

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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Administration Office, 4711 S. 500 W., New Palestine, In 46163

Monday, March 8, 2021

6:30pm

Present: Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President; Mr. Robert Yoder, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Lisa Lantrip, Superintendent; Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President; Mr. Dan Walker, Board Secretary; Mr. Miles Hercamp, Director of Instructional Services; Ms. Amber Rush, Executive Administrative Assistant; Mr. Wes Anderson, Director of School and Community Relations; Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board Member; Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Member; Mrs. Katy Eastes, Director of Student Services

1 Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the agenda for March 8, 2021. Mr. Walker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Haeberle seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

3 Citizens Formal Comments

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

Comments on agenda and non-agenda items will be received at this time in accordance with the guidelines defined in the Board Bylaws (0167.3) - Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Non-Agenda Items:

Any person or group desiring to formally comment on non-agenda items must register with the Superintendent their intent to address the Board no later than three (3) working days (does not include Saturday and Sunday) prior to the meeting (by Wednesday before a Monday meeting).

Agenda Items:

Any person or group desiring to formally comment on agenda items must register with the Superintendent of their intent to address the Board no later than three (3) days (includes Saturday and Sunday) prior to the meeting (by Friday before a Monday meeting).

To Register:

Requests to address the Board must include the following:

*name(s) of the participant(s)

*address(es) of the participant(s),

*group affiliation, if and when appropriate, topic to be addressed.

*a printed copy of the statement of concern, to be read at the meeting, must be submitted at the time of registration, including pertinent information necessary to identify the involved parties for further investigation.

The agenda will be posted at the administration office and at each of the school buildings at least five (5) days (includes Saturday and Sunday) prior to the board meeting and submitted to local newspapers for publishing.

3.1 Formal Comment

Mrs. Jill Jones, Parent and Community Member

Participant Name: Jill Jones

Address: 3422 E. 300 S., Greenfield, In 46140

Affiliation: Parent and Community Member

Topic: Please consider allowing facemask wearing to be "optional" (no longer termed "requirement") and allow students and faculty to have a choice.

Minutes:

Mrs. Jill Jones presented her Citizens Formal Comment to the Board.

Attachments:

[Formal Citizen Comment .htm](#)

4 Consideration of Routine Business

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

4.1 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated February 8, 2021.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[Minutes from February 8 2021.pdf](#)

4.2 Claims and Finances

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

a. Payroll Claims dated through March 8, 2021.

b. Claims dated through March 8, 2021.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve Claims and Finances dated through March 8, 2021. Mrs. Haeberle moved to approve Claims and Finances as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims through March 2021.pdf](#)
[Claims dated through March 8 2021.pdf](#)

4.3 Personnel Report

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

a. Personnel Report dated through March 8, 2021.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated through March 8, 2021. Mr. Walker moved to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mrs. Haeberle seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated through March 8 2021.pdf](#)
[Leave Report dated through March 8 2021.pdf](#)

4.4 Donations

Mr. Robert Yoder, Assistant Superintendent

a. \$375.00 donation from Kelly's Quality Painting for NPHS School Lunches.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve Donations. Mr. Hooker moved to approve Donations as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

4.5 NPHS Cheerleading Field Trip

Mr. Allen Cooper, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Cooper is seeking approval for the NPHS cheerleaders to attend Purdue University Cheer Camp 6/6/21-6/9/21.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve NPHS cheerleading overnight trip. Dr. Ackerman moved to approve the field trip request as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[NPHS_Cheer_Camp.pdf](#)

4.6 NPHS Varsity Baseball Jasper, IN Tournament

Mr. Allen Cooper, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Cooper is seeking approval for an overnight trip for the NPHS Varsity Baseball Team to travel to and participant in the Hall of Fame tournament in Jasper, In May 7-8, 2021.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the NPHS Varsity Baseball overnight trip. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the trip as presented. Mrs. Haeberle seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[NPHS_Varisty_Jasper_Field_Trip.pdf](#)

