

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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

Monday, July 13, 2026

6:30pm

Present: Mr. Brian McKinney, Board Secretary; Mr. Dan Walker, Board President; Ms. Amber Rush, Executive Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Laura Haerberle, Board Member; Mr. Jon Hooker, Board Vice President; Sarah Gizzi, Business Manager; Craig Smith, Director of Student Learning & Communications; Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent; Mrs. Amanda Wooton, Board Member

Absent: Nicholas Mitchaner, Assistant Superintendent

1 Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Accentuate the Positive

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

2.1 IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Medalists

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal and Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

The Board will recognize IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Medalist Abby Journey. Abby finished sixth place in the long jump at the State Finals.

Minutes:

The Board recognized IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Medalist Abby Journey.

Attachments:

[ATP - Abby Journey IHSAA Girls Track and Field Individual State Medalist .pdf](#)

3 Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Agenda dated July 13, 2026.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the July 13, 2026 agenda. Mr. Hooker moved 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

4 Building Dragon Excellence Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Minutes:

Mr. Walker paused the Regular Meeting to open the Building Dragon Excellence Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing. There were no comments. Mr. Walker closed the hearing and resumed the Regular Meeting.

5 Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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Minutes:

No comments.

6 Consent Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 6.1-6.3. Mrs. Haeberle motioned to approve the items as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haeberle
Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

6.1 Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026.
- b. Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026.

Attachments:

[Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 8 2026.pdf](#)

[Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated June 8 2026.pdf](#)

6.2 Claims and Finances

- a. Payroll Claims dated June 5, 2026.
- b. Payroll Claims dated June 19, 2026.
- c. Payroll Claims dated July 3, 2026.
- d. Claims dated June 30, 2026.
- e. Claims dated July 13, 2026.

Attachments:

[Payroll Claims 06-05-2026.pdf](#)
[Payroll Claims 06-19-2026.pdf](#)
[Payroll Claims 07-03-2026.pdf](#)
[Claims dated June 30 2026.pdf](#)
[Claims dated July 13 2026.pdf](#)

6.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated July 13, 2026.

Attachments:

[Personnel Report dated July 13 2026.pdf](#)

7 Unfinished Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

7.1 Second 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. C175 Attendance, Academic Engagement, and Truancy Prevention
- g. C525 Medical Needs at School
- h. D100 Corporation Organization
- i. F101 Budget Adoption and Implementation
- j. F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
- k. F176 Unpaid Meals
- l. G325 Free and Reduced Price Meals
- m. H125 Corporation Support Organizations
- n. H150 Public Records

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[A200.pdf](#)

[A275.pdf](#)

[A300.pdf](#)

[A301.pdf](#)

[B105.pdf](#)

[C175.pdf](#)

[C525.pdf](#)

[D100.pdf](#)

[F101.pdf](#)

[F125.pdf](#)

[F176.pdf](#)

[G325.pdf](#)

[H125.pdf](#)

[H150.pdf](#)

8 New Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

8.1 NPCFL Building Proposal

Mr. Matt Lawson, Director of Facilities and Mr. Chad Greene, NPCFL Representative

Mr. Lawson and Mr. Greene are seeking approval of the NPCFL Building Proposal.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the NPCFL Building Proposal. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the proposal. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[NPCFL - Dragons Field - Placement Rendering.pdf](#)

[Dragons Field.pdf](#)

8.2 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

The Town of Cumberland issued a check to NPHS in the amount of \$500.00. They would like it to be used by the Art Honor Society. They were grateful for their hard work in creating a mural in Cumberland.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve Donations. Mr. Hooker made a motion to approve the Donations as presented. Mrs. Haerberle seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haerberle

8.3 Debt Service Fund to Operations Fund Transfer Resolution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the Debt Service Fund to Operations Fund Transfer Resolution. Due to the financial impacts of the supplemental homestead credit, eligible school corporations are allowed a one-time transfer to allocate the effects proportionately between the Debt Service Fund and the Operations Fund.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Debt Service Fund to Operations Fund Transfer Resolution. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[8.3 Debts Service Fund to Operations Fund Transfer Resolution.pdf](#)

8.4 2026-2027 School Meal Prices

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the 2026-2027 school meal prices.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school meal prices. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve prices as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[8.4 2026-2027 School Meal Pricing.pdf](#)

8.5 2026-2027 Consumable and Supplemental Fees

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the proposed consumable and supplemental fees for the 2026-2027 school year. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the proposed consumable and supplemental fees for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Haerberle motioned to approve the fees as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haerberle

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[2026-2027 NPCS 9-12 Consumable Supplemental Fees.pdf](#)

