

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2022  
8:30 A.M. NPT Office

## CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 8:31 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 Dr. Chris Dougherty. Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, NPT Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist, Sabrina Jones and NPT Business Manager, Deanna Tarter.

Others in attendance include: Anita Brown, Melissa Gray, and Lori Wemple.

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

Lori Wemple said that today is a very exciting day for the FACeS program. The students are working at the Taylorville Food Pantry starting today. Her son, Luke, works next week, but she is so excited to see the kids getting out in the community and thanked NPT for this opportunity.

## MOVE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Mrs. Suey commented that there are no new bills this month other than our usual monthly bills and employee reimbursements. Mr. Bauer stated that a revision needs to be made to the December 14, 2021 board minutes, correcting it at the top to be regular board meeting instead of special board meeting. Mrs. Suey stated we will make that change. Dr. Doerr asked if the staff had the appropriate time to look over the seniority lists to see if any discrepancies and Mrs. Suey stated that they did.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Doerr to approve the January 25, 2022 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

The consent agenda included Minutes for December 14, 2021 Board Meeting, Bills/Treasurer's Report, Second reading of November 2021 PRESS Issue 108, Certified Seniority List, and Non-Seniority List.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Review and take action on Executive Session Minutes and Audio Tapes.

There have been no Executive Sessions in the last six months to open to the public to take action on. There is a recommendation for the destruction of any open or executive tapes older than 18 months for the purpose of avoiding unnecessary storage. NPT did have executive sessions on February 28, 2020 and April 22, 2020.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the destruction of any open or executive sessions older than 18 months to avoid unnecessary storage. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

**Approve to Hire Beth White as a part-time substitute SLP to assist with NPT's Speech Language Pathology needs for the remainder of the 21/22 school year.**

Mrs. Suey discussed we have had an additional part-time Speech Language Pathology position posted all year. We have not been able to hire anyone for this position, but Beth White has worked as a sub for us in the past and has agreed to work on Mondays and Fridays, working approximately 12 to 15 hours a week as a substitute. Beth will mainly be working in Washington and we will have to shift our current SLPs around to get some additional help in Nokomis as well as the FACeS program in Taylorville. The speech caseload numbers are really high and Mrs. Suey believes COVID has really affected the SLP world and she would like to get them some help. Mrs. Suey is recommending that we hire Beth White for the remainder of the year as a substitute for SLP. Dr. Dougherty asked how much is the sub pay and Mrs. Suey responded with \$70 an hour.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the hiring of Beth White as a part-time substitute SLP as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

**Approve the Resolution to Adopt the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Employer Agreement – Illinois law – 40 ILCS 5/16-204 requires the Teachers' Retirement System to offer an optional defined contribution benefit to eligible active members.**

Mr. Bauer commented that many of the member districts have already adopted this plan almost a year ago. Now that NPT is on their own, they need to adopt this plan and asked if there was any discussion on adopting the TRS SSP. There was none.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Doerr to approve adopting the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

**Open Discussion**

There was no open discussion.

**Director's Report**

Mrs. Suey gave an update on the NPT After Hours program, which is our monthly after school program for the entire family from 5:00-7:00pm. The next After Hours will be held on February 8th and the topic will be Physical Therapy in the School Setting presented by Jane Goeken from Therakids and Gretchen Bland from NPT. The Mobile Scovill Zoo will be coming as well and we will discuss different animal senses and give the kids an opportunity to have this experience, which we are really excited. In March PUNS Information will be the topic covered by someone from DRS. NPT's PD with a Purpose event this month from 3:30-4:00pm was held on January 31st over Accommodations and Modifications by Kelly Suey. She will go over what the differences are and how to implement them in the classroom.

Mrs. Suey provided Nokomis and Pana with updated Caseload numbers, number of TCT's and if there have been any dismissals for their respective districts. Mrs. Suey stated that she does not have access to Taylorville's information so that is why she could not provide this information to Taylorville.

Mrs. Suey gave a FACeS Update. As Lori spoke earlier, The High School Classroom will begin volunteering at the Taylorville Food Pantry every Tuesday. The students will be in two groups and rotate every other week. Transportation has also been worked out. We are very excited about this opportunity for the students and so is the Food Pantry.

The Jr. High Classroom will be opening a Coffee Cart that will be available to staff. They are naming their Coffee Cart Business "Tornado Joes". They will collect the orders on Thursdays and fill the orders on Fridays. She stated that Mr. Bruder is excited to partner with NPT on this. We have set second semester FACeS Team Meetings on February 2, March 2, April 6, and May 4. The Teachtown Jr High curriculum has been distributed as well. She said some very exciting things are happening in our FACeS programs.

There were no questions for Mrs. Suey

### **Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist**

Mrs. Jones reported that we have 9 of 10 outcomes met. We currently have 27 students who have filled out their packets and are 'Eligible'. 9 of those students are current outcomes and 8 of those students are working and would be potential outcomes. Mrs. Jones also wanted to mention that one student from the transition program collaborated with Jones/Hamlin Excavating on learning how to drive a semi and this student just passed getting his CDL on the first try and already has a job with Equity using his CDL while he is in high school. She is so proud to be a part of this experience and what a huge accomplishment for this student.

Mrs. Jones has reviewed 136 IEPs so far this school year. She has also completed an initial CPI training held on Friday, January 14th.

### **Business Manager Report**

Dee discussed Excess Cost. The information for FY22 Excess Cost has been posted to the ISBE website. She has sent all three member districts' bookkeepers the spreadsheet and directions. Dee will send NPT's breakdown hopefully as soon as possible. She has requested the completed spreadsheets to be returned to her by Friday, February 18th so that she can have everything checked and entered by February 28th..

She then gave an update on Medicare billing with Go Solutions. We have asked the providers that are employed under NPT to have their billings up to date by January 31st. Starting February 1st, Go Solutions will transfer students into NPT's account and we should be able to start billing back up by February 15th. This will not affect billing because the providers will be able to go back to February 1st to enter billing once the account is ready.

There were no additional questions for Dee.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Doerr to move into closed session for the purpose of employment, evaluation, compensation, appointment, and discipline of personnel. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

Entered into closed session at 8:43 am

Closed session concluded at 8:49 am

A motion was made by Doerr and seconded by Bauer to re-enter regular session and with no action taken from closed session. Bauer- YEA, Doerr- YEA, Dougherty-YEA. Motion passed.

**MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 8:49 a.m.**

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

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Mr. Jason Bauer, President

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Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary