

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2024
10:30 A.M. NPT Office

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 10:30 am

Dr. Scott Doerr called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with three board members present. Board members in attendance were Mrs. Brandi Bruley, Dr. Scott Doerr, and Dr. David Lett with Mrs. Jessica Miller. Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, NPT Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist, Sabrina Jones and NPT Business Manager, Deanna Tarter.

Others in attendance: Joni Fleigle, Luke Wemple, and Lori Wemple.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE October 22, 2024 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Financial reports were presented. Still off on the general checking account because of Principal Insurance.

Motion by Lett seconded by Bruley to approve the October 22, 2024 consent agenda as presented. Bruley - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Lett - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from the September 17, 2024 Executive Board meeting, Bills/Treasurer's Report for September, and the Second Reading of Updated Board Policies. .

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Approve NPT applying for an Amazon Business Credit Card

Mrs. Suey discussed how she would like to apply for an Amazon business credit card because this is where the majority of our supplies and materials are purchased from and it would save us money. It has a 0% annual fee and can receive 5% cash back. In the last 12 months, if NPT had an Amazon card, it would have saved \$1,230.76. She also discussed that since the NPT bus is located in Nokomis and being used more, it is more difficult for us to ensure it is full of fuel. She would like to apply for a Wells Fargo Signify Business Card to keep on on the bus for fuel purchases. It is 0% annual fee and 2% back on purchases. Dr. Doerr recommended looking into the credit card through IASBO because it is 4% cash back. Mrs. Bruley said they can not use that card at gas stations, but that may be unique to their needs. Dr. Doerr also said to set a max limit to be used per month.

Motion by Bruley seconded by Lett on approving applying for an Amazon Business Credit Card and to look into the IASBO credit card, but if no gas purchases can be made on that credit card to apply for the Wells Fargo Signify Business Card. Bruley - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Lett - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Open Discussion

There was none.

PERSONNEL

Approve Hire of:

1. Ashley Walton-Paraprofessional at Taylorville North
2. Crystal Gatons-Paraprofessional for the FACES programs

NPT had one vacant position left at Taylorville North School in our FACES REACH classroom. Mrs. Suey is wanting to hire Ashley Walton for the open position at Taylorville North in the FACES REACH classroom. Ashley was a paraprofessional at Taylorville North and has fallen in love with the FACES classroom. She is currently enrolled in college to become a reg ed and special ed EC teacher. Mrs. Suey is recommending the hire of Crystal Gatons as a Paraprofessional for the FACES program.

Motion by Lett seconded by Bruley on approving the hire of Ashley Walton and Crystal Gatons for the FACES program as presented. Bruley - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Lett - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Approve 24/25 Substitutes, Certified and Non-Certified

Mrs. Suey presented the 2024/2025 Substitutes, Certified, and Non-Certified staff lists. NPT now has 4 para subs and 8 teacher subs that have passed all of the requirements and registered their PEL's! She also wanted to note that of the teacher subs, 5 of them are already working for NPT in on capacity or another.

Motion by Lett seconded by Bruley on approving the 24/25 Substitutes, Certified and Non-Certified lists as presented. Bruley - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Lett - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The High Five Award Recipients for this month were Ashley Shaw and Gina Blanchette. For Ashley's recommendation: "She has gone above and beyond to make Ms Gina and I feel at home and part of the group." For Gina Blanchette's recommendation: "After a conversation with a student in our room she learned he loved George Strait. He was listening to his music on the iPad. The next day she brought in a George Strait cup and showed him. Today she brought him in a George Strait blanket to keep and use in the classroom! This is not a student in her direct room so it was extra kind of her. She also goes above and beyond to conversate with our students when we see her in passing. We even have a picture of the student smiling from ear to ear with his blanket."

Mrs. Suey has begun scheduling certified staff evaluations. Mrs. Suey has 8 certified and 16 non certified to complete. Mrs. Jones has 6 certified to complete. Mrs. Suey also mentioned that her and Mrs. Jones will be attending the IAASE Conference on October 29-30 in Tinley Park. 7 of the Psychologists and Social Workers attended the IASSW Conference on October 17-18

and one psychologist attended the Virtual ISPA Conference on October 17-18. Mrs. Suey also presented her goals to the board and included each district's Case Load Totals and TCT numbers in their board packet. There were no questions for Mrs. Suey.

Program Coordinator/Transition Report

As Program Coordinator, Mrs. Jones is reviewing IEPs, attending IEP and TCT meetings, mentoring the NPT FACES REACH classrooms at NHS and TJHS, preparing for 2nd quarter Team Meetings, and will be attending the IAASE conference.

Mrs. Jones also reported an update on transition. Sam Bonney is knocking it out of the park this year. He has tons of referrals and students working. He is currently serving 45 students and has 4 students that outcomes with 26 students in progress. There were no questions for Mrs. Jones.

Business Manager Report

Mrs. Tarter reported that they are working on the second payroll of the month, is in process of completing the EIS deadline, and has completed the expenditure reports for Pana and Taylorville's 1st quarter reporting. There were no questions for Mrs. Tarter.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 10:43 a.m.

