

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, December 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; 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

Minutes:

The Board revised the agenda to recognize the AP Scholar with Distinction recipients before Dr. Ackerman.

2.1 Recognition of Dr. Matt Ackerman

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

The Board will recognize Dr. Ackerman's years of service as a school board member.

Minutes:

The Board recognized Dr. Ackerman for his years of service as a school board member.

2.2 AP Scholar with Distinction Recipients

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

The Board will recognize NPHS students Oliver Bindewald, Addison Bowers, Leonard Campbell, Jacob Collins, Noah Dropsey, Liam Fuller, Vivian Hart, Benjamin Hirschy, Matthew Lulgjuraj, Bradon Newcomb, Katherine Poorbaugh, Andrew Potter, Matthew Spears, Bethany Blachly, Jackson Kamp, Arjomand Khokhar, Ayden Rush, Gavin Smith, Jace Sutton, and Benjamin Wilson.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the 2024 AP Scholar with Distinction recipients.

Attachments:

[ATP - Scholar w Distinction 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 December 9, 2024 agenda. Mr. McKinney moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 11, 2024.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the November 11, 2024 meeting minutes. 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 Nov 11 2024.pdf

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated November 8, 2024.
- b. Payroll Claims dated November 22, 2024.
- c. Claims dated November 30, 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. Walker seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated Nov 8 2024.pdf](#)

[Payroll Claims dated Nov 22 2024.pdf](#)

[Claims dated Dec 9 2024.pdf](#)

5.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Personnel Report dated December 9, 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. McKinney seconded it. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated Dec 9 2024.pdf](#)

5.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. Hancock Regional Hospital issued a check for \$250.00 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.
- b. Duke Energy issued a check for \$1,000.00 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.
- c. Knauf Insulation (Knauf Cares) issued a check for \$2,500.00 to the NPHS Caring Closet Project.
- d. Cholula Mexican Restaurant issued a check for \$500.00 to New Palestine Intermediate for the NPI Robotics Program.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

6 Unfinished Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Second 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

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to the second reading of policies. Dr. Ackerman moved to approve policies as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

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](#)

7 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

7.1 Date Change to the NPCS 2025-2026 Calendar

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting to change the current Parent/Teacher Conference date from September 25th to September 18th.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the calendar change. Mr. McKinney moved to approve the change. Dr. Ackerman seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Attachments:

2025-2026 Approved Master Calendar Revised Dec 2024.pdf

7.2 2025 Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval of the proposed 2025 Regular Board Meeting dates.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2025 Regular Board Meeting dates. Mr. Walker moved to approve the meeting dates as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

Draft 2025 Board Meeting Dates.pdf

7.3 Explore the Purchase of Real Property

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting Board approval to move forward with the steps necessary to explore the purchase of real property.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the necessary steps to explore the purchase of real property. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the request. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

7.3 Resolution to Approve Purchase of Real Property.pdf

7.4 New Course Recommendations for 2025-2026

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications and Mr. Nicholas Mitchaner, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Mr. Smith and Mr. Mitchaner are seeking approval of new course recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year.

- a. 5534 PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM)
 - b. 0500 EL Basic Skills Development (Reading I and II)
 - c. 0530 Career Exploration Internship
 - d. 0552 AP Capstone - AP Seminar
 - e. 1028 Dramatic Literature
 - f. 3092 Introduction to the Forensic Sciences (Advanced Science, Special Topics)
 - g. 4565 Computing Foundations for a Digital Age
 - h. 1538 Topics in History: History through Sports and Film
- Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the new course recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Ackerman made a motion to approve course recommendations as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Dr. Matt Ackerman

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

- a. [5534 PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing CIM .pdf](#)
- b. [0500 EL Basic Skills Development Reading I and II .pdf](#)
- c. [0530 Career Exploration Internship.pdf](#)
- d. [0552 AP Capstone - AP Seminar.pdf](#)
- e. [1028 Dramatic Literature.pdf](#)
- f. [3092 Introduction to the Forensic Sciences Advanced Science Special Topics .pdf](#)
- g. [4565 Computing Foundations for a Digital Age.pdf](#)
- h. [1538 Topics in History History through Sports and Film.pdf](#)

8 Professional Meetings

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Attached for review. No action is required.

Minutes:

Attached for review. No action is required.

Attachments:

[Professional Leave Requests dated Dec 9 2024.pdf](#)

9 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

10 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney congratulated our football and cheer team for their state championship wins. Mr. Walker attended the state football championship game and shared how exciting it was to witness the win. Dr. Ackerman congratulated Chase Shinkle for being awarded the Lilly Scholarship. Dr. Ackerman also remarked on the impressive display at the robotics club open house and their success at Purdue. Mrs. Eastes celebrated Dr. Ackerman for his commitment to the 100-Day Challenge. Dr. Pleak recognized the retirement of Dennis Walton after 45 years and thanked him for his years as an employee with our district. Mrs. Haeberle also congratulated the football and cheer teams for their state championship wins and looks forward to recognizing them at an upcoming meeting. Mr. McKinney, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Haeberle, Dr. Pleak, and Mrs. Eastes all shared their gratitude and the experiences they had while working with Dr. Ackerman during his years of service and congratulated him. Condolences and memories were shared for the passing of Mr. Keith Fessler.

11 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

Phaedra Atkinson
D. Walker
Laura J. Haeberle
Jon H. Hooker
Brian McKinney