MINUTES

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

1200 N. Salisbury Street West Lafayette, Indiana

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES Monday, February 13, 2023

PRESENT: Mrs. Rachel Witt; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mrs. Amy Austin; Mr. Thomas Schott; Dr. Yue Yin;

Mrs. Dacia Mumford; Mr. Laurence Wang; Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent; Mrs. Anna Roth,

Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Michelle Cronk, CFO

President Witt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. A motion was made to approve the Agenda for the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Marley Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on January 9, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Mr. Schott Seconded by: Mr. Wang Vote: 0 of 7

Amended request

A second motion and vote was made for a correction to the Organizational Meeting Minutes. It was noted on the previous set of Minutes that the vote for Board Secretary was 7 of 7, and the vote was 4 of 7. Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang voted against the nomination.

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on January 9, 2023 reflecting the correct vote for the Board Secretary.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

A motion was made that the School Board of Trustees approve a voting record to be listed in the minutes reflecting each member's vote.

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford Seconded by: Dr. Yin Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

C. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on January 9, 2023.

Motion by: Mr. Wang Seconded by: Mrs. Mumford Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

D. A motion was made to approved the minutes of the Annual Finance Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on January 9, 2023.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

III. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

This month the JSHS was recognized. Mr. Shriner presented the West Side Way to Go Certificates to the following students:

- Mia Russell, Grade 12
- Kami Anderson, Grade 10
- Oinmian Zhang, Grade 9

Mr. Shriner also recognized the HS Debate Team for finishing 4th in the state. Students attending were:

- Henry Mayer, Student President, Grade 12
- Minnie Liang, Grade 12
- Krisha Shah, Grade 12
- Lyra Chen, Grade 11
- Mr. Aaron Smith, Debate Coach

This is Mr. Smith's 21st year of coaching the team. We appreciate his many years of service with the students.

We're PROUD of our students, staff and volunteers!

IV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE (current Agenda items) - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mental Health Therapist Position Overview

WLCSC Mental Health Therapist, Heather Levy, provided a presentation to the Board explaining her role

within the school corporation. WLCSC School Counselors work in addressing the mental health and social emotional needs of students. The mental health needs of the student population are increasing, as is the awareness and focus on addressing these needs. The WLCSC Mental Health Therapist position was created to provide immediate, short-term therapy for individual students within the school setting. This provides students with the opportunity to begin individual and small group therapy while waiting to be seen outside of school hours. The Mental Health Therapist Position is currently funded with ESSER funds. The presentation is available on the WLCSC website.

Discussion ensued.

B. WLJSHS Gym Floor Recommendation

Recommendation: Bids were accepted for the replacement of the gym floor at the JSHS. The advertisement, for bids, was published on December 13th and 20th, 2022 in the Journal and Courier. On January 10, 2023 bids were accepted from interested vendors. The lowest overall bid was submitted by Cincinnati Floor Company for \$169,121. Mrs. Cronk requested approval to accept the bid for the work to begin in the spring.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the recommendation to accept the \$169,121 bid from Cincinnati Floor Company to replace the gym floor at the JSHS.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

C. Disposition of Outstanding Checks

Recommendation: Mrs. Cronk requested permission to dispose of outstanding checks that were written in the calendar year of 2020 and unpaid as of December 31, 2022. Checks written in 2020 that remain outstanding as of December 31, 2022 are void per Indiana Statute and must be removed from financial records.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Disposition of Outstanding Checks that were written in the calendar year of 2020 and unpaid as of December 31, 2022.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

D. Online Summer School

Recommendation: Mrs. Roth requested permission, on behalf of the JSHS administration, to partner with Indiana Online Academy for summer school. The partnership will benefit students who need credit recovery opportunities during the summer. The program is June 5 – July 26, 2023. More information can be found on their website at https://indianaonline.org/summer-school/.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve Online Summer School with Indiana Online Academy for student credit recovery opportunities from June 5 – July 26, 2023.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Marley Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

E. Safe Harbor Before/After School Care Contract Renewal

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner requested the renewal of the contract between WLCSC and Safe Harbor Before/After School Care to provide before/after school care at the Elementary School and after school care at the Intermediate School. Safe Harbor pays WLCSC, as a reimbursement for providing security, maintenance, utilities and other costs directly attributable to the use of the buildings for the school age child care program.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the renewal of the contract between WLCSC and Safe Harbor Before/After School Care for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by: Mr. Schott Seconded by: Mr. Marley Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

F. Corporation Time Clock

Recommendation: The WLCSC Business Office recently began implementing efficiency tools in 2022, including Selerix for online benefits enrollment and Frontline Absence Management for substitute management. Currently, the Business Office still processes approximately 300 handwritten timesheets each payroll period. The time period, for processing payroll, is limited to 2 to 4 days due to the payroll calendar which is quite time-consuming for one Payroll Specialist. Mrs. Cronk is recommending the implementation of a Corporation Time Clock for classified, hourly employees beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year (July 1). The initial implementation and training fee for Frontline Time Management amounts to \$8,381.40 with an annual maintenance fee of \$8,179.55.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the implementation of a Corporation Time Clock for classified, hourly employees beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023); the initial implementation expense is \$8,381.40 with an annual maintenance fee of \$8,179.55.

