

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, August 25, 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

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 Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients

Mr. Brian Dinwiddie, NPJH Assistant Principal

The Board will recognize Maddox Cosby, Leeya Fox, Lucas Scriven, Gavin Stead, Dexter Riggs, and McKenna Scott as Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients.

Minutes:

The Board recognized the Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll Recipients.

Attachments:

[Maddox Cosby ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025 .pdf](#)

[Leeya Fox ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025.pdf](#)

[Lucas Scriven ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025 .pdf](#)

[Gavin Stead ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025 .pdf](#)

[Dexter Riggs ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025.pdf](#)

[McKenna Scott ATP - Noetic Math Contest National Honor Roll 2025 .pdf](#)

2.2 History Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal

The Board will recognize NPHS teacher, Shelby Hall, as the History Teacher of the Year award for the state of Indiana from the Glider Lehrman Institute of American History.

Minutes:

The Board recognized NPHS teacher, Shelby Hall, for receiving the History Teacher of the Year award for the state of Indiana from the Glider Lehrman Institute of American History.

Attachments:

ATP - Shelby Hall - 2025 Indiana History Teacher fo the Year.pdf

3 Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

Agenda dated August 25, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 agenda. Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

4 Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing for Project Financing

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle paused the regular meeting for the Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing for Project Financing. There were no comments or questions from the Board or the public. The regular meeting resumed.

Attachments:

Project Hearing.pdf

5 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.

6 Consideration of Routine Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

6.1 Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2025.
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2025.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting dated August 11, 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

Attachments:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated Aug 11 2025.pdf

Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated Aug 11 2025.pdf

6.2 Claims and Finances

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

- a. Payroll Claims dated August 15, 2025.
- b. Claims dated August 25, 2025

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

Payroll Claims dated Aug 15 2025.pdf

Claims dated August 25 2025.PDF

6.3 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

- a. Bradley Wilson (Roche Diagnostics) has issued an electronic deposit of \$199.92 and would like to donate the money to Sugar Creek Elementary's Extra Curricular Account.
- b. Scopelitis donated \$70.00 to NPE in honor of their employee, Ashley Jennings's 14th anniversary with their firm. Ms. Jennings requested that a charitable donation be made in place of receiving anniversary flowers. The funds will be deposited into the NPE extra-curricular Vending Fund.
- c. New Palestine Elementary PTO has donated \$3,200.00 to NPE to be used for staff catering throughout the school year. The funds will be deposited into the NPE extra-curricular Vending Fund.

d. MH Solutions (Square 1 Therapy) has issued a check for \$1,479.98. The funds will go towards expenses for the Special Education Kickoff.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

6.4 NPJH Cincinnati Field Trip

Mrs. Jessica Neill, NPJH Principal

Mrs. Neill is seeking approval for the 8th-grade class to take their annual trip to Cincinnati.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle requested a motion to approve the NPJH 8th-grade trip to Cincinnati. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the field trip request as presented. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

Attachments:

NPJH Field Trip.pdf

7 Unfinished Business

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board President

7.1 Second Reading of Policies

Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Member

- a. A100-Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment
- b. B100-Board Authority and Philosophy
- c. B150-Organizational Meeting, Board of Finance, and Committees
- d. B200- Membership
- e. C175-Student Attendance, Academic Engagement, and Truancy Prevention
- f. C200-Anti-Bullying
- g. C225-Surveys and Parental Access to Instructional Material
- h. C425-Student Suicide Prevention and Awareness
- i. D200-Standard of Care and Supervision of Students
- j. E200-Religious Release Time and Credit for Religious Education

- k. F125-Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
 - l. G350-Audio, Video, and Digital Recording of Meetings
 - m. G360-Data Breach and Protection
 - n. G475- Prohibition of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
 - o. H100-School Visitors and Parent-Family Engagement
- Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle requested a motion to approve the second reading of policies. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the policies as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[A100.pdf](#)
[B100.pdf](#)
[B150.pdf](#)
[B200.pdf](#)
[C175.pdf](#)
[C200.pdf](#)
[C225.pdf](#)
[C425.pdf](#)
[D200.pdf](#)
[E200.pdf](#)
[F125.pdf](#)
[G350.pdf](#)
[G360.pdf](#)
[G475.pdf](#)
[H100.pdf](#)

8 New Business

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board President

8.1 JL Walter Construction Contract Settlement / Final Payment

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the settlement agreement.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle asked for a motion to table agenda item 8.1, due to not receiving the final paperwork needed. Mr. McKinney motioned to table the item. Mr. Walker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Tabled

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Dan Walker

8.2 Project Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Project Resolution.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the Project Resolution. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Mrs. Gizzi. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[8.2 Project Resolution.pdf](#)

8.3 Preliminary Determination Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Preliminary Determination Resolution.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Mrs. Gizzi. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[8.3 Preliminary Determination Resolution.pdf](#)

8.4 Preliminary Bond Resolution (GO Bond)

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Preliminary Bond Resolution for the 2025 GO Bond Issue.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haeberle asked for a motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution. Mr. Walker motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Mrs. Gizzi. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dan Walker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

8.4 Preliminary Bond Resolution GO Bond .pdf

8.5 Reimbursement Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the Reimbursement Resolution.
Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mrs. Haerberle asked for a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Mrs. Gizzi. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

8.5 Reimbursement Resolution.pdf

9 Informal Comments

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, 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.

10 Board Member Comments

Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. McKinney was impressed with the continued great start to the school year and was happy to continue honoring our students who are doing well educationally. Mr. McKinney also enjoyed honoring Shelby Hall for her award and appreciated her peers who attended the meeting to show their support. Mr. Hooker echoed Mr. McKinney's comments and also enjoyed celebrating our students and staff. He feels blessed and lucky. Mr. Walker commented, "Go Dragons". Mrs. Wooton is so thankful for the leadership and hard work of all the teachers for the IREAD results. She has heard from several thrilled parents regarding the results and the importance of reading and literacy for lifelong success for children. Mrs. Eastes called special attention to the Square 1 Therapy donation received and thanked them. The funds received from them allowed us, at no cost, to kick off the year with our special education staff, who support some of our most vulnerable students. The donation paid for t-shirts, a speaker, and lunch. Dr. Pleak also commented on IREAD scores. She also continues to hear from parents and staff regarding scores. She knows the time and intentional work teachers put into preparing our students and is happy to see the results of their efforts. Dr. Pleak also shared that she

and Mrs. Eastes continue to receive nominations for great teammates to celebrate and foresees many more celebrations. Mrs. Haeberle thanked Mrs. Gizzi for all her efforts in preparing for the hearings and resolutions for the meeting.

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Amber H. Luster
D. W. Allen
Laura J. Haeberle
Jon Hooker
Brian McKinney