

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, June 9, 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. Mr. Walker was in attendance virtually.

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

2.1 NPHS Robotics Teams

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

The Board will recognize robotic teams, Boogie Woogie, Woosh, and I'm a Banana for their recent success at the VEX Robotics World Championship. "B" Team (Boogie Woogie) consists of Ben Wilson, Kendall Steele, and Chase Shinkle; "W" Team (Woosh) consists of Carson Eyerma, Charlie May, Tommy Hawkins, Joe Long, and Arjomand Khokhar. "E" Team (I'm a Banana) consists of Joe Wilson, Maren Kehn, Jack Potter, Austin Greulich, and Bryce Thompson. The robotics teams are coached by Tim Tarplee, Jim Hanson, Brandon Wilson, and Dan Ginther.

Minutes:

The Board recognized NPHS robotic teams, Boogie Woogie, Woosh, and I'm a Banana, for their success at the VEX Robotics World Championships.

Attachments:

[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Ben Wilson.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Kendall Steele.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Chase Shinkle.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Carson Eyerma.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Charlie May.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Tommy Hawkins.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Joe Long.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Arjomand Khokhar.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Joe Wilson.pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Maren Kehn .pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Jack Potter .pdf](#)
[ATP - NPHS Robotics - Austin Greulich .pdf](#)

ATP - NPHS Robotics - Bryce Thompson .pdf
NPHS Robotics - Coaches - Tarplee .pdf
ATP - NPHS Robotics - Coaches - Hanson.pdf
NPHS Robotics - Coaches - Wilson .pdf
ATP - NPHS Robotics - Coaches - Ginther .pdf

2.2 NPHS Music Department

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

The Board will recognize the Music Department at New Palestine High School as a recipient of the Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award for the 2024-2025 school year. The Music Department is led by Kyle Cantrell, Jon Carney, and Michael Dean.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the NPHS music department as recipients of the Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award for the 2024-2025 school year

Attachments:

ATP - NPHS Music Dept - Kyle Cantrell.pdf
ATP - NPHS Music Dept - Jon Carney.pdf
ATP - NPHS Music Dept - Michael Dean.pdf

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Agenda dated June 9, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 agenda. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

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 May 12, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting dated May 12, 2025. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Meeting Minutes dated May 12 2025.pdf](#)

5.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

a. Payroll Claims dated May 9, 2025.

b. Payroll Claims dated May 23, 2025.

c. Claims dated May 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

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Payroll Voucher Register 05-09-2025.PDF](#)

[Payroll Voucher Register 05-23-2025.PDF](#)

[05-31-2025 Board Docket.PDF](#)

5.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated June 9, 2025.

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

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[2025-06-09 Personnel Report with Attachments 1 .pdf](#)

5.4 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. Central Indiana Communications, INC. donated a check for \$5,000.00. They would like the donation to go to the NPHS Robotics team.
 - b. Louis Medina of New York Life Insurance Company donated \$10.00 to assist with any need of the school corporation. This donation will be receipted to the Donations Fund and will be used to help pay a future daycare food service invoice.
 - c. Teresa Mehok donated a check for \$200.00 for NPHS Meal Accounts with Deficit Balances.
- Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

5.5 Boys Soccer Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletics Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting approval for the soccer team to attend the overnight camp at Anderson University, July 11-13, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the overnight camp at Anderson University for the boys soccer team. Mr. McKinney motioned 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:

[Boys Soccer Camp.pdf](#)

6 Unfinished Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Second Reading of Student Handbook

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications

Mr. Smith will present the 2025-2026 Student Handbook to the Board.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook. Mr. Hooker motioned to approved the handbook as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK - DRAFT .docx.pdf](#)

7 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

7.1 Corporation Treasurer Appointment

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

In alignment with state statute, the district must appoint a Treasurer at this time. It is recommended that Sarah Gizzi be appointed as Treasurer with a bond of \$100,000.00.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haberle recommended that Sarah Gizzi be appointed as Treasurer with a bond of \$100,000.00. Mr. Hooker made the motion to appoint Mrs. Gizzi as Treasurer. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

7.2 Youth Soccer Agreement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the NP United Youth Soccer agreement.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the NP United Youth Soccer agreement. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Soccer Youth League 2025.docx.pdf](#)

7.3 Rainy Day Fund Deposit

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

It is recommended that the Board authorize the deposit of the 2025 Supplemental Local Income Tax Distribution in the amount of \$89,600.00 into the Rainy Day Fund.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the deposit of the 2025 Supplemental Local Income Tax Distribution into the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the deposit as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

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 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:

No Comments

9 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney attended the graduation and commended the 305 graduates who walked across the stage. Taking part in the graduation is one of the highlights for him as a Board member. Mr. McKinney enjoyed honoring our robotics and music departments during the meeting and feels they are both top-notch programs. Mr. Hooker also enjoyed attending graduation and many of the end of the year celebrations. He thanked everyone for a great school year. Mrs. Wooton expressed her gratitude for our educators. She thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Eastes and Mr. Voelz were able to represent the school corporation at the Community Fairbanks open house. She believes they were invited to share the story of our district and how we did not want to implement random drug testing without supportive measures in place, and what a difference it has made for the few kids that have needed it. Mr. Walker thanked those who connected him virtually for the meeting. He also congratulated the high school team on a successful graduation. He wished the baseball team good luck at semi-state and congratulated the girls' softball team and robotics team for their successful season. Dr. Pleak congratulated the softball team and thanked the coaching staff. She wished the baseball team luck for their upcoming game in Jasper. She also congratulated student Eli Wasson for his 5th-place finish in the 200-meter at state. We were notified that three of our students will receive the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship. The state of Indiana awarded 300 scholarships out of 1100. Mrs. Haeberle echoed the congratulations for our staff and added congratulations to Dr. Pleak on the completion of her first year as the superintendent.

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. 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

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dan Walker, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President	X		
Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Secretary	X		
Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member	X		

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