[2026-2027 NPCS 6-8 Consumable Supplemental Fees.pdf](#)

[2026-2027 NPCS K-5 Consumable Supplemental Fees.pdf](#)

8.6 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement - TRECS

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between NPCS and the Association of Indiana Counties in order to participate in the Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between NPCS and the Association of Indiana Counties. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[8.6 Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement - TRECS.pdf](#)

8.7 Daycare Fund Transfer

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present the transfer from the Education Fund to the Daycare Fund to ensure a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the transfer from the Education Fund to the Daycare Fund. Mrs. Wooton motioned to approve the transfer as presented. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Amanda Wooton
Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[8.7 Daycare Fund Transfer.pdf](#)

8.8 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:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Project Resolution. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Haerberle seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney
Seconded: Mrs. Laura Haerberle

Attachments:

[8.8 Project Resolution.pdf](#)

8.9 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:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution. Mrs. Haerberle motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Laura Haerberle
Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[8.9 Preliminary Determination Resolution.pdf](#)

8.10 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:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution. Mr. Hooker motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Wooton seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Jon Hooker

Seconded: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Attachments:

[8.10 Reimbursement Resolution.pdf](#)

8.11 Library Board Appointment

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is recommending that the Board reappoint Mr. Fred Fox as the Library Representative. Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to reappoint Mr. Fred Fox as the Library Representative. Mr. McKinney motioned to approve the reappointment as recommended. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

Attachments:

[8.11 Certificate of Appoinment-Public Library Board Member .pdf](#)

8.12 NPCS Strategic Plan - Dragon Excellence: Together Toward 2031

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak requests Board approval of the New Palestine Community Schools Strategic Plan, Dragon Excellence: Together Toward 2031.

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to approve the New Palestine Community Schools Strategic Plan, Dragon Excellence: Together Toward 2031. Mrs. Wooton motioned to approve the strategic plan as presented. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Amanda Wooton

Seconded: Mr. Brian McKinney

Attachments:

[8.12 NPCS Strategic Plan - Dragon Excellence Together Toward 2031.pdf](#)

9 Informal Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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Minutes:

No Comments

10 Board Member Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. Walker began the Board member comments by thanking Stan Wilkison for leading the Board on a tour of the Amplify Hancock Innovation Center. He expressed his enthusiasm for the new facility, describing it as a phenomenal building. Mr. Walker stated that he believes the Innovation Center is an outstanding resource for both the community and New Palestine Community Schools students. Mr. McKinney commented on the district's new strategic plan, acknowledging the significant work involved. He noted that the process is important, as the mission and vision provide the direction for the district. He applauded everyone who participated in the effort. Mr. McKinney also thanked Dr. Pleak for arranging the Board's tour of the Amplify Hancock Innovation Center. He noted that the project had been more than six years in the making and expressed his excitement about the opportunities the facility will provide for students as they prepare for future careers. Mr. Hooker shared that he hopes everyone is enjoying their summer while acknowledging that the start of a new school year is quickly approaching. He remarked that summer always seems to go by too quickly and joked that his daughter has been counting down the days until school begins, probably not in a good way. Mrs. Wooton expressed her support for the strategic plan presented by Dr. Pleak, saying, "Kudos." Mrs. Wooton also remarked, "I think the Building Dragon Excellence Project is going to be incredible, and it's massive. We spend a lot of time talking about it, and everyone has been patient with all of our questions. Sarah, thank you to you, your team, and everyone involved." Dr. Pleak thanked the Cadet Football League for their proposal, noting that it followed a similar proposal received from the baseball league several months earlier. She shared her appreciation for the commitment, enthusiasm, and ideas brought forward by community organizations. Dr. Pleak also recognized the dedication and hard work of the district's entire staff, including teachers, administrators, Mr. Lawson, the custodial team, and the maintenance team, as they prepare for the upcoming school year. She acknowledged that the summer move has been a significant undertaking and expressed her gratitude for everyone's efforts in preparing the new junior high. She shared that the building is looking phenomenal and thanked staff members for their efforts and emphasized that the tremendous amount of work happening behind the scenes should not go unnoticed. She also highlighted several ongoing district projects, including the pool project, transportation project, and planning meetings for Sugar Creek Elementary and the new junior high. Dr. Pleak reflected that while it has been a very busy summer, it has also been a great one because of the dedicated people working together to support the district.

11 Adjournment

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Board approval is requested at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Walker requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hooker seconded the motion, and the vote passed 5-0.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Brian McKinney

Seconded: Mr. Jon Hooker

David
Amanda Hooten
Brian McKinney
Laura J. Haebler