

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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4711 S. 500 W., New Palestine, In 46163
Monday, May 4, 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 New Palestine Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Trisha Ennis, Linda Fowler, and Katie Arthur from the New Palestine Education Foundation

The Board will recognize Kim Taylor and Gary Halliburton, the 2026 NPEF Distinguished Alumni Honorees.

2.2 2026 Indiana M.A.T.H. Bowl Elementary State Top 10 Finishers

Mr. Vincent Meo, NPI Principal and Mrs. Lindsey Koontz, NPI M.A.T.H. Bowl Coach; Mrs. Kayleigh Fosnow, NPE Principal, Mrs. Alison Polster, NPE M.A.T.H Bowl Coach, and Mrs. Cathy Purciful, NPE M.A.T.H. Bowl Coach

The Board will recognize New Palestine Intermediate (NPI) and New Palestine Elementary (NPE) M.A.T.H. Bowl students for finishing in the Top 10 in Indiana for 2026.

NPI Students: Daphne Bail, Nate Bastin, August Clark, Eli Cox, Graham Gielerak, Johnathan Haddix, Elsie Higbee, Cameron Marichal, Donovan Martin, Kevin Peton, Addison Richey, and Dexter Riggs.

NPE Students: Cullen Bohannon, Trenton Boyer, Mason Bricker, Leeya Fox, Nora Fox, Karissa Nolder, Nate Pacheco, Carter Perrey, Noelle Schroeder, Lucas Scriven, Colson Story, and Sydney Weimer.

3 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Agenda dated May 4, 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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 13, 2026.

5.2 Claims and Finances

- a. Payroll Claims dated April 10, 2026.
- b. Payroll Claims dated April 24, 2026.
- c. Claims dated April 29, 2026.

5.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated May 4, 2026.

6 New Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

6.1 Donations

Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager

- a. NPJH received \$180.00 from an anonymous donor. The donation has been deposited into our Student/Family Service Fund, which assists students who are unable to afford field trips or require additional support.
- b. NPE received a \$250.00 grant from NPEF. The grant will go towards the NPE HOSTS End of the Year Celebration.
- c. SCE received a \$250.00 grant from NPEF. The grant will go towards the SCE HOSTS End of the Year Celebration.
- d. BWE received a \$250.00 grant from NPEF. The grant will go towards the BWE HOSTS End of the Year Celebration.
- e. Kappa Kappa Kappa Upsilon Chapter (Tri Kappa) donated \$250.00 to go towards CORP Meal Accounts with Deficit Balances.
- f. NPHS received \$1,000.00 from Mark and Angela Baker to start a school spirit scholarship in memory of Brady Baker. The Baker's wish to sponsor this scholarship annually.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.2 Aramark Food Services Management Agreement Renewal

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the 2026-2027 Aramark contract renewal.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.3 Mediation Agreement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi requests approval of the mediation agreement reached on April 27, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.4 YMCA Youth Development Services Agreement and Summer Services Agreement

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the 2026-2027 YMCA Youth Development Services Agreement and the Summer Services Agreement.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.5 Disposal of Surplus Property

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval to declare items deemed not useful due to the grade level reconfiguration as surplus property. Revenue received from the sale of these items will be deposited into the Operations Fund.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.6 NPCS Transportation Center Renovation Project Bid

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the winning bid for the NPCS Transportation Center renovation project.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.7 NPHS Choir Department Trip

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Mr. Michael Dean, NPHS Choir Director

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Dean are requesting approval for the NPHS Choir Department to travel to New Orleans, LA, to experience the cultural heritage of 'The Big Easy'. Travel dates are June 3-6, 2027.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.8 Cheer Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is seeking permission for the cheer team to attend the overnight camp at Indiana University June 9-12, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.9 Cross-Country Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is seeking approval for the cross-country team to attend the overnight camp at McCormick's State Park July 13-15, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.10 Girls Soccer Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting approval for the girls soccer team to attend the overnight camp at Indiana University July 17-19, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.11 Boys Soccer Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting approval for the boys soccer team to attend the overnight camp at Anderson University July 10-12, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.12 Boys Wrestling Camp

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting approval for the boys wrestling team to attend the overnight camp at Rose Hulman University June 21-25, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.13 Authorization to Sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements

Mr. Nick Mitchaner, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Mr. Mitchaner is presenting the Authorization for Dr. Pleak to sign for alternative services and private residential school placements.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.14 Educational Audiology Resource Solutions (EARS) LLC Agreement

Mr. Nick Mitchaner, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Mr. Mitchaner will present the agreement with Educational Audiology Resource Solutions (EARS) LLC for educational audiological services.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.15 Blind and Low Vision Services Contract

Mr. Nick Mitchaner, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Mr. Mitchaner will present the contract with Tommie Roesch, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.16 First Reading of Student Handbook

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications

Mr. Smith will present the 2026-2027 Student Handbook to the Board.

First Reading. No Board action is required.

6.17 Employee Handbook

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval of the Employee Handbook.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.18 Volunteer Handbook

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval of the Volunteer Handbook.

Board approval is requested at this time.

7 Reports

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

7.1 Neighborhood Against Substance Abuse (NASA)

Mr. Craig Moore, NPHS Assistant Principal, and NPHS Student NASA Representatives

Mr. Moore and NASA student representatives will share information regarding Neighborhood Against Substance Abuse (NASA). NASA is a drug awareness program in Hancock County.

8 Informal Comments

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9 Board Member Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

10 Adjournment

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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