

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. in the Central office Board Room. Board President Derrick Stalbaum called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The Board members present were President Derrick Stalbaum, Vice President Sandra Kersting Rudd, Secretary Gerald Bacon, member Jim Menis and member Jeri Brewer. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Annette Zupin and Business Manager/Treasurer Dalton Tunis. A copy of the list of patrons attending the meeting is on file at Central Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Consent Items

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 Minutes of a Regular Meeting as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Kersting Rudd made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Brewer made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mrs. Kersting Rudd seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Ann Lawson	Jr-Sr High Spanish Teacher	Retirement
Summer Pradke	Substitute Teacher – All Schools	Recommended to Hire
Andrew Wilcox	Substitute Teacher – Elementary School	Recommended to Hire
Mike Mosher	MPV Driver	Recommended to Hire
ECA POSITIONS		
Logan Short	Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach (replacing Brian Windbigler)	Recommended to Hire
Brian Windbigler	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach (replacing Alex Windbigler)	Recommended to Hire
Jerome “Jerry” Jernas	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Madison Fingerhut	Middle School Swim Coach	Recommended to Hire
Casey Korniak	Middle School Assistant Track Coach	Recommended to Hire
Leanne Kerley	Academic Coach	Recommended to Hire
Trevor Thomas	Middle School Assistant Track Coach	Resignation
Donna Osborne	Middle School Assistant Swim Coach	Resignation
Amanda Tilema	Middle School Cross Country Coach (replacing Steve Carson)	Recommended to Hire
Leanne Kerley	Middle School Assistant Swim Coach (replacing Donna Osborne)	Recommended to Hire
Brian Orkis	High School Assistant Track Coach (replacing Evan Howard)	Recommended to Hire
Mike Haws	High Ability Coordinator	Resignation
Evan Howard	Assistant Varsity Track & Field Coach	Resignation
Chris Newbauer	Head Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach	Resignation
Alex Windbigler	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach	Resignation
Dalton Bailey	Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach	Resignation
Katrina Harper	Girls’ JV Basketball Coach	Resignation

Approval of Summer School Courses

Mrs. Kersting Rudd made a motion to approve the Summer School Courses as presented. Mrs. Brewer seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

First Reading of Corporation Plans

Dr. Zupin discussed The First Reading of Corporation Plans. The first plans discussed were Strategic and Accountability Plans. Goal 1: To provide a diverse and relevant curriculum for all students. Goal 2: Continuous growth of student academic achievement. Goal 3: Healthy financial stability and Goal 4: Engage community, parents, and business leaders. A summary of changes are to address learning loss and skill gaps due to COVID-19 closure and concentrate on creating and maintaining a healthy balance of cash reserves and appropriate student/staff expenditures. The second plans were Technology Plans. Goal 1: Teaching and learning. NJ-SP students will learn to use and care for their devices. NJ-SP teachers and students will exhibit knowledge and skills utilizing software, programs, and assessments. Goal 2: Professional Development for Teachers. NJ-SP teachers will demonstrate competency in creating and delivering quality instruction using technology devices. Goal 3: Device/Hardware Goals. NJ-SP will send devices home with students at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Goals 4 and 5: Infrastructure and Financial Goals. A summary of changes are that devices will go home with students next school year. Determination of which grade levels, repair processes will be established, repair funding will be created, and teaching and learning strategies utilizing more technology. The third plans discussed were Wellness Plans. Goal 1: Nutrition Education. Goal 2: Nutrition Promotion. Goal 3. Physical Activity. Goal 4: Other school-based activities. Goal 5: Implementation of Evaluation. A summary of changes are to update and change activities offered to our students are afterschool activities and extra-curricular offerings. The fourth plans discussed were Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans. Goals discussed were Definitions, State Laws/Statutes, Resources, and Processes/Procedures (must report: Anonymous, Administrator or Teacher). A summary of changes are to keep current with state statutes and explore possible use of an App to report issues.

Legislation Update

Dr. Zupin explained HB 1005/SB 413; an aim to expand school choice options for families, increase income eligibility for school choice vouchers, and create a new funding program for some students not enrolled in public schools to receive state tuition support dollars. Harmful effects discussed from these Bills include diverting taxpayer funds from public schools to private schools and reducing fiscal and academic accountability (some private/charter schools accountability is less stringent) and the original “theory” or “goal” of advocating for poor students and minority students from failing, urban public schools have been lost. With increased income eligibility being in the \$70,000 range to \$140,000 range. Is this really helping who it was originally intended to help? In summary, put public funds to public schools so we can fully deliver the services and programs that our students need.

ESSR CARES 2.0

Dr. Zupin discussed the ESSR CARES 2.0 would add additional dollars to schools, it will address air quality and loss of learning. NJ-SP will look at hiring additional staff in the next couple of years to address learning loss, social-emotional health needs, and smaller classroom sizes. NJ-SP will look at ways to improve air-quality and use these funds to do so. Funds need to be spent in 2 years (by Fall of 2023).

Elementary School Project Update

Dr. Zupin updated that the week of March 29 fiber optic work will begin, the week of April 5 securing the site (playground area) and ground breaking for the new gym will begin. April and May work on the Elementary Gym will take place and June 1 will begin work on the West Wing of the school, main office, and continued work on the gym. A Bus Garage update was given stating “Poles set, digging foundation, pour footings, floor slab will be done in approximately 2 weeks and FBI comes in after floor slab”.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Zupin updated that vaccine for teachers was conducted onsite and cases are still minimal.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Zupin reported Spring Break will be March 29-April 2. The students last day will be May 27 due to a makeup day from a snow day in February and the Graduation Ceremony will be June 6 and will take place outdoors due to COVID-19 precautions and gym construction.

Other

There was no other business.

Recognition of Visitors

No one commented.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 P.M. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

_____ Derrick Stalbaum, President

_____ Sandra Kersting Rudd, Vice President

_____ Gerald Bacon, Secretary

_____ Jim Menis, Member

_____ Jeri Brewer, Member