Bruley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Dr. Scott Doerr, President

Mrs. Brandi Bruley, Secretary

NPT Special Education Cooperative

Executive Board Meeting

November 19, 2024

9:00 a.m

NPT Special Education

600 E First Street, Pana Il 62557



- I. Preliminaries
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call

- II. Recognition of visitors, public comment, and correspondence

- III. Approve Consent Agenda (Action Required)
 - A. Approve Minutes from Executive Board Meeting on October 22, 2024
 - B. Approve Bills/Treasurer's Report

- IV. New Business
 - A. Open Discussion

- II. Personnel
 - A. None to report

- V. Reports
 - A. Director's Report
 - B. Program Coordinator/Transition Report
 - C. Business Managers Report

- VI. Motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of employment, evaluation, compensation, appointment, and discipline of personnel.

- VII. Action on closed session agenda regarding the employment, evaluation, compensation, appointment, and discipline of personnel.

- VIII. Adjournment

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Executive Director: Mrs. Kelly Suey: ksuey@nptsped.com

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Directors Report

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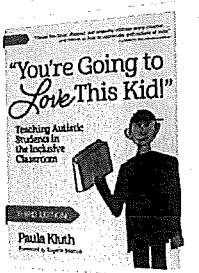
- High Five Award Recipients
 - Amber Daniels:
 - “Amber is someone who is always willing to help others. She's a phone call away when you need her, she will listen to you rant, and will also help you make the best decisions with the student in mind. She's the definition of "We're in this for the kids" and will fight for what is right for them every single day. She's a blessing to have as a coworker and an even better friend! I can't even put into words how much I appreciate her and her willingness to help me figure things out this year! She's taken me under her wing and I am forever thankful for it.”
 - Karmyn Pavolka:
 - “When she found out a Positive Behavior Incentive party was about to be canceled, she took it upon herself to throw the party for all those who earned it. High five, Karmyn! Thank you for always putting students first!”
 - “Karmyn is always advocating for her students needs. She works well with all staff to help train on communication devices. Karmyn goes above and beyond and also helps plan and implement the North School Glo Parties - these are positive rewards for students!”
- Staff Evaluations
 - All certified staff's evaluations have been scheduled (8) and am in the process of completing 3 currently.
 - Non-Certified (16) will be completed at the first of the year.
- Professional Development
 - One of our FACES RISE teachers (L. Hott) is attending the live webinar “Highly Effective De-escalation Techniques that all Education Professionals Should Know” on December 5.
 - I am looking into an Autism Training to bring to the districts. S. Aberle attended a free PD in Bloomington that was presented by Paula Kluth titled “You're Going To Love This Kid! Educating Students with Autism In Inclusive Schools”

**TCT's for Pana
November 2024**

	PES	PJHS	PHS	Sacred Heart	Head Start	24/25 Total	23/24 Total	22/23 Total	21/22 Total
Aug	Academic	0	0	0	0	0			
	Speech	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	0
Sept	Academic	9	0	0	0	9	15	4	8
	Speech	2	0	0	1	3			
Oct	Academic	2	1	1	0	4	5	2	8
	Speech	1	0	0	0	1			
Nov	Academic	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	12
	Speech	1	0	0	0	7			
Dec									
Jan									
Feb									
March									
April									
May									
	Total	15	1	1		24	31	21	28

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Based on Paula's best-selling book, this interactive session, participants will learn practical ways of supporting students with autism spectrum labels and other disabilities within a general education classroom. Topics addressed include defining (and redefining) autism, listening to the voices of those on the spectrum, differentiating instruction, creating more active and responsive lessons, making the classroom comfortable, and providing opportunities for communication and social skill support.

- **FACES**

- The students are currently working on their Christmas Fundraiser and selling bags, ornaments and wooden trees. The order form is attached for you to share!
- JH RISE and REACH room recently went to the TPD and did a tour! The students had a great time!
- HS RISE room at Nokomis continues to go out into the community on Friday mornings to volunteer.
- HS REACH room at Taylorville is continuing to go to the food pantry on Tuesday Mornings. They are also helping clean the TV unit office!
- Our Next Field Trip is scheduled for Friday, December 13. We will be going to the movies in Taylorville.

- **Transition**

- Mr. Bonney recently purchased new work boots for a student at PHS. He is also taking a group of students to the DMV on November 20 to get their ID's.
- We are also working with PHS on getting some students to the NPT office to do some cleaning. We have talked with Mrs. Miller and we are excited to be able to potentially offer this to our students!

- Case Load Totals and TCT numbers are included for all three districts.

NPT Program Coordinator & Transition Specialist
November 2024



Program Coordinator

- Review IEPs
- Attend IEP & TCT Meetings
- NPT Special Ed Teacher Mentoring Program
- Preparing for 2nd Quarter Team Meetings
- Attending CPI Refresher Training

Transition Specialist

- STEP Contract:

	Currently:	In Progress:
Outcomes:	10	21
Serving Students:	90	-