

**North Judson-San Pierre School Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting**  
**North Judson-San Pierre Junior-Senior High School Auditorium**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the NJSP Jr-Sr High School Auditorium. Board President Pat Goin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Board members present were President Pat Goin, Vice President Michael Shireman, Secretary Jim Menis and members Michael Sharkozy and Derrick Stalbaum. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Annette Zupin, Business Manager/Treasurer Guy Richie and Administrative Assistant Lisa Thompson. There were many patrons in attendance for the meeting. A list of patrons that spoke at the meeting is on file at the Central Administrative Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Items**

Mr. Menis made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Meeting on September 12, 2016. Mr. Shireman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented. Mr. Menis seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mr. Sharkozy made a motion to approve the financial reports & claims as presented. Mr. Shireman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Leanna Collins	Custodian	Resignation
Chrystal Ingram	Title I /RTI Interventionist	Leave of absence
Marsha Lynn Yeadon	Part-time aide	Resignation
Ethan Coldiron	Substitute custodian	Recommended to hire
Michelle Peretti	Special-needs aide	Recommended to hire
Myka Warner	Substitute teacher	Recommended to hire

**FFA request to attend National Convention**

Emily DuVall, agriculture education teacher, discussed the National FFA Convention which will be held in Indianapolis this year. Miss DuVall provided the itinerary for the convention stating that eleven FFA members and three chaperones are requesting permission to attend this year's convention. Miss DuVall shared the various ways in which members have earned money toward this trip, which will occur during North Judson-San Pierre's fall break. The FFA members introduced themselves to the Board and the public. Mr. Sharkozy made the motion to approve the FFA request to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis from October 19 – October 22, 2016, as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of Lady Jays Camp**

Dr. Zupin stated that this is a basketball camp for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders for ball handling and is a continuation of the camps that were offered last spring. Mr. Sharkozy made a motion to approve the Lady Jays Basketball Camp as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of Starke County Youth Club Memorandum of Understanding**

Dr. Zupin explained that SCYC is applying for a new grant. This grant requires implementation of some additional program components to gain competitive priority, but will cause no change to NJSP's partnership with SCYC. The new grant will include a STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) component; this is the reason NJSP needed to rewrite the MOU with SCYC. A motion to approve the Starke County Youth Club Memorandum of Understanding with NJSP School Corporation was made by Mr. Menis and seconded by Mr. Sharkozy; motion passed 5-0.

**Board Policies - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

This was the second reading for the Board Policies in the Vol. 28, 2 series and the newly updated Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Zupin reported on the newly formed Bluejay Strategic Planning Group. The nine-member group will hold their first meeting on September 29, 2016, at 6:30 P.M.

The first 2016-17 Bluejay Collaboration Time (BCT) was held yesterday (9-19-16). Teachers had training on state test security – this annual training is IDOE mandated. Additionally, the elementary school had training on the Math Process Standards and the junior-senior high school had training on STAR formative assessments that are used to monitor student achievement.

Dr. Zupin reported on the dual credit classes currently offered. There are 14 dual credit classes currently offered in addition to A/P Calculus and English. A list of dual credit classes was displayed.

Dr. Zupin shared the preliminary enrollment of 1025 students from the September 16, 2016 ADM count. The February 2016 count was 1036; NJSP had a count of 1056 on the September, 2015, ADM. Dr. Zupin stated that the process of analyzing that data is underway and the corporation will be looking at all the withdrawals for this year - both moves and transfers.

NJSP future projects involve maintenance and security areas of the schools. Dr. Zupin announced that a new key scan system will be installed at the NJSP Jr-Sr high; the new system can limit and schedule access to the buildings. This system will enhance safety and security; the corporation will begin with a few main doors as phase one of this project. Installation of new lockers is another possible future project that is being reviewed. Many of the lockers are original to the school; most are not able to hold backpacks. Dr. Zupin pointed out that these projects would come out of the Debt Service fund, not the General Fund.

**Other**

Mrs. Goin began by publicly apologizing for her behavior in previous meetings. Mrs. Goin talked about the Work Session that was held last night (9-19-2016), stating that the results of the survey for an elected or appointed school board were shared at that meeting. In total 206 people filled out the survey and made comments. While some respondents had no comment, others wrote more than one comment. This resulted in 417 written comments in all - 85% of the responses were in favor of an elected board. During the work session different options were discussed in moving forward; one being to do nothing at this time, another being to decide to reorganize. There are several different ways in which to reorganize. Mrs. Goin pointed out that in order to vote on this issue tonight they would have to have a plan in place which would have to be submitted within 10 days. Mrs. Goin asked the other board members to speak at this time. Each board member gave a brief statement discussing their feelings on the matter. When polled Mr. Menis, Mr. Sharkozy, Mr. Shireman and Mrs. Goin all supported doing nothing at this time while Mr. Stalbaum spoke in favor of reorganizing to an elected board. Mrs. Goin reiterated that "doing nothing" does not mean that they will not support the process of an elected board, but that they have a problem with spending the school's money for that process. The cost is estimated between \$10,000-\$15,000 for this process.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Several patrons spoke concerning the Board's decision. A few questions were asked for clarification concerning the money that this would take and different resources from which to acquire the money. Questions were asked regarding the process used by the Board in making this decision. Some patrons voiced their opinions that the decision should be based on the results of the surveys, not on the costs to the school. It was also mentioned that they felt some people did not complete a survey because they did not want to put their names on the surveys for fear of repercussions. After all comments from the public were heard, Mrs. Goin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Menis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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Pat Goin, President

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Michael Shireman, Vice President

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Jim Menis, Secretary

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Michael Sharkozy, Member

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Derrick Stalbaum, Member