

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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NPBS Community Room , 4485 S Victory Dr.,New Palestine, In 46163

Monday, February 10, 2025

6:30pm

Present: Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member; 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; Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member

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 IHSAA Girls Wrestling Individual State Medalist

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPBS Principal and Mr. Brian Murphy, NPBS Athletic Director

The Board will recognize NPBS student June Wagner-Gilbert for her 4th-place finish at the inaugural Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Girls State Wrestling Finals.

Minutes:

The Board recognized June Wagner-Gilbert for her 4th-place finish at the IHSAA Girls State Wrestling Finals.

Attachments:

[ATP - Girls Wrestling State 2024-2025.pdf](#)

2.2 2024 IHSAA Class 4A Football State Champions

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPBS Principal and Mr. Brian Murphy, NPBS Athletic Director

The Board will recognize NPBS football players, coaches, and managers for their 2024 Class 4A Football State Championship.

Minutes:

The Board recognized NPBS football players, coaches, and managers for their 2024 Class 4A Football State Championship win.

Attachments:

[ATP - Football State 2024-2025.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 February 10, 2025 agenda. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and 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

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2025.
- b. Special Session Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2025.
- c. Special Session Meeting Minutes dated January 15, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 13, 2025 and January 15, 2025. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated Jan 13 2025.pdf](#)
[Special Session Meeting Minutes dated Jan 13 2025.pdf](#)
[Special Session Meeting Minutes dated Jan 15 2025.pdf](#)

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated January 17, 2025.
- b. Payroll Claims dated January 31, 2025.
- c. Claims dated January 31, 2025.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated January 17 2025.pdf](#)
[Payroll Claims dated January 31 2025.pdf](#)
[Claims dated January 31 2025.pdf](#)

5.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

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. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated February 10 2005.pdf](#)

6 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Recommendation for Commencement Date

Mrs. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

Mr. Voelz is requesting approval for the commencement exercises for the Class of 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the recommended date for commencement. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the commencement date as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[2025 Commencement Date.pdf](#)

6.2 2026-2027 NPCS Master Calendar

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval of the 2026-2027 NPCS Master Calendar.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2026-2027 NPCS Master Calendar as presented. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the calendar as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[NPCS 2026-2027 Master Calendar.pdf](#)

6.3 Staff Daycare Fees

Mrs. Cheryl Rose, Early Childhood and Special Education Coordinator

Mrs. Rose is requesting approval of the suggested 2025-2026 Staff Daycare fees.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Daycare fees. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the fees as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[2025-2026 Tiny Dragons Staff Daycare Fees.pdf](#)

6.4 Early Literacy Achievement Grant Resolution

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning and Communications

Mr. Smith is requesting approval of the Early Literacy Achievement Grant Resolution.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle requested a motion to approve the Early Literacy Grant Resolution as presented. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Early Literacy Achievement Grant Resolution.pdf](#)

6.5 P.E. Waiver Recommendation

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

Mr. Smith and Mr. Mitchaner are seeking approval for the NPHS P.E. Waiver.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle requested a motion to approve the NPHS P.E. Waiver as presented. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the waiver as presented. Mrs. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[2025 New Palestine HS PE Waiver Plan.pdf](#)

6.6 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

In alignment with State Board of Accounts guidelines, all checks that have been outstanding for two years from the date of issue may be canceled and receipted back into the designated fund after December 31st of the second anniversary date. Attached is a list of eligible checks for consideration.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle requested a motion to cancel checks that have been outstanding for more than two years. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the cancelation of outstanding checks as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[Corp.pdf](#)

[NPHS.pdf](#)

[NPJH.pdf](#)

[NPI.pdf](#)

[BWE.pdf](#)

[NPE.pdf](#)

[SCE.pdf](#)

6.7 Certified Corporate Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is asking the Board to approve an updated Certified Corporate Resolution which would grant us the authority to work with Abandoned Property Advisors (APA) to recoup funds for our shares of Sun Life stock. We no longer use Sun Life as a vendor. We would like to deposit the proceeds into the Rainy Day Fund.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the updated Certified Corporate Resolution as presented. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Certified Corporate Resolution.pdf](#)

6.8 Sale of Property Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi will review the terms of a resolution to sell 0.56 acre of land to the Town of New Palestine for their water treatment facility upgrade.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Sale of Property Resolution as presented. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[Sale of Property Resolution.pdf](#)
[Purchase Agreement.pdf](#)

6.9 Occupational Therapy Services Agreement

Mrs. Katy Eastes, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Eastes is presenting this occupational therapy agreement with Uplifting Pediatric Therapy. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the occupational therapy agreement with Uplifting Pediatric Therapy. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mrs. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Occupational Therapy Services Agreement.pdf](#)

7 Informal Comments

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.

8 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney expressed how nice it was to honor the fall and winter athletes for their success. He also thanked Dr. Pleak for working with the other four county Superintendents to align the school calendar and understands this is not an easy task. Mr. McKinney thanked our administration for adapting and finding solutions for new curriculum changes and requirements. Mr. Hooker feels there is no good news coming from legislation, but is appreciative that our administrators continue to communicate the needs of our schools respectfully with our legislative representatives. Mr. Walker commented on all the exciting things going on with our students. He mentioned the success of the gymnastics team, the swim team breaking records, wrestlers advancing to semi-state, and the continued success of our robotics teams. He also mentioned that he believed Dr. Pleak set a record for most student events attended in one day. Mrs. Wooton thanked the high school for hosting the meeting and commented on the space and appearance of the new Community Room. She also spoke as a parent about the information she is receiving for upcoming scheduling for her student. She commented on how comforting it is for our staff to have such a wonderful daycare in our district. She thanked Dr. Pleak for being a good voice for our school district with our legislators. Mrs. Eastes mentioned that last week was National Counselor Day, and they celebrated our people like crazy. She feels blessed to have our counselors, social

workers, and student support specialists. She feels they are the heart of the district, and she is grateful for them. Dr. Pleak congratulated the junior high 7th and 8th grade boys basketball for being County Champs. She also commented on the several gold medals won during the ISSMA competition for vocal piano and band. She included that we had a few girls advance in swimming, five boys advance to the boys' semi-state in wrestling, our robotics team continues to take over the world in competitions, and our gymnastics team is sweeping up the competition. She finished by commending Coach Moore and the girls' basketball team for a successful season. Mrs. Haeberle commented on her recent experience during a School Board President's Seminar and is grateful that our school district is not facing some of the challenges that other districts are facing. She walked away from the seminar with a sense of relief that we have a great thing going on here in our district. There is a lot of uncertainty at this time, and she is grateful our students can go to school each day and feel they have a safe place. She concluded that the high school needs volunteers for the upcoming robotics competition on March 1st.

9 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

