

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, October 14, 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; Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary; Mrs. Katy Eastes, Assistant Superintendent; Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager; Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications; Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

1 Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The advertised agenda had a duplicate item (Approval of Minutes) but was missing Approval of Agenda. Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to amend the agenda as it was advertised. Dr. Ackerman moved to amend the agenda as advertised. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

2 Approval of Agenda

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the October 14, 2024 agenda. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

3 First Preliminary Determination Hearing for G.O. Bond 2024

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle paused the regular meeting to open the hearing on the First Preliminary Determination Hearing for G.O. Bond 2024. There were no public comments or questions.

Attachments:

[3. First Preliminary Determination Hearing for G.O. Bond 2024.pdf](#)

4 Public Meeting Master Contract (Pre-Ratification) Tentative Agreement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will review the Master Contract Tentative Agreement. No action is needed at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Gizzi reviewed the Master Contract Tentative Agreement. Mr. Walker inquired how many teachers belong to our CTA. Mrs. Gizzi believed 151 teachers participated in the association. Dr. Ackerman applauded Mrs. Gizzi and the CTA representatives for their work on the contract. There were no public comments or questions. The regular meeting resumed.

Attachments:

[4. Public Meeting Master Contract.pdf](#)

5 Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice 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.

6 Consideration of Routine Business

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

6.1 Approval of Minutes

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 30, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve meeting minutes dated September 30, 2024. Mr. McKinney moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated Sept 30 2024.pdf](#)

6.2 Claims and Finances

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

- a. Payroll Claims dated September 27, 2024.
- b. Claims dated September 30, 2024.
- c. Claims dated October 14, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the claims and finances. Dr. Ackerman motioned to approve the claims and finances as presented, and Mr. McKinney seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated Sept 27 2024.pdf](#)

[Claims dated Sept 30 2024.pdf](#)

[Claims dated Oct 14 2024.pdf](#)

6.3 Personnel Report

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

Personnel Report dated October 14, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the Personnel Report as presented, and Mr. Hooker seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated Oct 14 2024.pdf](#)

6.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. Ashley Drake has issued a check for \$50.00 and would like to donate the check to Sugar Creek Elementary's Extra Curricular Account.
- b. Russell & Courtney Whetsel dba Whetsels Pretzels and Pizza has issued a \$400.00 check to be split equally between New Palestine Junior High's Athletic Fund and the General Fund.
- c. Mt. Lebanon Community Church has issued a \$340.00 check to go to Brandywine Elementary Meal Accounts with Deficit Balances.
- d. Hancock Regional has issued a check for \$500.00 to go towards Sugar Creek's Robotics Program.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the donations received. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the donations as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

6.5 NPJH Cincinnati Field Trip

Mrs. Jessica Neill, NPJH Principal

Mrs. Neill is seeking approval for the 8th grade class to take their annual trip to Cincinnati. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 8th grade field trip request. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the request as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Attachments:

[NPJH Cincinnati Field Trip.pdf](#)

7 New Business

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

7.1 Approval of School Safety Specialists

Mr. Jobie Whitaker, Director of Transportation

Mr. Whitaker is requesting approval for the 2024-2025 School Safety Specialists. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Safety Specialists. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[2024-2025 School Safety Specialists.pdf](#)

8 Informal Comments

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice 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

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney hoped our staff and students had a relaxing fall break. He also appreciates the work and time involved in staff becoming school safety specialists and hopes they never have to use the training. Mr. McKinney thanked the community for always stepping up to support our district with the continued donations. Mr. Hooker congratulated the marching band on their recent success. Dr. Ackerman congratulated the district on our recent literacy scores. Mr. Walker congratulated our boys and girls soccer teams on their successful season. Mrs. Eastes attended the Adams Family musical before fall break and was amazed at the talent of our students. Dr. Pleak also attended the high school musical and echoed Mrs. Eastes on what a wonderful performance the show was and thanked Mr. Dean and Mrs. McDonald for their time in organizing the musical. Mrs. Haeberle thanked Dr. Ackerman for filling her shoes as Board President while she was on vacation. She appreciated his help while she was away.

10 Adjournment

Dr. Matt Ackerman, Board Vice 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. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

