

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, September 9, 2024

6:30pm

Present: Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member; Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President; Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member; Ms. Amber Rush, Executive Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President; Mrs. Katy Eastes, Assistant Superintendent; Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager; Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications; Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary

1 Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Walker attended the meeting virtually. Mr. Hooker was not in attendance.

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

2.1 Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients

Mr. Brian Dinwiddie, Curriculum Coordinator

The Board will recognize Elijah Cox, Kylan Lewis, Dexter Riggs, Charles Mitchell, Willa Novotny, and Gunther Fortier as Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients.

Attachments:

[ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll .pdf](#)

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 agenda. Mr. McKinney moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney
Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

4 Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Persons wishing to address the Board on an agenda item shall register by completing the Comments on Agenda Items Form and submitting the form to the Secretary of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. The registration form will include the name of the person(s) providing comment, the organization represented (if any), and identify the agenda item to be addressed. The agenda will be posted at the administration office and at each of the school buildings at least five (5) days (including Saturday and Sunday) prior to the meeting (i.e. by Wednesday before a Monday meeting). Copies of the agenda will also be available at the scheduled Board Meeting. Comments on agenda items will be heard at the start of the Board Meeting.

Minutes:

No Comments

5 Consideration of Routine Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

5.1 Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

a. Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2024.

b. Special Session Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve meeting minutes dated August 26, 2024. Dr. Ackerman moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated Aug 26 2024.pdf](#)
[Special Session Minutes dated Aug 26 2024.pdf](#)

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated August 30, 2024.
- b. Claims dated August 31, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the claims and finances. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the claims and finances as presented, and Dr. Ackerman seconded it. The vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated Aug 30 2024.pdf](#)
[Claims dated Aug 31 2024.pdf](#)

5.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Personnel Report dated September 9, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Dr. Ackerman motioned to approve the Personnel Report as presented, and Mr. McKinney seconded it. The vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

Attachments:

Personnel Report dated Sept 9 2024.pdf

5.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

a. New Palestine Elementary has received a \$65.00 donation from Scopelitis in honor of their employee Ashley Jennings's 13th anniversary with their firm. She has requested a donation to be made to NPE in lieu of anniversary flowers. The funds will be deposited into the NPE extra-curricular Student Activities Fund.

b. New Palestine Elementary has received a \$2,000.00 donation from the New Palestine Elementary PTO. The NPE PTO would like these funds to be used for staff catering throughout the school year. The funds will be deposited into the extra-curricular Vending Fund.

c. New Palestine High School has received a \$1,000.00 sponsorship for the NPHS Robotics Program from Service Engineering, Inc. The funds will be deposited into the Robotics Fun.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the donations received. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the donations as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

6 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Duke Energy Customer Incentive Payment

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

New Palestine Community Schools participated in the Duke Energy Smart Program. The new mechanical equipment at New Palestine High School is more energy efficient, which will result in energy savings for years to come. Because of the new equipment that was installed, Duke has sent us a check for \$168,855.00. We are recommending this check be deposited into the Rainy Day Fund for future projects.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the deposit into the Rainy Day Fund. Dr. Ackerman made the motion to approve the deposit. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

6.2 2025 Budget Advertisement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

The 2025 School Budget was reviewed during the August 26, 2024 Board Meeting. Budget Advertisement is requested at this time. In alignment with state guidelines, a budget hearing will be held on September 30, 2024, and the approval will be requested at the October 28, 2024 meeting.

Board approval is requested at this time

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2025 School Budget. Dr. Ackerman motioned to approve the advertisement as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

Attachments:

6.3 2025 Capital Project Plan Advertisement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Approval is requested for the advertisement of the 2025 Capital Projects Plan as per state guidelines. The three-year plan is reviewed and updated each year in alignment with the needs of the district.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2025 Capital Project Plan. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the advertisement as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

Attachments:

6.3 2025 Capital Projects Plan.pdf

6.4 2025 Bus Replacement Plan Advertisement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Approval is requested for the advertisement of the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. The plan is reviewed and updated yearly and ensures that all buses are replaced within a 12-year timeframe.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. Dr. Ackerman motioned to approve the advertisement as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X

Attachments:

6.4 Bus Replacement Plan-Advertisement 2025.pdf

7 Professional Meetings

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Attached for review. No is action required.

Minutes:

The report is attached for review. No action is required.

Attachments:

Professional Leave Report .pdf

8 Informal Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

The Board President may call for additional informal public comment at this time, if, in his/her judgment, 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 Comments

9 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney thanked those who worked on the budget for all of their efforts. Mr. McKinney was also happy to see so many staff members continuing their learning with professional development. Dr. Ackerman offered prayers and encouragement for the Darley family. Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Rush for setting him up to attend the meeting virtually. Mrs. Haeberle encouraged staff to volunteer their time to help out with the We the People team and expressed how impressed she continues to be with these students. Mrs. Eastes thanked our staff and community for their support of our students during the loss of one of our students. Dr. Pleak mentioned her recent evening celebrating one of our NPHS teachers, Gina Iacobucci, as one of the Top 10 Educators in Indiana.

10 Adjournment

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McKinney made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		

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