5 New Business

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

5.1 Recommendation for Commencement Date

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

Mr. Voelz is requesting approval for his recommendation on when to hold commencement exercises for the class of 2021.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the recommended commencement dates. Mrs. Haeberle moved to approve the recommended dates as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[Commencement_2021_Recommendation_Letter.pdf](#)

5.2 English / Language Arts 7-8 Grade Adoption

Mr. Miles Hercamp, Director of Instructional Services

Mr. Hercamp is requesting approval for English / Language Arts 7-8 Adoption.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the English/Language Arts 7/8 Grade Adoption. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the adoption as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

5.3 **Unified Arts Curriculum Updates for 7-8 Grade**

Mr. Miles Hercamp, Director of Instructional Services

Mr. Hercamp is requesting approval for 7-8 Grade Unified Arts Curriculum Updates.

Board Approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the Unified Arts curriculum updates for 7-8 Grades. Mr. Walker moved to approve the updates as presented. Mrs. Haeberle seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Attachments:

[Advanced Art.pdf](#)
[App Developers.pdf](#)
[Art History.pdf](#)
[Exploring Music.pdf](#)
[Exploring World Cultures.pdf](#)
[Green Architecture.pdf](#)
[Automation and Robotics.pdf](#)
[TV News and Podcasting.pdf](#)
[Wellness.pdf](#)

5.4 **Instructional Fees**

Mr. Miles Hercamp, Director of Instructional Services

Mr. Hercamp is requesting approval for 2021-2022 Student Instructional Fees.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Instructional Fees. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the instructional fees as presented. Mrs. Haeberle seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Attachments:

[Elementary Instructional Fees 2021-2022 - Sheet1.pdf](#)
[NPI Instructional Fees 2021-2022 - Sheet1.pdf](#)
[NPJH Instructional Fees 2021-2022 - Sheet1.pdf](#)

5.5 Contract for Traffic Improvements for New Palestine High School

Mr. Robert Yoder, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Yoder is requesting approval of the contract for a new drive at New Palestine High School campus. This two-lane drive would connect the parking lot south of NPBS to County Road 450 West.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to approve the contract for traffic improvements. Mrs. Haeberle moved to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haeberle

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

Recommendation for Award of Construction Bid.pdf

6 Reports

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

6.1 Library Update

Mr. Fred Fox, Hancock County Public Library Board Member and Mr. Dave Gray, Executive Director of Hancock County Public Library

Minutes:

Mr. Fox and Mr. Gray presented an update for the Hancock County Public Library.

Attachments:

Library Report.pdf

7 Informal Comments

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

The Board President may call for additional informal public comment at this time, if, in his/her judgement, time permits and more comment is warranted. The time limit for such comments will be set by the President, who may also permit the administration or Board to respond to these public comments at his/her discretion.

An informal comment form must be completed on the evening of the board meeting and submitted to the Secretary of the Board prior to the start of the meeting.

Minutes:

No Informal Comments

8 Board Member Comments

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. Walker thanked the families in our community for their continued support through donations. Mr. Walker also

welcomed back Mr. Fessler and commented on the outstanding job Mr. Moore had done. Mr. McKinney was happy to see we are beginning to get back to normal with the approval of a few upcoming field trips and glad to see the NPHS construction moving along as planned. Dr. Lantrip thanked the curriculum folks and teachers for their hard work. Mrs. Haeberle shared a letter she received from her HOST student. She wanted to share how she worried about this student when schools shut down last year and how she would be affected by the lack of one on one time. She was pleased to see the student had progressed even without the HOST program this year. The letter reminded her how hard our teachers and students are working to catch up and stay on track during such a difficult year. Dr. Ackerman thanked Dr. Lantrip for her on going work with our health department and for keeping our kids in school.

9 Adjournment

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Brian McKinney
Marta Ackerman

Laura J Haeberle

D. Walker

Jon Hooker