

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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Sugar Creek Elementary, 2337 South 600 W., New Palestine, In 46163

Monday, November 11, 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

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

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

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

2.1 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

The Board will recognize Evan Barone as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.

Minutes:

The Board recognized Evan Barone as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.

Attachments:

[National Merit Scholar Semifinalist 2024 Evan Barone.pdf](#)

2.2 Lilly Scholarship Finalists

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Ms. Sarah House, Community Foundation of Hancock County Representative

The Board will recognize Lexa Campbell and Chase Shinkle as Lilly Scholarship finalists.

Minutes:

The Board recognized Lexa Campbell and Chase Shinkle as Lilly Scholarship finalists.

Attachments:

[Lexa Campbell -Lilly Scholarship Finalists 2024.pdf](#)

[Chase Shinkle- Lilly Scholarship Finalists 2024.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 November 11, 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

4 G.O. Bonds Additional Appropriation Hearing

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will hold a hearing on Additional Appropriations for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle paused the regular meeting for the G.O. Bonds Additional Appropriation Hearing. There were no public comments or questions. The regular meeting resumed.

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 28, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated Oct 28 2024.pdf

6.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

a. Payroll Claims dated October 25, 2024.

b. Claims dated October 31, 2024.

c. Claims dated November 11, 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 Oct 25 2024.pdf

Claims dated Oct 31 2024.pdf

Claims dated Nov 11 2024.pdf

6.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Personnel Report dated November 11, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

Personnel Report dated Nov 11 2024.pdf

6.4 NPHS Boys Basketball Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS boys basketball team to stay overnight in Lawrenceburg for the Holiday Basketball Tournament held December 27-28, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the request for the NPHS boys' basketball team to stay overnight in Lawrenceburg for the Holiday Basketball Tournament. 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:

Boys Varsity Basketball.pdf

6.5 NPHS Boys Wrestling Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS boys wrestling team to stay overnight in Mishawaka on December 20, 2024, for the wrestling tournament being held at Penn High School on December 21, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the request for the NPHS boys wrestling team to stay overnight in Mishawaka on December 20, 2024, for the wrestling tournament at Penn High School. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

NPHS Boys Wrestling to Penn HS.pdf

6.6 NPHS Boys Wrestling Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS boys wrestling team to stay overnight in Evansville on December 27, 2024, for the wrestling tournament being held at Mater Dei High School on December 27-28, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the request for the NPHS boys' wrestling team to stay overnight in Evansville for the wrestling tournament at Mater Dei High School. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

NPHS Boys Wrestling to Mater Dei HS.pdf

6.7 NPHS Robotics Competition

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Mr. Tim Tarplee, NPHS Robotics Coach

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Tarplee are requesting permission for the robotics team to travel to Sandusky, OH and complete at the Kalahari Signature Event on January 24-25, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve travel for the robotics team to Sandusky, OH. Dr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

Robotics Trip to OH.pdf

6.8 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. Joyner Homes issued a check for \$250 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.
- b. Steven and Ashley Warren issued a check for \$500 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.
- c. Pinnacle Construction issued a check for \$1000 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.
- d. Christopher and Miranda Hancock issued a check for \$100 to assist with "whatever" need the school corporation has.
- e. Elisa Bowen Bell has issued a check for \$1,299.99. She would like to donate this check to the New Palestine High School football program for the down marker lights.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

7 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

7.1 G.O. Bonds Additional Appropriation Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will present the Additional Appropriation 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. Dr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[7.1 G.O. Bonds Additional Appropriation Resolution.pdf](#)

7.2 G.O. Bonds Final Bond Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will present the Final Bond Resolution for the 2024 General Obligation Bonds. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[7.2 G.O. Bonds Final Resolution.pdf](#)

7.3 Annual Adoption of Policy C125

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member

Annual adoption of policy C125-Legal Settlement.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the annual adoption of Policy C125. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve Policy C125 as presented, and Dr. Ackerman seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Attachments:

C125-ADMISSION TO THE CORPORATION LEGAL SETTLEMENT .pdf

7.4 First Reading of Policies

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member

- a. C275- Test Security Provisions for Statewide Assessments
- b. C525- Medical Needs at School
- c. F125- Purchasing, Procedures, and Capital Assets
- d. G350- Audio Video and Digital Recording

First reading, no action is required at this time.

Minutes:

First reading. No action is required at this time.

Attachments:

C275-TEST SECURITY PROVISIONS FOR STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS.pdf

C525-MEDICAL NEEDS AT SCHOOL.pdf

F125-PURCHASING PROCEDURES AND CAPITAL ASSETS.pdf

G350-AUDIO VIDEO AND DIGITAL RECORDING OF MEETINGS.pdf

8 Reports

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will present the Board with an update on enrollment.

Minutes:

Mrs. Gizzi presented the Board with an update on enrollment.

Attachments:

2024-25 NPCS Enrollment Update.pdf

9 Professional Meetings

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Attached for review. No action is required.

Minutes:

Attached for review. No action is required.

Attachments:

Professional Report dated Nov 11 2024.pdf

10 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 Informal Comments.

11 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney enjoyed recognizing our students and their accomplishments. He also acknowledged that Dr. Ackerman has one more meeting and thanked him for his service on the Board. Dr. Ackerman congratulated Amanda Wooton on her election win and thanked our veterans for their service. Mr. Hooker thanked Dr. Pleak for her assistance in connecting him with New Palestine Elementary. The students at NPE submitted colorings and letters that will be added to the over 700 care packages his group is sending to our service members currently serving overseas. Mr. Walker wished our veterans a happy Veteran's Day and thanked them for their service. He also thanked Mrs. Kehrt and the Sugar Creek Elementary staff for hosting the meeting. Mr. Walker extended his congratulations to Mrs. Wooton for her recent election win. Mrs. Eastes recognized the importance of Veteran's Day. She commented on the wonderful veteran events she attended throughout the district and thanked our principals for the hard work that goes into the celebrations. Dr. Pleak thanked our schools for celebrating our veterans and expressed the importance that our youth continue to recognize our veterans. She witnessed the gratitude and appreciation of the veterans as she visited the different celebrations throughout the school district.

12 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 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Matt Ackerman
Brian McKinney
D. Walker
Laura J. Haeberle
Jon Hooker