

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 22, 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 August 22, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

Financial reports were presented and there was no discussion.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Philpot to approve the July 18, 2023 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from July 18, 2023 Executive Board meeting, July 18, 2023 Budget Hearing minutes, and Bills/Treasurer's Report for July.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approve the FY 24 Budget**

The FY24 Budget, Facts Sheet and Presentation were discussed at the budget hearing held at 8:45am. There were no questions for Dee Tarter.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Philpot to approve the FY24 Budget as presented during the Budget Hearing. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

#### **Review and Approve the changes to the NPT Joint Agreement**

Mrs. Suey reviewed the Joint Agreement as presented. She sent the joint agreement to Brandon Wright and the changes indicated in red were his suggestions. Mr. Bauer asked Mrs. Suey to discuss the changes. Mrs. Suey explained that under 7.6 on page 12 discusses employment of staff in the FACeS classroom. Mr. Wright's suggestion, through his review of the joint agreement, main point was to not overlook the bargaining implications of this for the member districts. He stated that we need to bargain before making the change (in regards to us hiring FACeS, SLP and Admin). He stated that NPT does not have to bargain with the member districts, the member districts must bargain with their own unions.

These changes will let NPT hire all staff for FACeS after someone retires, resigns or is terminated. Also discussed in the Joint Agreement is that each district gets 1 vote and overall vote would need 2 out of 3 to pass.

The Board also discussed 7.4 from the Joint Agreement about school calendars. The member districts follow the same calendar as their vocational schools so it is hard for all three schools to have the same calendar.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Philpot to approve the changes to the Joint Agreement as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

#### **Approve Resignation of Lauren Assalley**

Included in the board packet is Lauren Assalley's resignation letter. She was one of NPT's school psychologists.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Philpot to approve Lauren Assalley's resignation. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

#### **Approve Resignation of Marissa Kile**

Included in the board packet is Marissa Kile's resignation letter. She was one of NPT's speech language pathologists.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Philpot to approve Marissa Kile's resignation. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

#### **Approve Contract with Impressive Speech Services**

Marissa Kile, who just resigned from the Cooperative, started a speech clinic in Pana called Impressive Speech Services. She has agreed to contract with us to provide services to the FACeS program and the private schools in Pana and PHS. The contract was included in the board packet.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Philpot to approve Impressive Speech Services' contract as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

#### **Approve Contract with AMN Healthcare for virtual psychologist, Kristin Kebble**

Due to the resignation of Lauren Assalley, NPT is currently one psychologist short. Due to a lack of applicants, Mrs. Suey began exploring the possibility of virtual therapy and reached out to others that have utilized virtual therapy and met with many different companies. Mrs. Suey had it narrowed down to two companies and asked the lawyers to look over their contracts. After the contracts were looked over, and multiple interviews were had, Mrs. Suey decided to move forward with AMN Healthcare. The benefit of AMN is Mrs. Suey was able to interview candidates and then hire the person she felt would be a best fit for the position. She had NPT's

two school psychologists sit in on the last three individuals she had narrowed down to. Unanimously, Kristin was the candidate that they chose. Kristin is a retired regular education teacher, special education teacher, school psychologist and director of special education. She has been doing online psychology for a number of years. The contract was included in the board packet and changes were made, per the lawyers recommendation.

Motion by Philpot, seconded by Doerr to the school psychologist contract with AMN Healthcare as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Philpot- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

### **Open Discussion**

Mr. Bauer stated that once all member districts are on the same page, he would like the Board to look at expanding the Cooperative.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Director's Report**

Prior to the start of school, Mrs. Suey met with administration in all three districts to provide updates and talk about this school year. All meetings went well. NPT has held a lot of training prior to the start of school to ensure that the NPT team is ready and prepared for the year. They have held CPI training, ADOS Training, department meetings, and much more. There is a DTI training scheduled for August 30 from 1:15-2:15. Mrs. Suey will be training all new, or fairly new, FACeS staff as well as staff in the ABLE program in Taylorville. She also mentioned Class Lists and Reevaluation Packets will be sent out this week.

The NPT psychologist team has met and created a caseload for our online psychologist, Kristin Keble. They have her completing approximately 103 cases at the HS and JH levels in all three districts and have strategically created her caseload with students that will be able to tolerate on-line assessments. Mrs. Suey added Molly Richardson and Sabrina Jones are assisting with the virtual therapist as well.

Mentoring will start this week. NPT currently has two new employees and two mentors in this year's program. They will be focusing on writing great IEP's, laws, tips and tricks in Embrace and much more! Mrs. Suey has also been working on a schedule for the hearing teacher and delivered all FM systems to the students this week. She is looking to start services for hearing next week.

Mrs. Suey is very pleased with the communication and collaboration with Taylorville staff. The special education administrators and Mrs. Suey have been in contact at least daily and she is really pleased with the progress that has already been made!

There were no questions for Mrs. Suey.

#### **Program Coordinator/Transaction Report**

As Program Coordinator, Mrs. Jones has been scheduling special education team meetings, meeting with new special education teachers, reviewing special education master schedules for 2023-2024, and PHS Special Ed Mentoring Program. As Transition Specialist, Mrs. Jones has been inputting students into the system and updating their STEP goals to meet the STEP contract. She has completed Pana Districts Indicator 14 and has been scheduling transition days for each district.

### **Business Manager Report**

Mrs. Tarter stated she finished the TRS Annual Report, EIS Salary reporting, & PCG 4th quarter reporting. She is currently working in SDS on building contracts and setting up calendars for payroll, will work on ESY billing and is getting ready for the audit that will start next week. There were no questions for Mrs. Tarter.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

### **MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:27 a.m.**

Philpot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doerr 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