

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Monday December 2, 2019

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

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 December 2, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mr. Brian Bittner Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau Vote: 7 of 7

B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 11, 2019 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on October 7, 2019.

Motion by: Dr. Springer Seconded by: Mrs. Witt Vote: 7 of 7

II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Recognition

Dr. Killion and Mr. Karpick recognized student Alexandra Ying for her accomplishment as the 2019 Scripps Regional National Spelling Bee Winner Award. Representatives Shelia Klinker and Chris Campbell also gave presentations in recognition. Mrs. Margaret Psarros, principal of West Lafayette Intermediate School was also available to receive the traveling plaque.

B. Academic Achievement – IDOE Accountability Update/Facilities

Dr. Killion reported the IDOE has embargoed the iLearn scores and they have not been confirmed they will “hold harmless” due to the calculations across the state.

Facility update; Richard A. Wachs, Jr. Aquatic Center pool will open Dec. 3rd.

Academic update; US News & World Report has awarded the Jr. Sr. High School in the Top 20 STEM schools in the nation. Congratulations to all our schools, staff, students, and community.

C. Bob Kelly Performing Arts Center Bids

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve \$7.5 million in bonds. Construction costs have increased. The bond will cover costs to complete projects; Bob Kelly Performing Arts Center and James R. Guy Academic Wing.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve \$7.5 million in bonds.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Witt

Vote: 7 of 7

D. Jamie Vollmer Subscription

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the Jaime Vollmer Subscription. The subscription is a one-time fee of \$89 per school and the information will be utilized to educate our staff and community about the state of public schools.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Jamie Vollmer Subscription.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Dr. Springer

Vote: 7 of 7

E. Property Insurance Renewal

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the property insurance renewal and cyber policy. Kelly Kitchel presented information about the new carrier, Astra Insurance and their cost savings of \$22,000.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the property insurance and cyber policy.

Motion by: Mr. Bittner

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

Vote: 7 of 7

F. Section 125 Plan

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve Section 125 Plan. Minimal changes to the plan.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Section 125 Plan.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

Vote: 7 of 7

G. Common School Fund Acceptance

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the common school fund loan of \$187,700. These technical funds will be used to replace and update smart boards.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve common school fund loan of \$187,700.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

H. 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: Mrs. Prochnau

Vote: 7 of 7

I. Accounts Payable Vouchers

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid \$4,683,722.49. Payments include Greater Lafayette Career Center, electrical updates to the baseball and softball fields.

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

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Bittner

Vote: 7 of 7

V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD – none

VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Tom Schott: Foundation has a new website, thank you Amy Mason. Nine teachers grants awarded at a total of \$8,000.

Mrs. Melissa Prochnau: Public Schools Foundation Seeds of Excellence grant ceremony on Nov. 20th, Frances Hine was awarded \$2,000.

Mrs. Rachel Witt: Policy Committee is reviewing new policy updates. Updates are reviewed twice a year.

Mr. Brian Bittner: Third House will meet February. A luncheon invite will be sent to all Board members.

Mr. Alan Karpick: Fundraising continues for the building projects. The goal is \$4 million.

Dr. Rocky Killion: The law suit will help protect the Happy Hollow School building so we can prepare it for our future plans as an Early Childhood Center. The building is not protected unless it houses K-12 thus we are faced with the threat of charter school purchase for \$1.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

none

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Community Forum: Mon. Dec. 9 at 9:00 A.M, Floyd Admin Office

Winter Break: Mon. Dec. 20, 2019 – Jan. 3, 2020, Floyd Admin Office

Regular, Organizational, and Finance Board Meetings: Mon. Jan. 6, 6:30 P.M., Floyd Admin Office

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT - Revised

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

II. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. **Riesterer, Jonathan: Temp Art Teacher – Jr. Sr. High School; effective Jan. 6, 2020**

(Replacement for Ali Royal)

B. Leave:

1. **Anderson, Gina: 6th Grade Teacher – Intermediate School; effective Dec. 2-6, 2019**

2. **Carroll, Brianne: Media Specialist – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Feb. 3-7, 2019

C. Resignation:

1. **Denecke, Francine: 6th Grade Teacher – Intermediate School;** effective Dec. 19, 2019

III. CLASSIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. **Bowen, Patrick: Food Service Assistant - Elementary School;** effective Nov. 11, 2019

(Replacement for Carolyn Pane)

2. **Erb, Jennifer: Paraprofessional – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Dec. 2, 2019

(Replacement for Natalie Steele)

3. **Hilaire, Courtney: Lunch Recess Supervisor – Elementary School;** effective Dec. 2, 2019

(Replacement for Swati Tomar)

4. **Reddy, Vijaya: Paraprofessional – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Dec. 2, 2019

(Replacement for Elena Deryabina)

B. Resignation:

1. **Deryabina, Elena: Paraprofessional – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Nov. 26, 2019

2. **Payne, Carolyn: Food Service Assistant - Elementary School;** effective Nov. 8, 2019

3. **White, Gary: Bus Driver – Transportation Dept.;** effective Nov. 26, 2019

IV. OTHER

ECA:

Paul Helgerman Intermediate Choir Director Cat. 5

ATHLETICS:

Reclassification:

Julia Bittner 8th Girls Basketball Assistant V 1 Dec 6, 19 - Mar 5, 20

***Recommending changing Julia to 100% position instead of previously approved 50%

Theresa Carpenter 8th Girls Basketball Assistant Vol 1 Dec 6, 19 - Mar 5, 20

***Theresa can't commit to a paid position, but she will still volunteer as available.

Resignation:

Theresa Carpenter 8th Girls Basketball Assistant (50%) V 1 Dec 6, 19 - Mar 5, 20

***School schedule won't allow her to assist this season.

Change in pay:

From previous conversations with Dr. Killion and Mr. Sloat, I am recommending changing head football coach Shane Fry's salary for the 2019 season and 2020 season to \$11,000. These conversations began at the end of 2018, but I had to wait until the approval of the new CBA for 2019-2021.