

**North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Central Office Board Room**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Public Hearing and Regular Session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Room. Board President Doug Wilde called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board members present were President Doug Wilde, Vice President Cameron Stalbaum, Secretary Sandra Kersting Rudd, member Sheila Akers, and member Everett James. Others present were Superintendent M. Kelly Shepherd 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.

**Public Hearing-1028 Project & Additional Appropriation**

Lisa Huntington from Baker Tilly presented several debt service plans to the board. Thomas Peterson from TWP Law Firm explained the resolutions and answered questions regarding the 1028 Project and Additional Appropriation.

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:23 P.M. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

**Regular Meeting**

Mr. Wilde called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

**Audience to Visitors**

**Consent Items**

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mr. Everett seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Dorthy Lewandowski	Sub School Bus Driver & MPV Driver	Recommended to Hire
Dona Bailey	MPV Driver and Bus Aide	Recommended to Hire
Codi Doolittle	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Gerrit Knip	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Alicia Vale	STEAM Teacher	Resignation
Emma Shireman	Substitute Teacher	Resignation
Jamie Nielsen	Elementary & Middle School Music Teacher	Resignation
Chrystal Ingram	Title I Teacher	Resignation

### **Approval of Bond Resolutions**

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of the Bond Resolutions as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **North Judson Police Department Presentation**

Officer Chris Kisela presented the information and necessary steps to take formal action to create the school's own Corporation Police Department.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve of the North Judson Police Department Presentation as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of the Elementary School Improvement Plan**

Amy Bright shared the Elementary School Improvement Plan, discussing strategies to meet goals and increasing support with paraprofessionals and teachers providing them with the professional development needed to continue to meet goals. Attendance is another goal included in the improvement plan in which they are working to improve.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of the Elementary School Improvement Plan as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip**

Mr. Shepherd asked the board to approve pursuing the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip that was shared in years past with Knox School Corporation. Discussion was had about what it would require offering this trip to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washinton D.C. Trip as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of Monetary Donations**

Mr. Tunis presented monetary donations from Pulaski Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$25.00 to be awarded to the Athletic Department and another one from Good Oil Company in the amount of \$1,286.57 to be awarded to the Baseball Team.

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve of the Monetary Donation as presented. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Policies-1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Shepherd discussed the updated NEOLA Policies including The Office of Management and Budget, Conflict of Interest, Grant Funds, Internal Controls, Cash Management of Grants, Cost Principles, Procurement, Travel and Expenses, Disposition of Surplus Property, and Property Inventory.

### **Transportation Out of District**

Mr. Shepherd shared his thoughts on traveling further outside of the district to pick up students.

### **Enrollment Information**

Mr. Shepherd updated that on October 1 we certified enrollment with 918 enrollments, up from last year's 906.

### **Non-Certified Sick Bank**

Mr. Shepherd shared that we would like to create a policy to offer a sick bank to non-certified staff needing time off due to medical issues.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Shepherd reported that we are looking for a new partnership with counseling services to help families build connections with outside organizations for students who have a need for more access to counseling and therapy.

**Other**

Mr. Tunis noted that at the November Board Meeting there will be a representative from Lancer Architect Group present to answer any questions about the Facility Study. Board President, Doug Wilde swore Chris Kisela in as the North Judson-San Pierre Police Department Chief of Police.

**Recognition of Visitors**

No one spoke.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Everett seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Wilde, President

\_\_\_\_\_ Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandra Kersting Rudd, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheila Akers, Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Everett James, Member