

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24 2022

8:30 A.M. NPT Office

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 8:32 am

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with three board members present. Board members in attendance were Jason Bauer, Dr. Scott Doerr, and Mr. Matt Hutchison (Proxy for Taylorville). Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, NPT Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist, Sabrina Jones and NPT Business Manager, Deanna Tarter.

Others in attendance: Brenda Patrick, Lori Wemple, Anita Brown, Melissa Gray, BriAnn Bullard and Kyle Anderson.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondances

MOVE TO APPROVE THE May 24, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Mrs. Suey shared that the FY23 board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month with the exception of August, pushed back due to budget hearing posting requirements, December, due to the holiday and March, due to the amended budget hearing posting requirements.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Hutchison to approve the May 24, 2022 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Hutchison- YEA. Motion passes 3-0..

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from April 26, 2022, Budget Hearing Minutes from April 26, 2022, Bills/Treasurer's Report for April, Hire of Sharon Langen as the NPT board treasurer for FY23. Hire of Ashley Kime and Alyssa Taylor as ESY Paraprofessional, and FY 23 Executive Board Meeting Dates/Times/Location

NEW BUSINESS

Fourth Quarter FACeS/CBI Update

BriAnn Bullard provided an update regarding the happenings in the FACeS/CBI classroom during the fourth quarter. Update included the Junior High Classroom's business: Tornado Joe's, the Polar Plunge, and Elementary and Junior High Fun with the Unified Tornado's. In April NPT held a FACeS Family Night at the Olde Bowl in Taylorville and the HS CBI classroom continues to volunteer at the Taylorville Food Pantry. In May the entire FACeS/CBI program took a field trip to Aikman Wildlife in Arcola, there was a graduation party for the HS CBI Graduates and the Unified Tornado's held one more event with the elementary and junior high classroom.

There were no questions for Bri.

Discuss and Act on FY23 Salaries

Mrs. Suey provided each superintendent with a salary projection that shows what each member district is paying for FY22 and what they would be paying in FY23 with a 2%, 2.5%, and 3% raise. The board decided to discuss this in closed session.

After Closed session, a motion was made by Doerr and seconded by Hutchison to approve a 3% raise for NPT employees for FY 23. Bauer-YEA, Doerr-YEA, Hutchison-Yea. Motion passes 3-0..

Discuss and Approve Pay Schedule for FY23

For FY23, NPT will continue to pay employees every other week. The pay schedule includes when pay periods will begin, when they will end and when employees will be paid. There were no questions for the pay schedule for FY 23.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to approve the Pay Schedule for FY 23 as presented, Dr. Doerr Seconded the motion. Bauer-YEA, Doerr, YEA, Hutchison, YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss and Possibly Act on FACeS/CBI Location for 2022/2023 school year

Mr. Bauer stated that this topic came up due to some potential construction at Taylorville High School. Mrs. Suey reported that Mr. Hutchison (THS Principal) contacted her on Thursday and stated that with the recent approval of Taylorville building a fine arts center and field house, that is going to require that they tear down a portion of the Taylorville High School. The portion of the building that they will tear down is the east wing, which is where our HS FACeS/CBI classroom is located. New classrooms are scheduled to be built, however they will not be ready for next school year. Mr. Hutchison stated that THS does not have any additional space to house the program until construction is complete, which is not predicted to be next year. He asked if there was anywhere else that the program could be located. Mrs. Suey stated that Nokomis has a classroom available at the High School, Pana also has a classroom at the High School however it would make more sense to move the classroom to Nokomis for transportation purposes. Pana already has transportation to Nokomis and Nokomis does not have transportation currently running to Pana.

