked the teachers and staff commenting that everyone is doing a wonderful job and hopes everyone enjoys the upcoming break.

**Recognition of Visitors**

No one commented.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. McCormack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion commented 5-0.

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Sheila Akers, President

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Derrick Stalbaum, Vice President

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Jim Menis, Secretary

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Susan McCormack, Member

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