

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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4711 S. 500 W., New Palestine, In 46163
Monday, April 13, 2026
6:30pm

1 Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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 Gunner Butt (third-place), William Glesing (third-place), and Colin Whetsel (6th-place).

3 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Agenda dated April 13, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

4 Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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5 Consent Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Board approval of agenda items 5.1-5.3 is requested at this time.

5.1 Meeting Minutes

a. Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated February 24, 2026.

b. Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 2, 2026.

5.2 Claims and Finances

- a. Payroll Claims dated February 27, 2026.
- b. Payroll Claims dated March 13, 2026.
- c. Payroll Claims dated March 27, 2026.
- d. Claims dated February 28, 2026.
- e. Claims dated March 31, 2026.

5.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated April 13, 2026.

6 New Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

6.1 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

- a. Gregory and Shellane Weitekamp donated \$40.00 to the NPJH Band program.
 - b. Mark and Marlane Harrington donated \$50.00 to the NPJH Band program.
 - c. Fonny Merchant donated \$500.00 to the NPJH Band program.
 - d. NPEF has issued a check to NPHS for \$500.00, which was given in honor of Lisa Hardin, NPCHS 2025 teacher of the year. They would like it to be used by the NPHS Math department.
 - e. NPEF has issued a \$1,000.00 check to NPHS.
 - f. An anonymous donation from an employee of Valvoline Global for \$24.28 was received. The donation will be used to pay for an upcoming daycare food catering invoice.
 - g. Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund has given a grant of \$1,000.00 to Bethany McDonald for the purchase of new music for vocal choirs.
 - h. Tech Point Foundation for Youth donated \$3,500.00 to NPI and NPJH Robotics ECA.
- Board approval is requested at this time.

6.2 Cafeteria Plan (Section 125)

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is seeking approval of the Section 125 IRS Cafeteria Plan Document. This allows the school corporation to be in compliance with the IRS requirements.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.3 Walker Career Center & Technical Education Programs Operating Agreement

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak will present the Walker Career Center Technical Education Programs Operating Agreement for 2026-2027.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.4 Elementary School Grade Level Reconfiguration

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval to reconfigure Brandywine Elementary School, New Palestine Elementary School, and Sugar Creek Elementary School from serving Pre-K - 4th grade to serving Pre-K - 5th grade, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.5 New Palestine Junior High School Grade Level Reconfiguration

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval to reconfigure New Palestine Junior High School from serving grades 7-8 to serving grades 6-8, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.6 New Palestine Intermediate School Closure

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval for New Palestine Intermediate School located at 5613 West 200 South, New Palestine, IN 46163 to close at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as both its grade levels (5th and 6th) are being reconfigured to other schools.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.7 New Palestine Junior High School Address Change

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval to change the address of New Palestine Junior High School from 2279 South 600 West, New Palestine, IN 46163 to 5613 West 200 South, New Palestine, IN 46163 effective July 1, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.8 2026 Robotics World Championship/NPHS

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

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Tarplee are requesting approval for the NPHS Robotics team to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, the week of April 20-24, 2026, and compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.9 2026 Robotics World Championship/NPJH

Mrs. Jessica Neill, NPJH Principal

Mrs. Neill is requesting approval for the NPJH Robotics team to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, the week

of April 27-30, 2026, and compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship.
Board approval is requested at this time.

6.10 Archery Nationals

Mr. Vincent Meo, NPI Principal, Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal, and Mrs. Jessica Neill, NPJH Principal

Mr. Meo, Mr. Voelz, and Mrs. Neill are seeking approval for our qualifying student archers to compete at the Archery Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. The tournament is scheduled for May 7-9, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

7 Informal Comments

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8 Board Member Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

9 Adjournment

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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