

## NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 11, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
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3431 N 400 W, KOKOMO IN 46901

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2017. All board members except Ted Merrell were in attendance, as well as Ryan Snoddy, Jamie Shepherd-Bryant, and Sheila Lamb, and 57 interested parties. Bryan Alexander opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting were presented and unanimously approved following a motion made by Jonathan Underwood and seconded by Janet Lovelace. Mr. Snoddy requested permission to add 2 items to the personnel docket. With this addition, the agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Steve Jones and second by Jonathan Underwood.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students will be recognized as May Students of the Month:

- Howard Elem School – **Seri Candelaria**, daughter of Raymond and Kristin Candelaria. Seri is in Mrs. Graves' kindergarten class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Maranda Padfield**, daughter of Paul and Angie Padfield. Maranda is Mrs. Stites' 6th grade class.
- Northwestern Middle School- **Zachary Petty**, son of Catherine Petty. Zachary is an eighth grader.
- Northwestern High School **Drew Sullivan** – son of Blake and Monica Sullivan. Drew is a senior at the high school.

### TOP TIGER

Mr. Jonathan Rodgers, Elementary Music and Assistant Band Director

#### I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### A. Recognition of Students:

**Vocal Students:** Choir students who competed in the ISSMA State-level contest in February were recognized. Northwestern students earned 41 Gold and 9 Silver Ratings. Congratulations Choir students!

- B. **Recognition of Staff:** Northwestern's Music Department recently was recognized by ISSMA with the prestigious All-Department Award. This award is based on the extraordinary accomplishments of both the Band and Choir during the past year. Congratulations to our band and choir students, along with Music Department staff, including Jeremy Snyder, Jon Rodgers, Brenda Alexander, Lindsay Bollhoefer, and Matt Gerhard.

- C. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Shepherd submitted for the Board's review March reports, including
1. March Appropriations Summary,
  2. March Appropriations Detail
  3. March Fund Report

#### II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Janet Lovelace made the motion to approve claims in the amount of \$733,652.26 and 1 payroll claim listings totaling \$341,108.77. Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion passed unanimously.

#### III. PERSONNEL

Steve Jones made the motion to approve personnel recommendations. Janet Lovelace seconded and the Board unanimously approved the following:

- A. Accept the following resignations at the conclusion of the current school year:
1. Olivia Wilson, kindergarten teacher at NES;
  2. Alex Stewart, high school PE and head football coach;

3. **Ka-Lyn Capps** – elementary teacher at HES; Mrs. Capps has been on maternity leave this year and is now resigning;
  4. **Rebecca Batis** and **Wanda Bilodeau**, Instuct. Assistants at NES;
- B. Grant the request of Cyndie Hughes for maternity leave for 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2017-18 school year. Also, approve the request of **Emily Nelson** for maternity leave from Aug 7 –Sept 29, 2017.
  - C. Grant the requests for unpaid leave from: **Lisa Pritchard** – 3 days personal leave on May 18-22; **Debbie Shearer** – 1 day personal leave on April 28, **Cindy Ireland** – 1 day personal leave on May 8 & 9 (1/2 day each), Brooklyn Helmle – 3 days unpaid personal leave, and **Dawn Johnston** – 2 days personal leave on May 10-11, 2017.
  - D. Approve **Kim Kane** for homebound duties, per the Master Agreement. Also, approve DelRoy Ortmann for homebound duties for 5 hours per week for 5 weeks for a high school student. Also, approve DelRoy Ortmann for homebound duties for a middle school student for 3 hours per week through the end of this school year.
  - E. Approve extra-curricular recommendations, per Appendix B for **Jennifer Bowen** as MS Academic Coach Sponsor, and **Laura Martin** as spring musical choreographer.
  - F. Approve 2017 summer school instructors, as recommended by Mrs. Garrison and Mr. Owings, per the Master Agreement and contingent on minimum enrollment requirements to include: Joi Stites and Theresa Vent (IA) at Howard Elementary and Katie Griner at NES. Also grant Mr. Snoddy authority of appointment if NES' enrollment requires a second teaching assignment.
  - G. Approve **Hope Neuzerling** as full-time Food Service Supervisor, effective July 1, 2017 at an annual salary of \$32,500 on a 195 day work calendar.
  - H. Approve Kevin Smith as Varsity Girls Soccer for the 2017-18 school year, per Appendix B of the Master Agreement
  - I. Approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2016-17 year: Sally Kring, Jennifer Reyburn, Lauren Gaines, Raymond Candelaria.

Mr. Snoddy then recommended the hire of **Savannah Thomas** as high school language arts instructor, per the Master Agreement and beginning the 2017-18 school year. Steve Jones made the motion to approve the recommendation; Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Snoddy then requested authority for administrative appointment for the position of head football coach. Janet Lovelace made the motion to approve his request. The board unanimously approved following a second from Steve Jones.

#### **V. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)**

Mr. Armstrong received a donation for the Athletic Hall of Fame in the amount of \$100 from Glenn and Regina Miller.

#### **XIII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO REQUEST(S) TO CONDUCT A SPORT CAMP(s)**

Mr. Armstrong submits requests from the following coaches for summer sport camps:

- A. Jim Gish – boys' basketball camp – May 30-June 2
- B. Kathie Layden – girls' basketball, volleyball & tennis camp – May 30-June 2.

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **IV. BOARD COMMENTS.**

Steve Jones thanked Mr. Snoddy and Sheila Lamb for their efforts in coordinating last evening's Staff Appreciation Dinner.

There being no further business, Jonathan Underwood made a motion to adjourn. Steve Jones seconded the motion and the board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

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Secretary

Next Meeting – May 11, 2017 – Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.

**7:45 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion of strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2017. All board members except Ted Merrell were in attendance. Discussion was limited to the advertised agenda of discussion of strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining.

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