

**North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**  
**Central Office Board Meeting Room**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. in the Central Office Board Meeting Room. Board President Sheila Akers called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board members present were Board President Sheila Akers, Vice President Derrick Stalbaum, Secretary Jim Menis and member Gerald Bacon. Susan McCormack was absent. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Annette Zupin, Business Manager/Treasurer Guy Richie. A list of patrons attending the meeting is on file at Central Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Items**

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2018, Public Hearing, Budget Adoption and Regular meeting as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Menis made motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Approved personnel: *All personnel actions are contingent on background check approval.*

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Ann Dolezal	Special Needs Paraprofessional – Elem.	Resignation
Laura Hannon	Special Needs Paraprofessional – Elem.	Resignation
Shari Wilson	Bus Driver	Resignation
Evan Howard	Regular F/T teacher	Recommended to hire
Nicole Begley	Special Needs Paraprofessional – Elem.	Recommended to hire
Kayla Zimmerman	Special Needs Paraprofessional – Elem.	Recommended to hire
<b>ECA POSITIONS</b>		
Deb Bolen	MS Track Coach	Resignation
Robin Zoellner	Academic Team Coach	Recommended to approve

**eLearning Policy – Final reading**

Dr. Zupin stated this is the final review of the eLearning Policy. There will be two eLearning days this year: the scheduled snow make-up day of February 18th will be used, the other date will be determined later. More information concerning eLearning can be found on our website. Practice sessions for eLearning will be held in the classrooms next week.

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the eLearning Policy as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**Use of Metal Detector Policy – Final reading**

Dr. Zupin noted that this policy states that the use of these metal detectors is for “reasonable suspicion”. Dr. Zupin also noted that she, the administrators and the principals received training from Town Marshal Kelly Fisher on their appropriate use. It was also point out that police officers are welcome at our school at all times; a consistent police presence can also help create a safer environment.

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the Metal Detector Policy as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**Approval for School Improvement Plans**

Dr. Zupin stated that the principals presented their key points of the School Improvement Plans to the board last month. Dr. Zupin reiterated some of those points stating that at the elementary they will continue to work on collecting and analyzing data as well as academic proficiency in math and reading.

At the Jr-Sr High work will continue on math skills and honing in on vocabulary and comprehension skills as well as promoting a positive school environment and communication with stakeholders.

Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve the NJ-SP Jr-Sr High School and the Elementary School Improvement Plans as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**FFA Chapter – National FFA Convention**

Dr. Zupin stated that the FFA advisor Miss DuVall is requesting permission for the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Dr. Zupin referenced a detailed itinerary of events that has been provided for review by the board and offered her support of this request. It was mentioned that the students are able to help fund the cost of this trip by selling tickets to their annual pork chop fundraiser.

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from 10/24/18 to 10/27/18 as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**Addition of 5<sup>th</sup> gr. Boys & Girls Basketball Programs**

Dr. Zupin stated that this requested additional basketball program is currently for a short season consisting of only 4 to 6 games. We are part of the Hoosier North Athletic Conference (HNAC) that was developed a few years ago and the other schools in the conference have fifth grade teams. This provides an opportunity for kids to experience some competition at this stage. Since this is not a current ECA coaching position, it would be a voluntary coaching position for this year. Mr. Bacon recommend the approval of adding the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys and Girls Basketball programs with a volunteer coach this year as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Zupin discussed the continuous improvement process stating that this is something she is very proud of at NJ-SP School Corporation. As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year we continue to look at formative assessment, interventions and monitoring progress. Dr. Zupin went on to say that now is the time to take another look at our plans such as the Strategic Accountability Plan, Wellness Plan and the Technology Plan to find out if we are meeting our goals or if we need to reevaluate them.

Dr. Zupin noted that this is a good time for this reevaluation as our corporation recently had a curriculum audit performed. The curriculum specialists will present their findings on October 29, 2018, during Bluejay Collaboration Time to all the teachers, though the emphasis for the audit was on K-8. Dr. Zupin believes it will be the perfect springboard into revising next year’s plans and professional development.

**Other**

The board extended their congratulations to the Volleyball team on winning sectionals. Also, congratulations to our Cross Country team as several qualified for regionals and to Austin Kendrick as he is going to Semi-State.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Jacque Ryan asked a question concerning eLearning. It was clarified that on the actual eLearning day students work from home.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Bacon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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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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Gerald Bacon, Member