

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 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 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: Wendy Dulakis, Michael Edwards, Matt Hutchison, and Brenda Patrick

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondances or public comment

MOVE TO APPROVE THE March 21, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Mrs. Suey discussed the treasurer's report. We are showing that we are not balanced due to the fact that we were charged two times through CPI for a training and we are working on getting it refunded, working with Principal insurance on charging a premium for a new employee, and two checks not showing in SDS.

NPT would like to hire two School Psychologist interns for the 2023/2024 school year. Bayleigh Pasley is from Eastern Illinois University and Grace McBride is from SIU-E. Mrs. Suey has interviewed a handful of psychologist interns and she is very excited about having these two on board next year. The pay for each psychologist intern is \$15,000. The pay for each intern supervisor is \$1,000 stipend per year.

Mrs. Suey has also received a letter from Marissa Kile requesting maternity leave until approximately September 5, 2023. We will not be hiring someone to cover her maternity leave. She will be able to make-up any minutes not met during those few weeks during the first quarter. There were no questions.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the March 21, 2023 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from February 28, 2023 Executive Board meeting, Bills/Treasurer's Report for March, Hiring of Bayleigh Pasley and Grace McBride as School Psychologist interns for the 2022/2023 School Year , and Approval of Marissa Kile's maternity leave request..

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Posting for Extended School Year Positions and Workforce Positions

NPT currently has 11 students recommended for ESY this summer. Due to the ages of the students, there will be 2 classrooms, one classroom with 7 students and one classroom with 4 students. Nokomis has 8 students, Pana has 3 students, and Taylorville is recommending 0. The first session of ESY will be paid with ESSER III Funds and the second session of ESY will be built into the FY24 budget.

There are currently 8 students recommended for the Workforce program this summer. Nokomis has 1 student, Pana has 1, and Taylorville has 6 students planning to attend. Workforce will be paid with ESSER III funds.

Mrs. Suey is recommending posting for 2 certified teaching positions (\$35 per hour), 3 non-certified assistant positions (\$25 per hour), 1 PTA position (\$35 per hour) and 1 SLP position (\$35 per hour) for ESY. For the Workforce program she recommends posting for 1 certified teaching position (\$35) and 2 non-certified assistant positions (\$25 per hour).

If personnel from a member district apply, the member district pays those salaries and benefits and NPT will reimburse them. We provide transportation for the workforce program and the districts, legally, provide transportation for the ESY program. PT, OT and OTA will be contracted through Therakids.

Motion by Dougherty, seconded by Doerr to approve the Postings for Extended School Year Positions and Workforce Positions as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss and Act on updating Postings for Vacant Positions for the 2023/2024 School Year

NPT still has open positions for one psychologist, one social worker and one speech language therapist for the 23/24 school year. Mrs. Suey is recommending to post the following positions: FT or PT School Psychologist or Master's degree in Clinical Psychology willing to obtain the School Psychologist Endorsement and PEL, FT or PT School Social Worker or Master's Degree in Social Work willing to obtain School Social Work Endorsement and PEL, FT or PT Speech Language Pathologist or Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology willing to obtain Speech Language Pathology endorsement and PEL, and FT or PT Board Certified Behavior Analysis

If we are unable to obtain a SSW, a BCBA would be able to assist with FBA's/BIP's and every day student behaviors that our SSW would not be able to assist with due to their caseload being large.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the updating postings for Vacant Positions for the 2023/2024 School Year as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss and Approve Disbursement of Medicaid Revenue

Medicare Reimbursement for student services that are now paid directly to NPT will be reimbursed to the districts as reported by Embrace DS. NPT is able to send Embrace the Medicaid Voucher number and they then generate a report that breaks down the services paid by district. Those funds will be reimbursed to districts based on those reports.

PCG (personnel) Medicaid reimbursement money that NPT receives will be distributed to member districts based on child count FTE's that have already been approved by the board. Mrs. Suey referred to a handout included in the board packet that has the breakdown for each district. .

Mrs. Suey recommended *Medicaid Reimbursement for student services be reimbursed to member districts based on the reports provided by Embrace DS and Medicaid Reimbursement for Personnel will be reimbursed to member districts based on already approved upon FTE's.* If this is approved, Mrs. Tarter will have checks ready for each district at the April board meeting.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the Disbursement of Medicaid Revenue as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss Tentative FY23 Amended Budget

Mrs. Tarter discussed changes for the FY23 Amended Budget. Dee will present at the amended budget hearing on April 25th at 8:50am at NPT Special Education Office prior to our Executive Board Meeting. Required postings will be posted in the paper on, or before March 24th. There were no questions.

Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss FACeS Classrooms for the 2023/2024 School Year

Mrs. Suey provided an updated FACeS Facts Sheet in the board packet. She would like to table this discussion until the April Meeting. There are six students pending placement in the elementary classroom that should all have IEP meetings prior to our next board meeting. More definite numbers can be provided at that time.

Mr. Bauer asked if there were any questions. Dr. Dougherty asked if any of the students are homebound and Mrs. Suey responded with no. Dr. Dougherty asked if any of the students are remote and Mrs. Suey responded with yes from the High School class. Mr. Bauer stated that after the last board meeting he went into his elementary schools and has a conference room at Lincoln school that might be a possibility. Mrs. Suey appreciated him reaching out and looking to see what could be available for these students. Mr. Bauer added that construction on his

buildings should be completed in June 2024 with a August 2024 move in, so this would only be a one year fix.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The next NPT After Hours will be held on April 11th from 5:00pm-7:00pm on "Parenting 101" by Sadie Ruholl for the parents attending and Heartland Mini Hoofs will be coming for the students attending. The book study "Uniquely Human: A Different Way of Seeing Autism" has their second meeting on March 28th from 3:30-4:00 pm.

Caseload totals and TCT numbers are included for Pana and Nokomis. Taylorville numbers were provided for the number of TCT's given this year.

DLM Assessment window opened March 15th and will remain open until May 10th. 28 Students are signed up to take the DLM assessment. 1% of students being tested are allowed, if more we will fill out a waiver as directed by ISBE. The breakdown of students from each district are 5 from Nokomis, 10 from Pana, and 13 from Taylorville.

Mrs. Suey shared that FACeS Field Trips are being scheduled and they are going to have a very fun end of the year.

Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist

As the Program Coordinator, Mrs. Jones is scheduling 4th quarter Special Ed Team Meetings, helping organize Special Ed P/SAT testing and accommodations, working on Special Ed Master Schedules for 2023-24, working with PHS Special Ed Mentoring Program, and reviewing IEPs.

As the Transition Specialist, Mrs. Jones reported there are currently 70 students who have filled out their applications. There are 20 of 30 outcomes and she has 11 additional students on their way to becoming an outcome. This month they are working on Senior Resumes and Interviews. Mrs. Jones is also working on the NPT Senior Conference that will be held in April.

Business Manager Report

Mrs. Tarter reported that all Excess Cost has been approved by ISBE for each district. She has worked on the amended budget for FY23 and currently working on the Annual PCG Report and gathering information for the upcoming quarterly reports. Now that the Medicaid Revenue distribution has been approved, she will work on getting those checks ready for what has been received up to this point for the April board meeting. Dr Doerr asked if this will be done monthly and Dee responded that as soon as she receives funds from PCG for Medicaid Admin Outreach or receives the report from Embrace for fee for service on the breakdown for each district, she will disburse funds to the district.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:22 a.m.

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

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary