

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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4711 S. 500 W., New Palestine, In 46163
Monday, June 8, 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 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 2025-2026 school year. The Music Department is led by Kyle Cantrell, Jon Carney, and Michael Dean.

2.2 Indiana Association of School Principals 2026 District 10 Elementary Principal of the Year

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning and Communications

The Board will recognize Brandywine Elementary School Principal Mr. Austin Theobald for being named the 2026 District 10 Elementary School Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

2.3 New Palestine Education Foundation United Way Literacy Grant Check Presentation

New Palestine Education Foundation Representatives

New Palestine Education Foundation will present a check to New Palestine Community Schools for literacy training.

2.4 INAPEF Food Insecurity Grant Check Presentation

Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF) Representatives

New Palestine Community Schools has been awarded a \$2,500.00 Food Insecurity Grant through the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF).

2.5 Community Foundation of Hancock County - Community Support Grant for Public Schools

Lee Ann Oden and Katie Ottinger will present a check in the amount of \$81,000 to New Palestine Community Schools for the Community Support Grant. The funds will help offset daycare food costs.

3 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Agenda dated June 8, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

4 First Preliminary Determination Hearing

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

5 Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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6 Consent Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Board approval of agenda items 6.1-6.3 is requested at this time.

6.1 Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2026.

6.2 Claims and Finances

- a. Payroll Claims dated May 8, 2026.
- b. Payroll Claims dated May 22, 2026.
- c. Claims dated May 31, 2026.

6.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated June 8, 2026.

7 Unfinished Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

7.1 Second Reading of Student Handbook

Mr. Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications

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

Board approval is requested at this time.

8 New Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

8.1 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

- a. The NPCCS Special Education Department received for \$193.61 from the All Means ALL T-Shirt fundraiser. These funds will be accounted for in the Donation Fund.
- b. NPHS received a check for \$400.00 from Christopher & Marilou Powers. They would like the donation to be used by We The People.
- c. NPHS received a check for \$450.00 from Linda Wilson. She would like the donation to be used by the NPHS Unified Track Team.
- d. SCE received \$1,500.00 from Crystal Corwin-Howard. The donation will be used for SCE's 4th-grade April & May Field Trips.
- e. SCE received a \$2,000.00 grant from the Read to the Final Four Program. The funds will be accounted for in the Miscellaneous Projects Fund.
- f. NPJH Athletics received a \$10,000.00 donation from the New Palestine American Legion. The donation will go towards the purchase of a high jump mat.
- g. NPJH Band received a donation of bongo drums from Brian & Codi Strong, valued at \$600.00.
- h. NPHS received \$1,000.00 from Joseph & Terri Dunn. They would like it to be used by the NPHS Crimson Messenger (newspaper).
- i. NPCCS has been awarded a \$2,500.00 Food Insecurity Grant through the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF).
- j. NPCCS has been awarded a \$25,000.00 grant from United Way through the efforts of New Palestine Education Foundation. The grant will be used for literacy training.
- k. The Community Foundation of Hancock County has donated \$81,000 to NPCCS for the Community Support Grant for Public Schools. The grant is intended to help districts offset the impacts of funding loss related to SEA 1.

Board approval is requested at this time.

8.2 Self-Certification of Micro-Purchase Threshold

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the resolution for self-certifying the corporation micro-purchase threshold of \$50,000 for expenditures of federal funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.320.

Board approval is requested at this time.

8.3 Education Fund to Daycare Fund Transfer

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting permission to transfer funds from the Education Fund to the Daycare Fund to ensure a positive June 30, 2026 balance.

Board approval is requested at this time.

8.4 First Reading of Policies

Mrs. Laura Haeberle, Board Member

- a. A200 Firearms, Weapons, and Destructive Devices
- b. A275 School Wellness
- c. A300 Responsible Use of Technology and Internet Use Policy
- d. A301 Wireless Communication Devices
- e. B105 Mission / Vision / Belief Statements
- f. B110 Educational Beliefs / DELETE
- g. C175 Attendance, Academic Engagement, and Truancy Prevention
- h. C525 Medical Needs at School
- i. D100 Corporation Organization
- j. F101 Budget Adoption and Implementation
- k. F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
- l. F176 Unpaid Meals
- m. G325 Free and Reduced Price Meals
- n. H125 Corporation Support Organizations
- o. H150 Public Records

First reading of policies. No action required at this time.

9 Informal Comments

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10 Board Member Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

11 Adjournment

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Boar approval is requested at this time.