

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, March 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

2.1 IHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual State Medalists

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

The Board will recognize IHSAA Boys Wrestling Individual State Medalists Bryce Doss (third-place), Gunner Butt (fifth-place), and William Glesing (eight-place).

Minutes:

The Board recognized NPHS wrestlers Bryce Doss, Gunner Butt, and William Glesing.

Attachments:

[ATP - Wrestling Bryce Doss.pdf](#)

[ATP - Wrestling Gunner Butt .pdf](#)

[ATP - Wrestling William Glesing .pdf](#)

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Agenda dated March 10, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 agenda. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

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 February 10, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 10, 2025. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 10 2025.pdf](#)

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

a. Payroll Claims dated February 14, 2025.

b. Payroll Claims dated February 28, 2025.

c. Claims dated February 28, 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 Feb 14 2025.pdf

Payroll Claims dated Feb 28 2025.pdf

Claims dated Feb 28 2025.PDF

5.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Personnel Report dated March 10, 2025.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

Personnel Report dated March 10 2025.pdf

5.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

a. Brandon and Jennifer Wilson donated \$3,780.50 to the NPHS Robotics Program.

b. An anonymous donation from a Wells Fargo employee for \$100.00 was received to assist with any need of the school corporation.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

5.5 NPHS Band Program Trip

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Mr. Jon Carney, NPHS Band Director

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Carney are seeking approval for the band program to travel to New York City 11/22/25-11/26/25.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the band trip to New York City. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the trip as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Band Trip to NY.pdf](#)

6 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Occupational Therapy Services Agreement

Mrs. Katy Eastes, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Eastes is presenting this occupational therapy agreement with Alicia Keeslig.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Occupational Therapy Services Agreement. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

[Occupational Therapy Service Agreement.pdf](#)

6.2 Walker Career Center & Technical Education Programs Operating Agreement

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning and Communications

Mr. Smith will present the Walker Career Center Technical Education Programs Operating Agreement for 2025-2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Walker Career Center Technical Education Programs Operating Agreement. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[25-26 Walker Career Center Agreement.pdf](#)

6.3 Summer Enrichment Programs and Summer School

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning and Communications

Mr. Smith is seeking approval for the Summer Enrichment Programs and Summer School.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the Summer Enrichment Programs and Summer School. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

Summer School Document 2025 .pdf

6.4 2025 New Palestine Youth League Agreement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the New Palestine Youth League agreement.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the New Palestine Youth League agreement. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

NPCS Youth League Agreement.pdf

6.5 Rainy Day Fund Deposit

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Hancock County has issued a check for \$60,800.00 per agreement for the roundabout project at our 500 entrance. It is recommended that the Board authorizes the deposit of \$60,800.00 into the Rainy Day Fund.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the deposit into the Rainy Day Fund as presented. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the deposit as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

6.6 Technical Correction

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member

Technical correction to policy A100.

No action is required.

Minutes:

No action is required.

Attachments:

[Technical Correction-A100.pdf](#)

7 Reports

7.1 Annual Hancock County Public Library Update

Mr. Fred Fox, Hancock County Public Library Board Member and Mr. Dave Gray, Executive Director of Hancock County Public Library

Mr. Gray and Mr. Fox will present the Board with the Hancock County Public Library annual update. No action is required.

Minutes:

Mr. Gray and Mr. Fox presented the Board with an annual update regarding the Hancock County Public Library.

Attachments:

[HCPL Annual Update .pdf](#)

7.2 Legislative Update

Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Legislative Liaison

Mr. Hooker will update the Board regarding recent legislative changes. No action is required.

Minutes:

Mr. Hooker presented the Board with an annual update regarding recent legislative changes.

Attachments:

[Legislative Update.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 commented on the continued success in athletics as winter athletics finish. He also thanked the community for the donations received and continued support each month. Mr. McKinney concluded that he was happy to see we are back to normal with our students taking field trips and able to enjoy those experiences. Mr. Hooker echoed the sentiment regarding field trips. He also shared his professional experience of hosting 500 students from over 20 schools for an Introduction to Construction Zone, which is an area he represents. He was excited to see several of our NPHS students in attendance and learning outside of school. Mrs. Eastes has had the opportunity to serve on the board of the New Palestine Education Foundation as our school liaison. She expressed her gratitude for this group of people who work so hard to raise funds for our schools. Their biggest fundraiser of the year will be held on April 12th, and she does believe the event will sell out and encouraged people to purchase their tickets if they have not yet done so. She also acknowledged Mrs. Haeberle for the completion of her 100 Days of Commitment. Mrs. Haeberle committed to 14,000 steps per day. Dr. Pleak encouraged the community to come to show support as our Boys' Basketball team competes at Regionals and our gymnastics team at the state competition. She informed the Board of the upcoming Opportunity Fair that will be held at the high school on April 10th. This event will give students the chance to meet with people from a range of career fields. Dr. Pleak wanted to congratulate Marty Wiseman on her retirement and noted Mrs. Wiseman drove a bus for our corporation for 39 years. Mrs. Haeberle had the opportunity to be a judge at NPI for the recent robotics competition. She is always impressed by Mr. Stant and the robotics teams. She thanked Dr. Pleak and Mrs. Eastes for their encouragement during her 100-day commitment and for coming up with the idea. She encouraged anyone who has yet to complete their challenge to keep at it.

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. Hooker made the motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Amadeus Weston
D. W. W. W.
Lawrence Hasbun
John H. H.
Brian McKinney