Dr. Doerr asked if this move of the classroom is a one year thing, or long term. Mr. Hutchison stated that this is for discussion purposes. When they demolish the East Wing, they will lose four classrooms. Mr. Hutchison stated that at this time, he is not sure where he would relocate those two classrooms. He stated he would hate to lose those students, however he wants to be fair to the education to provide to those students. Mr. Hutchison's concern is the location for this time. Mr. Bauer asked if they have looked at their facility short term and long term and if they have looked at where the FACeS/CBI classroom would go after construction. Mr. Hutchison stated that as part of their construction plan, they are building 4 additional classrooms to the

facility. They will be able to provide a learning environment to the FACeS and CBI, but for a year or two they are unsure if they have a classroom for them to utilize during construction.

Mrs. Suey asked if the new classroom will be attached to the current building. Mr. Hutchison stated that they have two options, either adding those classrooms to the new build, or to the science wing. Mr. Hutchison's thought is to have two regular size classrooms and then one large classroom with life skills. Mr. Bauer asked if Taylorville has any recommendations for the FACeS/CBI classrooms while they are under construction. Mr. Bauer asked Taylorville what their plan is for FACeS and CBI in concerns for location. Mr. Hutchison stated that as of today, he does not know. Mr. Bauer asked if there has been any discussion regarding the location of the program during construction. Mr. Hutchison stated that there has not been any planning. He stated that it just got approved last week and they are just in the process of moving classrooms. Mr. Hutchison stated that he just thought it would be fair to NPT to keep them up to speed on what is going on. Mr. Bauer stated that his question is it the expectation of Taylorville for one of the other districtus to house the program or is Taylorville looking at bringing in some kind of temporary structure for the program. Mr. Hutchison stated that everything is on the table right now.

Mrs. Suey stated that moving forward, these students have to be in the same building as their general education peers. Mr. Hutchison agreed and stated that if a temporary facility was brought in, it would be for another classroom. Mr. Bauer reminded the team that we have LRE and other special education laws that we have to abide by.

Mrs. Suey stated that if we moved the program to a different district, that she is assuming that Taylorville's union would not allow their staff to travel to a different district, so we would have to look at hiring new teachers and assistants for the program. Mr. Hutchison stated that staffing would become another issue that we would have to discuss as well. Mr. Suey asked if Taylorville would be willing to bus their students if we had to move the program. Mr. Hutchison stated that we are very early on in the conversation. Mrs. Suey did appreciate the communication from Mr. Hutchison. Mr. Bauer asked if Taylorville is still providing staff for the program. Mr. Hutchisons stated that he cannot speak to that. Mr. Bauer stated that it appears there are a lot of unanswered questions right now. Mr. Hutchison agreed. Mr. Bauer stated that is a tad bit frustrating at this time.

Dr. Doerr stated that if we have to move the program, even temporarily, it might be an opportunity for NPT to look at transferring the staff just for the FACeS/CBI program so we have those opportunities to fulfill those obligations under the joint agreement. Dr. Doerr stated that in the process of implementing the FACeS program. Dr. Doerr stated that we have to continue to talk about moving into the next school year.

Mrs. Suey stated that we cannot wait to transfer the staff until June. If the staff decide not to transfer, then we have to post positions and that is also a disservice to the students and their families. Mrs. Suey stated that there needs to be a decision very quickly. Dr. Doerr does not disagree.

Mr. Bauer asked how quickly we will be able to get the answers to the questions we have because we have IEP's in place and there are expectations from all stakeholders involved. Mr. Hutchison stated that he will get on this today and he will hopefully be able to get answers within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Bauer stated that may necessitate a special board meeting. Mr. Hutchison just wanted to be fair to NPT and let us know where Taylorville is in regards to the HS CBI classroom. The other superintendents and Mrs. Suey stated that they appreciate Mr. Hutchisons open communication.

There was no more discussion regarding the Location of the FACeS/CBI classroom for the 22/23 school year.

Open Discussion

Dr. Doerr asked Mrs. Suey if there has been any further discussion in regards to moving forward with Taylorville for the next school year. Mrs. Suey stated she has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Dougherty next month regarding next school year. Mrs. Suey is hopeful that she will get some direction on what kinds of services they are wanting, because that will affect next year's budget that we have to prepare and possible posting of additional positions. Mrs. Suey is hopeful that she will get some answers next month.

