

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 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 Mrs. Deborah Philpot. Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist, Sabrina Jones and NPT Business Manager, Deanna Tarter.

Others in attendance: Lori Wemple

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

No public comment or correspondence.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE September 19, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Financial reports were presented and there was no discussion.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Philpot to approve the September 19, 2023 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from August 22, 2023 Executive Board meeting, August 22, 2023 Budget Hearing minutes, the List of Licensed Evaluators for the 23-24 School Year and Bills/Treasurer's Report for August.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and make a motion on FY23 Auditor Report-Mr. Mathias

Mr. Adam Mathias presented the FY23 audit report. The compliance matter discussed was the segregation of duties to reduce risks. An Economic Interest statement was not turned in to the county office, but NPT already has a plan in place to reduce this error from happening again. There was a data entry error in the Amended Budget in line 2210, but otherwise It was a very clean report. The auditors looked at formulas and assessments per member district to make sure they were accurately calculated. The cash value to end FY23 includes unspent STEP grant funds, summer payrolls, interest from bank accounts, and startup funds. The revenues and expenses have stayed pretty consistent since the start of NPT. Mr. Mathias reported that the GATA report will be submitted today and the electronic copy of the AFR will be sent to ISBE. He has also filled out his portion of the Statement of Affairs and has emailed it to Dee.

Motion by Philpot, seconded by Doerr to approve the FY23 Auditor Report as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss and make a motion on Kim Washburn's resignation

Mrs. Suey presented a resignation letter from Kim Washburn who was a Social Worker for NPT. She was employed starting in January 2023. She was currently working under an emergency license with the intention of going back to college this spring to obtain her School Social Worker PEL. It is her recommendation to approve Kim's resignation, effective September 1, 2023 and she does not recommend pulling her license.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Philpot to approve the resignation of Kim Washburn effective September 1, 2023 as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - NAY, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

First Reading of Updated Board Policy

Board Policies listed on the agenda were updates provided by PRESS Policy from March and June 2023. Mrs. Suey emailed and also provided paper copies to each board member of the updates and updated copies of the proposed Press Policy at NPT. This is the first reading of the policies. A motion to update or approve the policies will be made at the October Board Meeting. Mr. Bauer asked how is NPT complying with Faith's Law and Mrs. Suey answered by using Bushue HR's system they have in place.

Motion by Philpot, seconded by Doerr to approve the first reading of updated board policies as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - NAY, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Open Discussion

Mrs. Philpot asked if Taylorville can reassign assistants from the FACeS Classroom and then hire or reassign another Taylorville paraprofessional in their place, due to a reassignment. She said Taylorville's aides are getting paid for 5.75 hours and NPT aides are getting paid at least 6 hours with benefits. This is a mental hardship with Taylorville aides. She stated for Taylorville to offer their aide's benefits would be detrimental to their district.

Mrs. Suey asked how are the classrooms being properly covered with only offering 5.75 hours because we have had issues in the FACeS classrooms where the aides were gone and the teacher needed help. Mrs. Philpot said the aides split coverage. Mrs. Suey said that FACeS students need assistance from the start of class to the end of class and also believes that FACeS is separate from other aide positions because of the expectations in their classrooms. Mrs. Philpot wanted some options to take back to Taylorville. She doesn't want to disservice a student, but maybe start with 1 building or 1 classroom as we make the transition from Taylorville hiring the assistants to NPT hiring the assistants.

Dr. Doerr asked if the current school psychologists are willing to pick up more work instead of hiring an online psychologist. Mrs. Suey responded that the psychologists already have enough on their plate and she doesn't want them to eventually leave

because they are taking on too much, especially with each of them having an intern this year. She explained that last year the school psychologists picked up extra work and it was already too much then so why make the same mistake this year. If ESSER grant is approved, Mrs. Suey plans on putting most of the contacted school psychologist costs towards that.

REPORTS

Director's Report

NPT After Hours Events are going to be quarterly instead of monthly this year. In September, a representative from the Special Olympics came and gave a presentation about the program and what they can offer. Ten families either attended or expressed interest in joining the team as well as 4 individuals interested in coaching. Mrs. Suey is awaiting interest forms back from the families before determining what sports they will start with, but she is very encouraged and excited about this opportunity!

Books for the Book Study are being delivered and the first meeting is scheduled for September 28th. Case Load Totals and TCT numbers are included for Pana and Nokomis in their board packets. The 22/23 DLM Score Updates are also attached. Mrs. Suey will be presenting at the 5 County Institute on Special Education Updates on October 6th.

FACeS Field Trips are scheduled. Due to the increased number of elementary students, NPT will be doing two field trips this year. The Elementary students will be going to AAMP to their sensory room and then eating McDonalds that will be brought in on October 12. The JH/HS will be traveling to Springfield to play a round of miniature golf and eat dippin dots ice cream at Knights Action Park. They will then go to Pizza Ranch and eat lunch before returning back to school. Cayla Beyers and Ashley Shaw have been working with the FACeS Classrooms preparing bags of chex mix to take to the grain elevators in Nokomis and Pana. The HS class will be delivering these. Tornado Joes is in full swing and the students (and staff) are continuing to enjoy this opportunity. THS students are continuing to volunteer at the Taylorville Food Pantry and the YMCA. In addition, they are working in the HS in the cafeteria cleaning tables after lunch periods.

There were no questions for Mrs. Suey.

Program Coordinator/Transaction Report

As Program Coordinator, Mrs. Jones has been reviewing IEP's, attending IEP meetings, and started the NPT special education teacher mentoring program for any new teachers in our member districts. As Transition Specialist, Mrs. Jones has 4 outcomes and is serving 42 students. There are 21 students who are expected outcomes by the end of the contract and 1 referring student at this time. The STEP contract is written currently for 20 outcomes while she is serving 50 students.

Business Manager Report

Mrs. Tarter stated the FY24 budget will be turned in today. She will also work on ESY billing because she didn't have time to complete it and will be working on quarterly reporting. There were no questions for Mrs. Tarter.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:43 a.m.

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

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary