

MINUTES

**WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
West Lafayette Intermediate School  
1838 N. Salisbury Street  
West Lafayette, Indiana

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Monday January 4, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Alan R. Karpick; Dr. Karen S. Springer; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mrs. Amy Austin; Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Dr. Yue Yin; Mr. Ross Sloat, CFO; Mr. Stephen Ohlhaut; Mr. Robert C. Reiling, Jr., attorney; and Dr. Rocky Killion, Superintendent.

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:47 P.M.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday January 4, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**

*Motion by: Mr. Schott*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of meetings of the Board of School Trustees held on December 17, 2020.**

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None**

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Academic Achievement – Facilities Update**

Mr. Sloat reported portions of the James R. Guy wing will be available in February 2021. The Library will also, complete construction in the coming months. The Bob Kelly Performing Arts Center will continue construction through spring. Open house for both facilities is expected June 2021.

**B. Donation Acceptance – Jr. Sr. High School Construction Projects**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$65,000. The donation is an estate gift from a former teacher, Rose Hedrick. The gift will be utilized for the Jr. Sr. High School construction projects and the Bob Kelly Performing Arts event costs. Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the donation of \$65,000 to the Jr. Sr. High School.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Witt*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**C. Facilities – Memo of Understanding**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended the Board of School Trustees approve memo of understanding regarding the COVID-19 Testing/vaccination site terms at the Happy Hollow building, 1200 N. Salisbury Street, West Lafayette. The term includes a \$1 space fee and a month to month use of the location.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the memo of understanding between the COVID-19 site and WLCSC.*

*Motion by: Mr. Schott*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**D. WL Library Lease Consideration**

Item tabled.

**E. WLCSC Diversity Taskforce Information**

Mr. Karpick reported the following information. Laura Falk and Margaret Psarros, the two co-chairs for our still to be named Diverse, Equity and Inclusion committee. Tonight, they will provide a brief introduction and snapshot of what is ahead. Fellow board members Karen Springer and Rachel Witt have been working on this since late summer. We are very excited about what is ahead for this committee and its ultimate positive affect it will have on the student experience in our schools. Rachel has agreed to serve as a board representative on this committee. I wish to make clear that this committee, set in motion by Dr. Killion, will be charged to take its time, do its work and provide us with a road map moving forward. Some of you may have seen some posts on social media, one specifically attacking one of our co-chairs. Not only is the content of these posts, incomplete, inaccurate and misleading, but it creates an unproductive distraction to what is the vitally important work of addressing issues of race taken on by the leadership of this committee and our schools. As a school board is duly charged to do, we will focus our energy on diligently serving our students with complete and accurate information in a professional manner, and not on social media.

Laura Falk and Margaret Psarros reported a volunteer google form is available on the corporation website. After committee member selection (approx. 30), the first meeting is expected later this month. The committee plans to review data of the last 10 years which includes a rise in minorities by 10%. Thank you to the Board of School Trustees for the opportunity to plan this committee. Discussion ensued.

**F. Resolutions**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the treasurer's request for resolutions involving timely payment of bills and balancing of funds and internal transfers within budget classifications.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve a resolution for appropriation transfers within funds and a resolution for additional check runs as needed between Board meetings.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**G. Personnel Report**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve all information contained in the report. The report includes the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act extension through March 31, 2021.

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

*Motion by: Mrs. Witt*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**H. Accounts Payable Vouchers**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$6,916,566.90.

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

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

V. **INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Karpick informed the Board the committee assignments and instructions will be provided in the coming week.

VI. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Karen Springer – GLASS will provide virtual training services and decentralization continues. Parks & Rec, opened a new dog park at Happy Hollow park. The West Lafayette Wellness Center will be open in February 2021.

VII. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Dacia Mumford, 719 Pike Street

VIII. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mon. Feb. 1, 6:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting, location to be announced

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**Monday January 4, 2020**

I. **CERTIFIED STAFF**

A. **Resignation:**

1. **Martin, Kelsey: Perm Substitute – Elementary School; effective January 7, 2021**

*(Replacement for Meghan Moody)*

B. **Change:**

1. **Baumgardner, Joel: Perm Substitute – Jr. Sr. High School; effective November 30, 2020**

C. **Resignation:**

1. **Moody, Meghan: Perm Substitute – Elementary School; effective December 11, 2020**

D. **Retirement:**

1. **Gerlach, Ann: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – Elementary School; effective May 27, 2021**

II. **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

A. **Employment:**

1. **Vanhorenbeck, Madison: Paraprofessional – Intermediate School; effective January 6, 2021**

*(Replacement for Jackie McHale)*

2. **LeGrande, Kari: Food Service Assistant – Jr. Sr. High School; effective December 3, 2020**

**B. Leave:**

1. **Murtaugh, Courtney: School Counselor – Intermediate School;** effective Mar.25 – May 18, 2021

**C. Resignation:**

1. **Grimes, Kristopher: Custodian – Intermediate School;** effective Jan. 2, 2021
2. **LeGrande, Kari: Food Service Assistant – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective December 7, 2020
3. **McHale, Jackie: Paraprofessional – Intermediate School;** effective Dec.18, 2020

**III. SPECIAL REQUEST**

1. **Select Staff Training:** Crisis Therapeutic Intervention; Jan.8 & 15, 2021 (see enclosure)
2. **Select Staff Training:** Crisis Therapeutic Intervention; Jan.28 & 29, 2021 (see enclosure)
3. **Families First Coronavirus Relief Act:** Leave Extension; effective through March 31, 2021 (see enclosure)

**IV. ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

**Employment:**

Allison White	7 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Assistant V T	Dec 21, 20 – Mar 3, 21
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