

North Judson-San Pierre School Board of Trustees
Minutes of a Special Board Meeting
High School Auditorium
Tuesday, March 1, 2016

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Special Session Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the NJ-SP High School auditorium. Dr. Robert Boyd, Interim Superintendent called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The board members present were Vice President Larry Lambert, Secretary Michael Shireman, and members Jim Menis and Michael Sharkozy. Pat Goin was absent. Others present were Interim Superintendent Dr. Robert Boyd and Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson. There were many patrons present for the meeting.

Presentation of Framework for “Right Sizing” NJ-SP School Corporation

Dr. Boyd gave a presentation over the Framework for “Right Sizing” the NJ-SP School Corporation. This will include reconfiguring the elementary school to K-6 and a grades 7-12 secondary school as well as resizing the staff to fit the corporation. Dr. Boyd discussed the changes in state funding as well as the reduction in enrollment, he explained that NJ-SP School Corporation is one of many small schools in this position. Dr. Boyd provided supporting documentation to explain that business as usual is no longer a viable option for small rural school corporations in Indiana. He went on to show the enrollment numbers over the past 15 years as well as the county’s birth rate averages over many years. The projected financial implications for both the past and the future were shown and discussed. Finally, Dr. Boyd spoke about the justifiable decrease in the number of staff pointing out that performance evaluation and “performance” are two different things. There will be several characteristics considered while making these very difficult decisions.

Recognition of Visitors

Several patrons asked questions and voiced concerns over the situation. Dr. Boyd answered questions and further explained that the current plan is to essentially close down most of the middle school. At some point it is a possibility to move the elementary students into the middle school space, but right now that is not possible.

Names of patrons who spoke at the meeting are on file at the Central Administration Office.

Adjournment

Dr. Boyd adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Larry Lambert, Vice President

Michael Shireman, Secretary

Jim Menis, Member

Michael Sharkozy, Member