

MINUTES

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
*1130 N. Salisbury Street
West Lafayette, Indiana*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Virtual Meeting - Monday May 4, 2020

PRESENT: Mr. Alan R. Karpick; Dr. Karen S. Springer; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mr. Brian J. Bittner; Mrs. Melissa Prochnau; Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Mr. Robert C. Reiling, Jr.; Mr. Ross Sloat; and Dr. Rocky Killion Superintendent.

EXCUSED: None

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday May 4, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of meetings of the Board of School Trustees held on April 6, 2020.**

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

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II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Achievement

Dr. Killion reported the West Lafayette Jr. Sr. High School received honor from the US News and World Report. Rated Best Traditional High School in Indiana and rated #4 overall in Indiana. This is a testament of our staff, students, administration, School Board and community.

B. Academic Achievement – Facilities Updates

Dr. Killion reported the James R. Guy Academic Wing is under construction and several steel beams have been installed. Bond ratings have been received. Bond sale will be May 5, 2020. Thank you to Bob Reiling, Ross Sloat, Ice Miller, and Baker Tilly.

C. Waiver of Protected Taxes

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the Waiver of Protected Taxes. The waiver will allow the circuit breaker distribution over different funds.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Waiver of Protected Taxes.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Witt

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D. Student Code of Conduct and Staff Handbook Revisions

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct and Staff Handbooks as presented.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the revisions of the Student Code of Conduct and Staff Handbook.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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E. Check Removal

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the check removal. Checks issued by the Corporation that are over two years old and outstanding will be cancelled.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the check removal.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

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F. Authorizing to Borrow/Taxes Warrants

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the authorization to borrow/tax warrants. This action may occur if tax collection is delayed and a late payment is issued to our school corporation.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the authorization to borrow/taxes warrants.

Motion by: Mrs. Prochnau

Seconded by: Mr. Bittner

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G. 2021 Budget Calendar

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the School Board of Trustees approve 2021 Budget Calendar.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2021 Budget Calendar.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

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H. Arbitrage Agreement

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the Arbitrage Agreement. The agreement allows the bond sale to be compliance.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Arbitrage Agreement.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

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I. Textbook Rental Fees

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the 2020-2021 textbook rental fees. Some increase.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2020-2021 textbook rental fees.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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J. Enrollment Update

Dr. Killion reported the enrollment numbers are unpredictable at this time. No new positions will be authorized, only the replacement of resignations and retirees. The stages of opening school will be presented following the Governor releases the guidelines after July 4, 2020.

K. GLASS Decentralization Agreement

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the GLASS Decentralization Agreement.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the GLASS Decentralization Agreement.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Witt

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L. 2020/2021 Lunch Prices

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the 2020-2021 lunch prices. The prices were calculated using the Paid Lunch Equity Tool of the USDA in order to comply for federal government reimbursement.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2020-2021 lunch prices.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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M. Performing Arts at WLIS

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the performing arts schedule for the West Lafayette Intermediate School.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the performing arts schedule for the West Lafayette Intermediate School.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

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N. Cancellation of July 6 Board Meeting

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the cancellation of the July 6 Board meeting. This meeting will be contingent based on the ongoing process to reopen school.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees to approve the cancellation of July 6 Board Meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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O. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve all information contained in the report.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the administrative requests and names reflected in the Personnel Report.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Bittner

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P. Accounts Payable Vouchers

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$2,136,910.83.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the audited vouchers as presented.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

None

VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- Mr. Schott reported WLSEF issued \$30 gift cards to the teachers in appreciation.
- Mrs. Prochnau reported Public Schools Foundation awarded Nicole Spurlock and Kassi Otte. Cupcake Run Sept. 20, 2020.
- Mr. Karpick acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week; it's a challenging time, the Board thanks all of you.
- Dr. Killion reported a special Teacher Recognition will be going out for Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Discussion virtually met and topics included construction, eLearning, reopening school after governor's office announcement, and social distance graduation on July 17th.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Margaret Psarros
Marydell Forbes

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings: Mon., June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Intermediate School Cafeteria/LGI

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

II. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. **Riesterer, Jonathan: Art Teacher – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective August 11, 2020
(Replacement for Ali Royal)
2. **Solano, Laura: Spanish Teacher – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective August 11, 2020
(Replacement for Jodi McClure/Dan Greenberg)
3. **Wrede, Brianne: 2nd Grade Teacher – Elementary School;** effective August 11, 2020

B. Employment Change:

1. **Dobson, Candace: Full Time Guidance Counselor – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective August 11, 2020

C. Leave:

1. **McConnel, Anna: 4th Grade Teacher – Intermediate School;** effective August 11 – Sept 8, 2020
2. **Reichart, Layne: 5th Grade Teacher – Intermediate School;** effective Oct. 27, 2020 – Jan. 6, 2021

D. Retirement:

1. **Roe, Trudy: Reading Interventionist – Intermediate School; effective May 22, 2020**

III. CLASSIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. **Anderson, Christina: Part Time – Intermediate School; effective August 11, 2020**
(Replacement for Jeannette Balaz)
2. **Byrn, Daniel: Paraprofessional – Jr. Sr. High School; effective August 11, 2020**
3. **Fox, Kayla: Paraprofessional – Jr. Sr. High School; effective August 11, 2020**

B. Employment Change:

1. **Ohlhaut, Stephen: French Teacher/CFO Assistant; effective August 11, 2020**

C. Resignation:

1. **Aggarwal, Rashi: Lunchroom Supervisor – Intermediate School; effective May 21, 2020**
2. **Balaz, Jeannette: Nurse – Intermediate School; effective April 15, 2020**
3. **Boura, Maria: Lunchroom Supervisor – Intermediate School; effective May 21, 2020**
4. **Moore, Jake: Custodian – Intermediate School; effective March 6, 2020**
5. **Pavartha Reddy, Gayathri: Food Service Assistant – Jr. Sr. High School; effective May 21, 2020**