

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Meeting Room
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Board President Sheila Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. A list of patrons attending the meeting is on file at Central Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Items

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2017, Regular Board Meeting and the Special Meeting on August 7, 2017, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stalbaum; motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. McCormack made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented to the Board. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Name	Position	Type of Action
Kyle Evans	Elementary Computer/PE teacher	Recommended to hire
Chris Newbauer	Freshman Class Sponsor	Resignation
Brittani Cain	Freshman Class Sponsor	Recommended to approve
Thad White	Assist. Varsity Football	Recommended to hire
Kim Miller	Fine Arts Academic Coach	Recommended to approve
Eric Gappa	Math Academic Coach	Recommended to approve

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

Approval to advertise 2018-2020 Capital Projects & Bus Replacement Plans

Mr. Richie stated that information on the Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan were presented to the board on August 7th. Now the board must give approval to advertise the plans in the local newspapers. Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve to advertise the 2018-2020 Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval to submit the 2018 proposed NJ-SP School Corporation Budget to the Starke County Council

Mr. Richie explained that the NJ-SP budget must now go to the Starke County Council who will hold a public meeting and also an adoption meeting. In order to do this, the corporation is required to relinquish the budget to the Starke County Council for approval. Mrs. McCormack made a motion to approve the submission of the 2018 NJ-SP School Corporation budget to the Starke County Council as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval to Purchase Boilers

Dr. Zupin noted that the boiler project was approved at the last meeting and explained this request is now for approval to purchase three boilers at \$16,606 each through Thermo Products. This will be paid through the construction fund and CPF fund. After discussion Mrs. McCormack made a motion to approve the purchase of three boilers at a price of \$16,606 each. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Transportation Salary Schedule

Dr. Zupin stated that this is the last of the non-certified salary schedules to be approved and also mentioned that there are two less bus routes this year, which means the corporation now has 17 routes. Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the Transportation Salary Schedule as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Board Policies - First Reading

Dr. Zupin summarized the NEOLA Board Policies noting these polices keep schools in compliance with state and federal laws. The polices include Volume 29, No. 2, Special Update for Teacher Appreciation Grants & Transfer Students, Special Release for Technology Collection –Phase II and Phase III. Dr. Zupin summarized the policies and asked the board members to contact her with any questions regarding these polices. Pending no issues, the policies will be up for approval next month.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Zupin introduced the principals. Mrs. Julie Berndt, elementary school principal, said that the elementary school is off to a good start this new school year. Mrs. Berndt stated that “Meet the Teacher Nights” went very well with about 70% attendance. Mrs. Berndt further mentioned that the kindergarteners started on Friday and that she noticed a very positive effect from the summer kindergarten program. Mrs. Berndt stated that the new staff members are doing well and all staff has been trained for the NWEA, the new formative test this year. She mentioned that the elementary School Improvement Team met for the first time this evening and had a very effective meeting. Mrs. Berndt mentioned that 6th graders are doing the morning announcements with her this year and each morning she gives a positive motivational message.

Jim Polite, Jr-Sr high principal, also reported a great beginning to the year, mentioning that this is his second year and, as opposed to all the reconfigurations of last year, this year began much smoother. Mr. Polite said that 7th grade orientation was very well attended and helped to set a positive tone as the new 7th graders begin the year. Mr. Polite reported that there are five new teachers at the Jr-Sr high this year and he looks forward to what they will bring to our school moving forward. Mr. Polite said that he could not say enough about how the new lockers have added to the atmosphere of the

building - the students are extremely happy with them. Mr. Polite stated that the teachers are also preparing to implement the new testing this year. He added that the 7th & 8th grade academy implemented this year is being used for extended time focused on extra math and language arts skills; has been very well received by the staff, students and parents; and is moving in a positive direction. Finally, Mr. Polite mentioned there is a foreign exchange student this year from Taiwan and noted this is a great experience not only for the student but also for local students to have the opportunity for interaction.

Dr. Zupin reported that the Capital Projects bond at this point is in the paperwork stage and will be for a couple of months. She stated that the actual work on these projects may not start until November. There will be a meeting with the architect soon to prioritize the projects. Dr. Zupin stated she will keep everyone posted on the skeleton timeline.

Dr. Zupin noted last year about this time the Bluejay Strategic Planning Group was formed to help bring the community and school together. Last year there were twelve members; however, six members are unable to continue. The group is looking for four to six new members to be part of this group. Application forms are on the corporation website and can be turned in to Central Office. Mrs. Thompson at Central Office may be contacted with questions.

Dr. Zupin announced that on August 24th Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state of Indiana, will be at our school for a Teacher and Community Meeting. Dr. McCormick is touring the state and is speaking in every district and will be at NJ-SP School Corporation speaking for District 2. Dr. McCormick will speak in the NJ-SP auditorium from 5:00-6:30 PM. The Indiana State Teachers Association is holding a reception prior to the meeting in junior-senior high school cafeteria from 4:00-5:00 PM for an opportunity to speak with Dr. McCormick. To attend, you must register separately for both events. The information will be put up on the corporation website or individuals may call Lisa Thompson at Central Office for information. The community is also invited to this event.

Other

Mr. Bacon commented on the advertisements that are sent out to residents recruiting students to their districts and applauded NJ-SP School Corporation for the integrity shown in the way our school corporation handles promotions. Mr. Stalbaum commented that it is important to promote the positive things about North Judson-San Pierre.

Recognition of Visitors

A patron asked questions in regard to one of the board policies mentioned concerning the teacher evaluation process and if the freshman mentor program was still in practice. Dr. Zupin and Mr. Stalbaum explained the evaluation process stating that our corporation uses the RISE rubric, adopted by the state, for teacher evaluation which is a very thorough rubric. Dr. Zupin directed the patron to the high school guidance department in regards to the freshman mentoring program question.

Pat Goin reported that she is returning 60 cents that was left in the referendum fund account and also a corporation key.

Adjournment

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M. seconded by Mr. Menis; motion passed 5-0.

Sheila Akers, President

Derrick Stalbaum, Vice President

Jim Menis, Secretary

Susan McCormack, Member

Gerald Bacon, Member