Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

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4711 S. 500 W., New Palestine, In 46163
Monday, November 9, 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 Lilly Scholarship Finalists

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal, and Mrs. Katie Molinder, Community Foundation of Hancock County Representative

The Board will recognize New Palestine High School students, Carlee Poorbaugh and Alyssa Mitchell, as Lilly Scholarship finalists.

3 Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

Agenda dated November 9, 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 Minutes

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes dated October 26, 2026.

5.2 Claims and Finances

a. Payroll Claims dated October 23, 2026.

b. Claims dated October 31, 2026.

5.3 Personnel Report

Personnel Report dated November 9, 2026.

6 New Business

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

6.1 Donations

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

a. NPJH received a $2,500.00 check from the American Legion Post 182 Gaming Fund. They have requested that the donation be used for the New Palestine Junior High School's Veterans Day Breakfast.

b. Pinnacle Construction Group donated $1,000.00 to the NPJH Robotics Program.

c. Creative Engineering Solutions donated $1,000.00 to the NPJH Robotics Program.

d. NPJH received a $50.00 check from Wooton Hoy, LLC. They requested the donation be used for the New Palestine Junior High School's Veterans Day Breakfast.

e. NPCS received a donation from Scott Fulkerson for $5,000. He requested that these funds be used by school counselors and social workers to purchase essential items directly benefiting students in need.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.2 Approval of Construction Manager as Constructor for Building Dragon Excellence Project

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present a recommendation for the Construction Manager as Constructor for the upcoming renovations and additions to NPJH and SCE.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.3 Local Income Tax Distribution

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi is requesting approval of the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax distribution for 2027.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.4 Color Guard

Mr. Jim Voelz, NPHS Principal, and Mr. Jon Carney, NPHS Band Director

Mr. Voelz and Mr. Carney are seeking approval for the Color Guard overnight event at NPHS 12/28/26-12/29/26.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.5 NPHS Boys Wrestling Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS Boys Wrestling team to stay overnight in Mishawaka, IN on 12/18/26 to participate in the Henry Wilk Wrestling Duals hosted by Penn High School.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.6 NPHS Boys Wrestling Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS Boys Wrestling team to stay overnight in Evansville, IN on 12/29/26-12/30/26 to participate in the Mater Dei Classic hosted by Mater Dei High School.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.7 NPHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Mr. Brian Murphy, NPHS Athletic Director

Mr. Murphy is requesting permission for the NPHS Varsity Boys Basketball team to stay overnight in Lawrenceburg, IN and participate in the Ray Furney Holiday Classic hosted by Lawrenceburg High School on 12/29/26-12/30/26.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.8 New Course Recommendations for 2027-2028

Dr. Michael Gaines, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator

Dr. Gaines is seeking approval of course recommendations for the 2027-2028 school year.

a. AP Physics 2

b. Biblical Literature

c. DC Art Appreciation

d. Work Based Learning Lab

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.9 Authorization to Issue Preliminary Notifications of Administrative Contracts

Mr. Nick Mitchaner, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Mitchaner is requesting authorization to issue preliminary notifications of nonrenewal of certain administrative contracts by Dr. Pleak or designee.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.10 2027 Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

Dr. Pleak is requesting approval of the proposed 2027 Regular Board Meeting dates.

Board approval is requested at this time.

6.11 Acknowledgment of IDOE Notifications

Dr. Gina Pleak, Superintendent

The Board will acknowledge receipt of two notifications from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) regarding the district's FY 2026 teacher salary funding floor and 65% teacher compensation requirement.

Board approval is requested at this time.

7 Reports

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

7.1 Enrollment Update

Mrs. Sarah Gizzi, Director of Finance

Mrs. Gizzi will present an update on the 2026-27 NPCS enrollment.

No Board action is required.

8 Informal Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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9 Board Member Comments

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

10 Adjournment

Mr. Dan Walker, Board President

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