

**North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Room. Board President Doug Wilde called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Dr. 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.

**Regular Meeting**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wilde, along with the rest of the board members congratulated Dr. Shepherd on obtaining his Doctorate Degree.

**Audience to Visitors**

No one spoke.

**Consent Items**

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented with corrections. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0. Mr. James made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0, with Mr. Stalbaum abstaining. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Dariane Bacewic	School Psychologist	Maternity Leave
Chrissie Scutchfield	Bus Driver	Recommended to Hire
Megan Kryzyanowski	Bus Driver/MPV Driver Substitute	Recommended to Hire
Bianca Childers	Alternative Learning Environment Paraprofessional	Recommended to Hire
Leslie Zank	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Arlene Gray	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Trey Hampton	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Connor Benson	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Katlin Harper	Custodian	Recommended to Hire
Christiane Hileman	Speech-Language Pathologist	Resignation
Kayla Zimmerman	Special Needs Paraprofessional- High School	Resignation
Megan Boldt	Developmental Preschool Paraprofessional	Resignation

**Approval of Interest Earned Resolution**

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the Interest Earned Resolution as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims and Make Transfers**

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims and Make Transfers as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of the School Performance Grant (TAG)**

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the School Performance Grant (TAG) as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of MOU with NJ-SP/CTA**

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the MOU with NJ-SP/CTA as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of Administrative HSA Option**

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Administrative HSA Option as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of Bank Depository RFP**

Mr. James made a motion to approve the Bank Depository RFP as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

### **Masonry/Bricklayer Union Update**

Dr. Shepherd discussed exploring options to create space for offering building trades programs and a pathway to masonry. He noted that 46 schools are currently utilizing this program.

### **Vocational Meeting Update**

Dr. Shepherd updated that he met with the superintendents of South-Central School, Tri-Township School, and Winamac School to discuss their interest in joining our vocational pathways program.

### **2025-2026 School Calendar-1<sup>st</sup> Draft**

Dr. Shepherd shared that Mr. Gappa is working on finalizing the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

### **Lifewise Academy**

Dr. Shepherd informed the board that he met with several community members to discuss the potential implementation of Lifewise Academy. This program offers voluntary religious instruction for interested students and would be integrated into the school in accordance with applicable guidelines.

### **Yearbook**

Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Tunis briefed the board that they are working on the best approach to address and correct the error that occurred during the yearbook printing process, either through reordering or other solutions.

### **Special Education Update**

Dr. Shepherd was pleased to share that we have reached a positive resolution regarding a special education student. This outcome reflects a collaborative effort to address the concerns and ensure the student's needs are met effectively.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Shepherd reported that Mr. Orkis would like to recognize several students in the IASP Rising Stars of Indiana academic program in January for their achievements. Additionally, the band and choir have represented our school exceptionally well, with their quality and performance increasing tremendously.

### **Other**

Mrs. Akers inquired about roof improvement options, and Dr. Shepherd shared that he had met with John Stalbaum from Michigan City, who has offered to conduct a roof inspection and provide a free assessment.

## Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors.

## Adjournment

Mrs. Akers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Mr. James seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

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Doug Wilde, President

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Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

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Sandra Kersting Rudd, Secretary

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Sheila Akers, Member

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Everett James, Member