Mr. Bauer stated that we have been in limbo with the Regional Board of Trustees Meeting to see what was going to happen with the cooperative and its member districts. Now that the regional board meeting has occurred and we know we are going to be intact, Mr. Bauer is hopeful that we will be able to work together in a civilized manner for the betterment of children. Mr. Bauer continued to state that the Joint Agreement that we have in place will be followed and not deviated from as has been in the past. Mr. Bauer stated that the Joint Agreement is an approved document recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education.

There was no more discussion.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Mrs. Suey shared that the May 10th After Hours event was an End of the Year Bash. There were bounce houses, carnival games and food. The kids, and adults, had a lot of fun! Mrs. Suey is preparing a survey to send out to parents to see what kind of topics they want on next year's After Hours Events. Before leaving our last event on May 10th, parents were making sure we were going to do these events again next year.

PD with a Purpose, last was held on April 25th, Shelby Babbs hosted that event. The title of the presentation was: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences and Being a Trauma-Informed Educator. A survey out to teachers (regular and special education) regarding topics for next year's PD with a purpose. We have had 14 responses with great feedback and suggestions. A lot of the teachers want to learn more about Autism. I asked if they would also be interested in a book study and 7 teachers indicated that they were, so that may be an additional PD that we offer next school year.

In regards to Extended School year, we have 6 confirmed for ESY with three pending. We are looking at 3-5 in each classroom with a teacher and an assistant. Related services will also be providing services during ESY. Mrs. Suey has also talked with the administration at Nokomis and they know we are going to be there and they are working on preparing classrooms.

There were no questions for Mrs. Suey

Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist

Mrs. Jones discussed that we have currently met 95% of our Transition Contract. We are continuing with our Workforce program this summer and currently have 9 students signed up. We are extending the Workforce program all summer long to include activities throughout the summer. We are also looking to revamp our NPT Step Program "Elevating our Future". We currently have 3 applicants for the program.

Mrs. Jones has also been working with the administrators from Pana and Nokomsi to create a NPT mentoring program. This program will be utilized for our new special education teachers to help support them in their first few years of teaching. Mrs. Jones stated to Mr. Hutchison that if the mentoring program is something that Taylorville would also like access to, we can certainly make that happen.

Dr. Doerr asked how many IEP's she has reviewed this year. Mrs. Joes stated about 200 in Nokomis and Pana. Dr. Doerr asked if she was invited to all of the FACeS IEP meetings. Mrs. Suey stated that she goes to those. Dr. Doerr stated he talked to his principals a few weeks ago being invited to those IEP meetings and one of the principals stated that the past few years she has attended remotely. The elementary school principal stated that she has not been invited to any this year. Dr. Doerr is requesting that invites be sent to his principals so they can participate. Mrs. Suey stated she will make sure that happens.

There were no additional questions for the Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist.

Business Manager Report

Mrs. Tarter stated that she is starting to work in the FY23 preliminary budget for billing purposes so we can start billing on July 1st. That preliminary budget will be presented in June. After the June 17th payroll, she will be working on the end of the year billing. Mrs. Tarter will be sending out bills for rESY the first week of June. Today, training is scheduled with Embrace DS to review that billing system.

There were no additional questions for Mrs. Tarter.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bauer made a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of employment, evaluation, compensation, appointment, and discipline of personnel. Dr. Doerr seconded the motion. Bauer-YEA, Doerr-YEA, Hutchison-YEA. Motion passed.

Entered into closed session at 8:57 am.

Closed session concluded at 9:15 am.

A motion was made by Doerr and seconded by Hutchison to approve the closed session minutes as presented. Bauer-YEA, Doerr, YEA, Hutchison-YEA. Motion passes.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:17 a.m.

Dr. Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hutchison seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary