

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, April 14, 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 IHSSA Gymnastics State Medalist

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

The Board will recognize NPHS student Jillianne Fee for finishing tied fourth on the floor with a 9.275 score at the IHSAA State Finals.

Minutes:

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Attachments:

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

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Agenda dated April 14, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the April 14, 2025 agenda. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Waker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker
Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

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

- a. Special Session Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2025.
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2025.
- c. Executive Session Minutes dated March 10, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Special Session, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session Minutes dated March 10, 2025. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney
Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Special Session Minutes dated Mar 10 2025.pdf](#)
[Regular Meeting Minutes dated Mar 10 2025.pdf](#)
[Executive Session Minutes dated Mar 10 2025.pdf](#)

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated March 14, 2025.
- b. Payroll Claims dated March 28, 2025.
- c. Claims dated March 31, 2025.
- d. Claims dated April 14, 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. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims dated Mar 14 2025.pdf](#)

[Payroll Claims dated Mar 28 2025.pdf](#)

[Claims dated Mar 31 2025.pdf](#)

[Claims dated April 14 2025.PDF](#)

5.3 Personnel Report

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Personnel Report dated April 14, 2025.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated April 14 2025.pdf](#)

5.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

a. NPHS FACS Department received a grant for \$250.00 from the Hancock County Extension Homemaker Association.

b. Risin' Dough (Mozzi's Pizza) donated \$100.00 for the Community Education Intramural Basketball program. The donation will be receipted to the Operations Fund to be used for Community Education needs.

c. NPHS received a check for \$2500.00 from Mr. Steven Riddle. He would like the donation to go to the NPHS Athletics Department.

d. Hancock Regional Hospital has issued a check for \$250.00 and would like to donate the check to Sugar Creek Elementary's Extra Curricular Account. The check is to be used for Sugar Creek teacher Amanda Clawson's STEM supplies.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

5.5 VEX Robotics World Championship

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

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Tarplee are requesting approval for 3 of the NPHS Robotics teams to travel to Dallas, TX the week of May 5-9, 2025, and compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the NPHS Robotics teams to travel to Dallas, TX. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the trip as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[VEX Robotics World Championship.pdf](#)

5.6 NPHS Softball Team to Munster, Indiana

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the softball team to stay overnight in Munster, IN, on May 16, 2025, for their early morning game on May 17, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion for the softball team to stay overnight in Munster, IN. 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:

[Softball to Munster IN.pdf](#)

5.7 Archery Nationals

Mrs. Jessica Neill, NPJH Principal and Mrs. Michelle Bloomer, NPJH Archery Coach

Mrs. Neill and Mrs. Bloomer are requesting permission for the NPJH Archery team to travel to Louisville, KY, on May 8, 9, or 10 and compete at the Middle School NASP Archery U.S. Eastern

Nationals.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the band trip for the NPJH Archery team to travel to Louisville, KY. 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:

[Archery Nationals.pdf](#)

6 Reports

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 VOICE

Ms. Melissa Hedden, NPHS School Counselor and VOICE Sponsor

Ms. Hedden, along with NPHS students will report on activities they have been involved with this year with VOICE.

Minutes:

VOICE presentation.

7 Informal Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

The Board President may call for additional informal public comment at this time, if, in his/her judgement, 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:

NPHS Student of New Palestine- Student Dress Code

8 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney complimented Mrs. Bloomer for her time and efforts developing the Archery Club. He also expressed how impressed he was with the hard work and success of the robotic teams and our NPHS gymnast, Jillianne Fee. Mr. Hooker updated the Board regarding the status of Senate Bill 1, which pertains to property tax reform and the budget. At this time, Senate Bill 1 is still being considered. Senate Bill 287, which will make

school boards partisan, is still in the Senate, waiting for concurrence. Mrs. Wooton commended the NPHS student for attending and commenting at the meeting regarding her dress code concerns. Mrs. Wooton attended the Opportunity Expo held at the high school and was impressed by how well it was organized and the variety of offerings for the students. Mrs. Eastes truly enjoyed the Opportunity Expo and represented the Human Resource Department at the event. She enjoyed sharing with the students the many jobs available within a school district. She attended the high school play, Deadline, and was impressed at how wonderfully done it was and complimented those involved. Finally, she had a great time at the NPEF Gala and was told it was a record-setting fundraiser for our schools. Dr. Pleak commended the VOICE representatives. She felt the presentation was professional and engaging. She also thanked Mrs. Heddon for being a sponsor for VOICE. Dr. Pleak recognized Mrs. Eastes for completing the required IASBO courses and is now a certified Human Resource Specialist. Mrs. Eastes now has a high level of understanding of school business management. Dr. Pleak commended her on adding that credential and feels it will benefit our school district tremendously. Mrs. Haeberlee also attended the Opportunity Expo and felt it was amazing. She had the opportunity to walk around and was impressed by the variety of organizations that were represented at the event. Mrs. Haeberlee reminded the Board about the upcoming NPI showcase and play and urged them to attend if possible.

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

Randall Wooton
D. W. Dr.
Laura J. Haeberle
Jon Hooker
Brian McKinney