

NOTE: These are "proposed" minutes and will not be approved until the November 1, 2016 School Board Meeting

4:00 p.m.
Administration Center

Tuesday
October 18, 2016

BOARD MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President David Black called the October 18, 2016, meeting of the Board of School Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. All Board Members were present. Others in attendance included Jane Allen, Superintendent, James Bromley, Assistant Superintendent, Mark Snyder, Director of Business Services, and Jeff Palmer, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Mrs. Allen introduced Wendy Hite as the new Director of the Elkhart County Special Education Cooperative. Board members thanked her for coming to tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Linda Grant, Guidance Director at Northridge High School, introduced the following Foreign Exchange Students who are attending Northridge High school. There are thirteen students this year - the largest group NHS has ever had.

- Gerson Barreto DeMiranda, from Brazil, staying with the Stacker family.
- Rasmus Eliasson, from Sweden, staying with the Michael Black family.
- Lisa Innocenti, from Italy, staying with the Kauffman-Cortes family.
- Desiree Jonli, from Norway, staying with the Fisher family.
- Sara Kirschner, from Germany, staying with the Kauffman-Cortes family.
- Arunrat Lapsongsakul, from Thailand, staying with the King family.
- Anton Ludvigsen, from Denmark, staying with the Troyer family.
- Lea Martin, from France, staying with the Felder-Loeza family.
- Andrea Merino, from Ecuador, staying with the Unternacher family.
- Emil Persson, from Sweden, staying with the Troyer family.
- Celina Skindershoe, from Denmark, staying with the Jones family.
- Emma Steenvoorden, from the Netherlands, staying with the Cross family.
- Luisa Weyer, from Germany, staying with the Gayler family.

Mr. Doug Slabach is working directly with the students, answering questions and making them feel at home while they are at Northridge High School. Students were asked questions from the board about what they like to eat, how their home schools and class schedules are different, if they are in any athletics, surprises they have encountered, and things they like to do in the United States.

EXPRESSIONS FROM PATRONS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA –

- Minutes from the October 4, 2016 school board meeting
- Claims Lists
- Personnel List
- September 2016 Financial Statement

EMPLOYMENT:

Northridge High School

Certified: Aimee Gingerich, Asst. Softball Coach, 43295-1, 2/3 of 1 Stipend, Start Date: October 19, 2016
Trisha King, Assistant Athletic Director, 33499-1, 1 Stipend, Start Date: October 19, 2016
Anne Griffith, Assistant Athletic Director, 33499-3, 2 Stipends, Start Date: October 11, 2016

Classified: Lisa Stutsman, Asst. Athletic Director, 33499-1, 2/5 of 1 Stipend, Start Date: October 12, 2016
Brad Frank, Asst. Athletic Director, 33499-1, 1 Stipend plus 3/5 of 1 Stipend
Start Date: November 14, 2016
Evan Troyer, Swim Assistant, 43270-1, Start Date: October 11, 2016
Gareth Troyer, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, 33355-2, Start Date: October 25, 2016
Samantha Baker, Asst. Softball Coach, 43295-1, 2/3 of 1 Stipend, Start Date: October 19, 2016
Michael Kelley, Asst. Softball Coach, 43295-1, 2/3 of 1 Stipend, Start Date: 10/19/16

Classified: DeAnna Miller, Bus Driver, Start Date: October 17, 2016
Orchard View Elementary School
Certified: Hannah Boyd, Mixed Ability Teacher, Start Date: October 19, 2016
****Employment Dependent upon successful Background Check****
Northridge Middle School
Certified: Chance Starcher, Coding Club Sponsor, 401-1, Start Date: October 17, 2016
Chance Starcher, Gaming Club Sponsor, 401-1, Start Date: October 17, 2016
Terry Gagich, Gaming Club Sponsor, 401-2, Start Date: October 17, 2016

RESIGNATION:

Northridge Middle School
Classified: Quinci Julian, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Effective Date: October 7, 2016

EMERGENCY LEAVE:

Northridge High School
Classified: Nathan Chupp, 6.5 Hour Autism Para, 3 Days (19.5 Hours), November 2, 3, 4, 2016
Orchard View Elementary School
Certified: Abbie Mast, Kindergarten Teacher, 3 Days, October 18,19,20, 2016

FMLA LEAVE:

Middlebury Elementary School
Certified: Emily Holt, Art Teacher, From January 24, 2017 to April 25, 2017

LEAVE 4430:

Jefferson Elementary School
Classified: Kathleen Seel, 5.5 Hour Special Education Assistant, From January 4, 2017 to April 7, 2017

TRANSFER:

Northridge Middle School
Classified: Ann Parker, 6.5 Hour Autism Para to: 6.5 Hour Special Education Assistant
Start Date: October 25, 2016

Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Gayler seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NHS ADVERTISING FOR GERMANY EDUCATIONAL TRIP – Lisa Teitsma and Stephanie Zachar from NHS were present to ask approval for them to advertise for a trip to Germany with a departure date of June 5, 2018 and return date of June 14, 2018. This educational trip would be available to students in grades 9-12 and have an approximate cost of \$4,000 which students would be responsible in paying. They are anticipating that approximately 20 students would go on this trip. Mr. Gayler moved and Mrs. King seconded a motion to approve the advertising of a NHS German Educational Trip as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A DONATION TO ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – The Orchard View PTO would like to donate \$850 to Orchard View Elementary for field trip transportation and admission costs. This donation would help to offset the cost of trips for our students and their families. Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve the donation to Orchard View Elementary school as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A DONATION TO YORK ELEMENTARY – The York PTO would like to donate \$16,650 for a variety of projects to support York's children and staff. Mrs. King moved and Mr. Gayler seconded a motion to approve a donation to York Elementary as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE HERITAGE KITCHEN PROJECT – Mrs. Allen requested that we accept the bid from Shawnee Construction & Engineering for the General Contractor (base bid of \$946,000.00) and Breckenridge Kitchen Equipment Design (base bid of \$434,960.00) for the equipment, and also accept the three alternates. Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Gayler seconded motion to approve a bids for the Heritage Kitchen Project as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL - Mrs. Allen recommended Mrs. Rachel Vallance as the new Principal at Northridge Middle School. She has been a teacher for 22 years, 12 years with MCS and has been the Asst. Principal at NMS for the past 3 years. She has the personality and persistence to be the middle school principal and has an excellent connection with parents and students. Mrs. King moved and Mr. Souder seconded a motion to approve Rachele Vallance as Principal of Northridge Middle School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A 1% STIPEND FOR ALL CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF IN JANUARY 2017 – Mrs. Allen requested a 1% Stipend for all classified and administrative staff in January 2017. Mrs. King moved and Mr. Miller seconded a motion to approve a 1% Stipend for all classified and administrative staff in January 2017 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0. Mr. Black abstained.

FIELD TRIPS – The school board reviewed the list of field trips.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE –

- The NHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are going to Fort Wayne semi-state. Good Luck to all runners!
- The NHS Band will be performing at semi-state in Indianapolis this weekend. Good Luck to the band!
- Sectional game for NHS Football is this Friday night in Middlebury and it will be televised on Channel 46.
- There will be a community performance of the high school marching band show (which will be performed at semi-state this weekend) at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the high school football field.

REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL – Board members reviewed the list of travel requests.

EXPRESSIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS –

- Mr. Gayler congratulated Mrs. Vallance on being named Principal of NMS. She is very deserving and they are very excited to have her lead the middle school.
- Mrs. King welcomed Mrs. Vallance also. She indicated Mrs. Vallance has large shoes to fill with Dr. Goodman leaving but is glad to have both of them where they are at within the corporation. Mrs. King was recently invited to attend a debate (which will be televised at a later date) with the Superintendents of Public Instruction which was held at IPFW this past Monday. It was a very interesting and enlightening debate. They were the on the same page on some issues but disagreed on other issues. She would encourage everyone to take the time to look at who is on your ballot and do some deep digging before you go into the polls and vote. She thinks there are a lot of things at stake in this election and for our children there are a lot of decisions we will make by electing someone. She encourages when that debate airs to take the time to watch – it is very important.
- Mr. Souder also welcomed Mrs. Vallance aboard. He had heard nothing but great things from his grandkids.
- Mr. Miller welcomed Mrs. Vallance as Principal at NMS. He appreciates both Dr. Goodman and Mrs. Vallance.
- Mr. Black is not positive that this is 100% correct but he read an article on-line yesterday saying the state of Indiana has decided that ISTEP is going to have to be around another couple of years. The committee that was put together couldn't come up with a formula good enough to be able to make a decision so that they could come up with something different than ISTEP. He is taken aback as a school board member to know that we have elected officials that formed a committee, that is capable of coming out after several months saying, "sorry, we couldn't get the job done". He agrees with what Mrs. King said – take a look at your ballots and really think about it ahead of time and do the right thing, vote your conscience not necessarily what you've done in the past.. This is very important at this time. We've taken 2 steps backwards in education because of that issue. He was ready for something new. We have a long road ahead of us and it's not going to be a whole lot easier.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Souder moved and Mr. Gayler seconded a motion to adjourn the October 18, 2016 meeting of the School Board of Trustees at 4:52 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The next scheduled school board meeting will be on November 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Center.

David Black, President

Joanna King, Vice President

Robert Souder, Secretary

Scott Miller, Member

Paul Gayler, Member