

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

9:00 A.M. NPT Office

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 9:00 am

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with three board members present. Board members in attendance were Mr. Jason Bauer, Dr. Scott Doerr and Mr. Matt Hutchison who was proxy for 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: Lori Wemple

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Suey shared the thank-you letter from Sacred Heart School thanking NPT for their assistance during the passing of Samuel Hackler.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE May 23, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion regarding the financial reports as presented.

NPT would like to hire Mrs. Ashley Kime and Alissa Taylor, who are currently working in the Taylorville FACeS Program as paraprofessionals for the new classroom in Lincoln as well as Brittany Strohl, who is from Shelbyville. NPT would also like to hire Mrs. Jamie Blackwell as the teacher. Mrs. Blackwell will also be contracted out to Nokomis schools to meet their EC Special Education Needs. During the time that Mrs. Blackwell is at Nokomis, Mrs. Bullard will serve as the teacher in the Lincoln FACeS Classroom.

Ashley Kime comes to us with 15 years of experience \$25.00 hour

Alissa Taylor comes to us with 3 years of experience \$20.00 hour

Brittany Strohl has no experience in education \$19.19 hour

Jamie Blackwell has 8.5 years of experience and a M+21 \$54,000 + TRS

Mrs. Suey looked at executive Board Meeting dates for next year and if we stay with the 4th Tuesday, we would have to adjust 4 meetings due to 30 days to post budgets and holidays.

If we move meetings to the 3rd Tuesday, we will only have to adjust two meetings, due to the 30 day requirement to have budgets posted. This does not interfere with any holidays

Motion by Hutchison, seconded by Doerr to approve the May 23, 2023 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Hutchison- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from April 25, 2023 Executive Board meeting, Budget Hearing Minutes from April 25, 2023, Bills/Treasurer's Report for May, Hiring of Ashley Kime, Alissa Taylor, and Brittany Strohl as paraprofessionals for the FACeS Classroom, located

at Lincoln School. Hiring of Jamie Blackwell as the certified teacher for the FACeS Program and Executive Board Meeting Dates/Times/Location.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of updated board policy: 5:185 Family and Medical Leave and 5:250 Leaves of Absence

After talking with Buschue about some of our policies he suggested updating 5:185 to take away "must be full time employee" as an eligibility criteria. He stated that most districts take this out, leaving it in can cause "problems".

5:250 has been reworded under child rearing to read "up to one year" instead of 3 semesters for requested time off. Language was also added that such leave must also be approved by the executive board.

Fourth Quarter FACeS/CBI Update

Mrs. Suey highlighted the flier that was provided regarding the exciting things the FACeS program has done during the 4th quarter!

The FACeS/CBI students had a busy 3rd & 4th quarter ending the school year with a bang! We got to take not one but two field trips during the 4th quarter - one to Chuck E. Cheese in April and a bowling/park day on May 22nd to finish out the school year.

The high school class braved the cold water to participate in the Polar Plunge at Taylorville High School on March 7th. The event helps raise money for the Special Olympics.

For Easter, the classes filled Easter eggs with candy and sold them by the dozen to help families prepare for their Easter fun. In addition to filling eggs, the elementary and jr. high classes got to have their own Easter egg hunt with the Unified Tornadoes!

To celebrate May Day on May 1st, the elementary and jr. high classes planted flowers in individual pots for their last activity with the Unified Tornadoes. The high school class then took the flowers that were planted and delivered them to the residents at Hickory Estates nursing home in Taylorville. What a great opportunity for our students and the residents!

On May 12th, the high school class celebrated and said "See you later!" to Mckenzie Melvin who graduated with the THS graduates on May 19th.

Discuss and Act on FY 24 Salaries

This was discussed during the closed session.

Discuss and Approve Pay Schedule for FY24

We will continue with the 26 pay periods. Schedule is attached.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Hutchison to approve the pay schedule for FY24 as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Hutchison- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss and Act on posting of two paraprofessional FACeS positions at the Taylorville Location for the 2023/2024 school year.

With NPT hiring Ashley and Alissa as paraprofessionals for the FACeS Classroom in Pana, that creates two vacancies in the FACeS Classroom in Taylorville. I would recommend that NPT post to hire two additional paraprofessionals for the Taylorville location. I had 10 applicants for our open positions, interviewed 9 of them and would like to extend an offer to two of these applicants for the Taylorville location.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Hutchison to post two paraprofessional FACeS positions at the Taylorville Location for the 2023/2024 school year.

Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Hutchison- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Open Discussion

Mr. Bauer asked Mrs. Suey if she has met with Mr. Metzger in regards to the new FACeS Classroom at Lincoln School. Mrs. Suey stated that they have met and already discussed scheduling times for the students to go to art, music and PE. Mr. Metzger will let Mrs. Suey know when the classroom is cleaned and ready to be moved into.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Mrs. Suey has been in contact with Mrs. McDowell re: ESY in Nokomis and Mr. McDonald at PHS re: Workforce in Pana. Mrs. Suey provided an update regarding office spaces in Taylorville for NPT staff. She stated that NPT is needing at least 2, possibly 3, full time offices in Taylorville for NPT staff. We have secured one office at TJHS and possibly a work area at Memorial. Mrs. Suey will continue to work with them to obtain a location for these offices.

TMC meetings have been scheduled and will occur on May 26, 2023 in each respective district.

NPT has officially been approved to start a Special Olympics team "NPT Dynamite" (students voted on the name). I will be working on getting the word out and getting individuals and volunteers lined up for some events next school year! The new logo is attached.

NPT has a busy summer ahead of us, but we are excited to start planning new, revamped, improved opportunities for students and staff next school year.

There were no questions for Mrs. Suey.

Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist

Mrs. Jones reported that she has completed 4th quarter Special Ed Team Meetings, is working on the special Ed Master Schedules for 2023-24. She continues to review IEPs, Update possible caseloads for the 2023-24 school year and review IEP files for the 2022-23 school year.

The STEP Contract has officially been met for the 2022-23 school year and May's Monthly Lesson: Seniors - Completing DHS Checklist.

There were no questions for Mrs. Jones.

Business Manager Report

Mrs. Tarter stated that the amended budget has been submitted to ISBE. She has started working on the preliminary budget for FY24. Mrs. Tarter is working on getting all tracking documents for FACeS, NPT Salary and Liabilities updated so she can work on balancing for the end of FY23.

There were no questions for Mrs. Tarter.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Entered into closed session at 9:14 am.

Closed session concluded at 9:42 am

A motion was made by Hutchison and seconded by Bauer to re-enter regular session to approve the updated salary schedule as presented in closed session. Bauer- YEA, Doerr- ABSTAIN, Hutchison-YEA. Motion passed.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:43 a.m.

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

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary