

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

April 11, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School. All Board members were in attendance, as well as Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon, Scott Simmons, Mindy Hughes, and 27 interested parties. President Bryan Alexander called the meeting to order and Todd Moser opened with prayer. The minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Todd Moser and seconded by Jonathan Underwood. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Steve Jones and second by Todd Moser.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized as April Students of the Month:

- Howard Elementary School – **Kaylie Biddle**, daughter of Kelly Biddle. Kaylie is a first-grader in Mrs. Dye's class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Isaac Droke**, son of Clint and Jaclyn Barker. Isaac is a third-grade student at NES in Mrs. Maynard's classroom.
- Northwestern Middle School - **MARCH: Kennedy Priday**, daughter of Brad and Jennifer Priday. Kennedy is an eighth-grader at the middle school.
- APRIL: Megan Osman**, daughter of Eric and Shanan Osman. Megan is a seventh-grader at the middle school.
- Northwestern High School - **Austin Hartman**, son of Mark and Kristen Hartman. Austin is a senior at the high school.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame:** We are pleased to announce the 2013 nominees for induction to the Hall of Fame, including: Barbara Banthien, Richard Miller, and John Philip Klinger. These three will be honored and inducted at a ceremony scheduled for Friday, September 13th.

II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of \$30,369.34, \$144,599.48, \$335,795.44 and \$38,582.90 and payroll claim listing of \$324,442.40 and \$326,850.72 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Jonathan Underwood and a second from Ted Merrell.

III. PERSONNEL

Ted Merrell made the motion to approve the following personnel recommendations. Todd Moser seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following:

- A.** Approve request of **Kathleen Hossom** for medical leave of absence, beginning April 8th through the end of the 2012-13 school year.
- B.** Approve the employment of **Rebecca Barends** on temporary, part-time assignment as high school Spanish teacher, beginning April 8, 2013 through the end of the current year.

IV. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Mr. Simmons presented the board with leasing agreements from Apple, Inc. and PNC Equipment Finance toward implementation of the proposed technology project. Following discussion among all board members, Ted Merrell made the motion to approve the 1:1 Technology Initiative Project. Jonathan Underwood seconded and the board unanimously approved. Ted Merrell then made the motion to adopt the Resolution granting signature authority for the purchase and/or lease of equipment to Ryan Snoddy. Jonathan Underwood seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor.

V. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA) COMPLIANCE

Mr. Snoddy presented an analysis of all staff members with regard to the PPACA, reporting to the Board that a few adjustments need to be made to bring Northwestern in total compliance. He recommended implementation of Phase 1, effective May 1st to reduce the hours of all instructional assistants to five (5) hours per day. Opportunities will be made available to those affected to make up these hours over the summer, so as to not affect their total pay. He will provide further recommendation for the Board to consider for implementation in May, along with a timeline for the establishment of a long-term plan that will insure compliance with the health care act to be implemented in August. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve implementation of Phase 1; Ted Merrell seconded and the board unanimously approved.

VI. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO A TUITION TRANSFER APPLICATION(S)

Principals submitted tuition transfer applications for enrollment beginning the 2013-14 school year for the board's approval. The board unanimously approved following a motion from Steve Jones and second from Todd Moser.

VII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO AN OVERNIGHT &/OR OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mrs. Garrison submitted a request for permission for Howard's sixth graders to travel to Chicago to the Museum of Science and Industry on April 18, 2013. The trip was unanimously approved on a motion made by Jonathan Underwood and second from Steve Jones.

VIII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Hullinger recommended a 10¢ price increase for elementary secondary and adult lunch and breakfast prices, beginning the 2013-14 school year. This increase is necessary to be in compliance with National School Lunch Program standards. Steve Jones made the motion to approve the lunch price increase. Ted Merrell seconded and the board approved unanimously.

IX. DISCUSSION WITH REGARD TO POTENTIAL GENERAL FUND SAVINGS RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Snoddy led a discussion with regard to general fund savings recommendations that will reflect retirement requests as well as potential reductions. Questions were raised by Jonathan Underwood, Bryan Alexander, Steve Jones and Todd Moser with regard to reductions and funding. Additional data and/or recommendations may be made at the May board meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Jonathan Underwood commented with regard to transfer tuition students.

Ted Merrell thanked the staff for the support shown during the week of tragedy with the deaths of Dennis and Judy Schulte, and student Kalin Storie.

Mr. Snoddy offered condolences as well to Cindy Britten and family following the death of her father.

Ted Merrell commented with regard to wind turbine projected production rates.

There being no further business Steve Jones made the motion to adjourn. Jonathan Underwood seconded and the board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Next Meeting – May 9, 2013– Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.