

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, October 28, 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 Haerberle, 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

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board President

2.1 AP Teacher Recognition

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Mr. Mitchel Burk, NPHS Assistant Principal

The Board will recognize New Palestine High School teachers Ms. Lisa Hardin and Mrs. Misty Wheatley. These teachers are responsible for the outstanding performance of our NPHS students on their Advanced Placement examinations. Lisa and Misty both had 100% pass rates for their students on their AP courses AP exams.

Minutes:

The Board recognized New Palestine High School teachers Ms. Lisa Hardin and Mrs. Misty Wheatley.

Attachments:

[ATP - AP Teacher Recognition 2024 Ms. Hardin.pdf](#)

[ATP - AP Teacher Recognition 2024 Mrs. Wheatley.pdf](#)

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle requested a motion to approve the October 28, 2024 agenda. Mr. Walker moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker
Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

4 **G.O. Bonds Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing**
Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle paused the regular meeting and opened the G.O. Bonds Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing. There were no public questions or comments. Mrs. Haeberle closed the hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

5 **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.

6 **Consideration of Routine Business**

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 14, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated Oct 14 2024 2.59.50 PM.pdf](#)

6.2 **Claims and Finances**

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated October 11, 2024.
 - b. Claims dated October 28, 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 Mr. Hooker seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated Oct 11 2024.pdf](#)
[Claims dated October 28 2024.pdf](#)

6.3 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. Huntington National Bank issued a check for \$500.00 to Sugar Creek Elementary. The sponsorship will go towards the SCE Robotics Program.
- b. New Palestine Intermediate received a cash donation of \$35.00 from Timothy Meyer. Mr. Meyer has requested the donation be used for NPI's Fun Run Fundraiser.
- c. New Palestine Intermediate received a cash donation of \$240.00 from Janet Meadors. Ms. Meadors has requested the donation be used for NPI's Fun Run Fundraiser.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

7 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

7.1 G.O. Bonds Project Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Project Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Project Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[7.1 Project Resolution.pdf](#)

7.2 **G.O. Bonds Preliminary Determination Resolution**

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Preliminary Determination Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Dr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[7.2 Preliminary Determination Resolution.pdf](#)

7.3 **G.O. Bonds Preliminary Bond Resolution**

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Preliminary Bond Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[7.3 Preliminary Bond Resolution.pdf](#)

7.4 **G.O. Bonds Reimbursement Resolution**

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Reimbursement Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[7.4 Reimbursement Resolution.pdf](#)

7.5 Approval of Master Contract Ratification

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the 2024-2025 Master Contract between New Palestine Community Schools and the New Palestine Classroom Teachers Association.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Master Contract between New Palestine Community Schools and the New Palestine Classroom Teachers Association. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[7.5 Master Teacher Contract Ratification.pdf](#)

7.6 2025 Budget Approval

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Approval of the 2025 Budget, as reviewed on August 26, 2024, is requested at this time. The budget has been advertised in alignment with the state guidelines and a hearing was held on September 30, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Mr. McKinney moved to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

7.7 Appropriation Reduction Resolution

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the attached resolution to reduce the 2025 Budget Appropriations as necessary.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Appropriation Reduction Resolution. Mr. Hooker moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

7.7 Appropriation Reduction Resolution.pdf

7.8 Resolution to Transfer Amounts Between the Education Fund and the Operations Fund

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the attached resolution to transfer amounts between the Education Fund and the Operations Fund.

Board Approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Amounts Between the Education Fund and the Operations Fund. Dr. Ackerman moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

7.8 Resolution to Transfer Amounts Between the Education Fund and the Operations Fund.pdf

7.9 Local Income Tax Distribution

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the attached distribution of the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) for the 2025 Budget.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the distribution of the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) for the 2025 Budget. Dr. Ackerman moved to approve the distribution. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[7.9 Local Income Tax Distribution.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 Mrs. Gizzi for her work on the many resolutions brought to the Board for approval and recognized the time and effort involved. Mr. McKinney also applauded our fall sports teams on their success. Mr. Hooker also thanked Mrs. Gizzi for her work in preparing several resolutions. Mr. Hooker also enjoyed seeing the corporation office staff dressed up and handing out candy to our community at the recent trunk or treat. Dr. Ackerman appreciated the hard work that went into the junior high career fair and loved seeing our students dressed up, meeting people, and shaking hands while learning about different career opportunities. Dr. Ackerman also thanked Dr. Pleak and Mrs. Gizzi for their time and patience in answering any of his questions regarding the resolutions requiring Board approval. Mrs. Eastes echoed the Trunk or Treat sentiments by Mr. Hooker. She was able to attend both events in the area hosted in our school district by Brandywine Elementary and the high school marching band. She said both events were successful, and she believes every child in the district attended one, if not both, events. Dr. Pleak wanted to applaud both the boys' and girls' cross-country teams for advancing to regionals and for their success. She also shared we had one runner, Jacob Cooper, who is advancing to state, and we wanted to wish him well. Dr. Pleak also applauded the band and their strong weekend at semi-state, and she is proud of them and their hard work. She also wished our football team well as we begin tournament time.

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. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

[Handwritten signatures]
D. W. Allen
Jon Hooker
Lynn J. Haeberle
Matt Adams
Brian McKinney