Motion by: Mr. Wang Seconded by: Mr. Marley Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

G. Indiana Band Association Transportation Agreement

Recommendation: The WLCSC Transportation Department has an agreement with the Indiana Band Association to provide transportation from local hotels to Purdue University during its Spring Camp. The camp will take place beginning on the evening of March 10, 2023 and run through the morning of March 12, 2023. Mrs. Cronk is recommending increasing the cost of the service to \$600 from the previous fee of \$500. The Indiana Band Association also is required to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance of no less than \$1,000,000 to cover the use of WLCSC buses and drivers.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Indiana Band Association Transportation Agreement with the West Lafayette Community School Corporation to provide transportation from local hotels to Purdue University during its Spring Camp beginning on March 10, 2023 and ending on March 12, 2023 in the amount of \$600.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

H. School Bus Purchase

Recommendation: Mrs. Cronk recommended the approval to purchase an IC/Collins 78-passenger conventional bus for the WLCSC Transportation Department. Bids were obtained from the Central Indiana Educational Service Center which provides the service of obtaining bids on various items that school corporations need. The cost of purchasing the IC/Collins bus is \$135,209.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the purchase of a new IC/Collins 78-passenger school bus at the purchase price of \$135,209 for the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Transportation Department.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

I. Donation Resolution

Recommendation: The WL Streets & Sanitation Department expressed interest in an old WLCSC maintenance truck that has not been utilized for some time. The expense to fix the truck would not be cost effective for the corporation. Therefore, Mrs. Cronk recommended approval of donating the truck to the WL Streets & Sanitation Department. The city has provided free trash services at our buildings for many years with no cost to the corporation which has resulted in significant savings. This type of agreement is permissible per I.C. 5-22-22-10 in which "a transfer or exchange of property may be made with a governmental entity upon terms and conditions agreed upon by the entities as evidenced by adoption of substantially identical resolution by each entity".

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Donation Resolution to transfer the ownership of an old maintenance truck from WLCSC to the WL Streets & Sanitation Department.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

J. Board Packet Pre-Release

Mrs. Witt explained the Board Packet Pre-Release consideration document that was provided to all Board of School Trustees members during the February 1, 2023 Work Session. She noted that the Policy Committee will meet on February 23, 2023 to begin reviewing policies. This was for information only and no vote was conducted.

K. Board Chair Notes

Recommendation: Mrs. Witt discussed and reviewed, with Board Members, the notes she provides to them on a weekly basis. She asked the Board to provide input and decide if the redacted posting of the Board Chair notes should continue.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the release and posting of the redacted Board Chair's weekly notes on the school website for public viewing.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

Vote: 0 of 7
Tabled Request

Mrs. Mumford requested that the Board Chair's Notes vote be tabled until the March meeting so that she can familiarize herself with the process.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the release and posting of the first six weeks of redacted Board Chair notes and revisit the process during the March Board meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

L. Field Trip

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following field trip requests:

*The 5th Grade Class to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN from May 8 – May 11, 2023.

Half of the students will attend camp May 8th and 9th and the other half will attend May 10th and 11th.

*Robotics Team to attend the FIRST Robotics Competition at Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN March 3 – 5, 2023.

*The Boys' Swimming Team to attend the IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals in Indianapolis, IN February 24 - 25, 2023.

*The Girls' Swimming Team to attend the IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals in Indianapolis, IN February 10 - 11, 2023.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Field Trip requests for the 5th Grade Class to go to Camp Tecumseh, the Robotics Team to attend the FIRST Robotics Competition, the Boys'

Swimming Team to attend IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals and for the Girls' Swimming Team to attend the IHSAA Swimming and Diving State Finals.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

M. Communication and Connections Coordinator Position

Recommendation: A recommendation was presented to the Board of School Trustees to approve a Communication and Connections Coordinator position. The position is not an administrative position, but a classified position. The position will be partially funded through the STEM grant the WLCSC recently received; the grant is funded through September 30, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the New/Temporary Communication and Connections Coordinator position.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

N. Personnel Report

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

Discussion ensued.

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

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

O. Accounts Payable/Finance Update

Recommendation: Mrs. Cronk recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report.

The total claims paid:

Corporation Claims - \$3,758,089.23

WVEC Claims - \$152,294.36

Total Claims Paid - \$3,910,383.59

Discussion ensued.

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

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

VI. <u>INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</u>

Mrs. Witt -

Explained that the School Board of Trustees members also serve on Corporation Committees and Community Boards as part of their role on the Board. Board Engagement Assignments are made by the Board Chair, in consultation with each individual Board member, following the Organizational meeting in January of each year. A complete list of Board Engagements is listed on the WLCSC website at: https://www.wl.k12.in.us/handouts-forms-flyers/school-board-information/board-member-committee-assignments.

VII. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Greiner -

Attended the following:

- Greater Lafayette Commerce State of the Cities/County 2023 on February 6th
- One Community/Many Cultures at the JSHS on February 8th
- WLCSC Professional Development with staff on February 10th

Held the monthly Administration/Principal's meetings on February 7th

Completed the following IASBO Courses:

- Construction Finance Course on February 7th
- Public Works Law & Administration Course on February 8th

Hosted a Bus Driver appreciation breakfast at Central Office on February 9th

Mr. Marley -

The Redevelopment Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Margerum City Hall. Discussions continue on the current construction taking place on Lindberg Road and the approval of the Cherry Lane upgrades to improve transportation.

Parks officials plan to build a tree nursery on approximately 15 acres of donated land. A 2,300 square-foot greenhouse will be built to house saplings, perennial and native plants. The nursery will have the capacity to grow up to 1,200 trees.

Mr. Schott -

The West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation met on Thursday, February 9th for its monthly meeting.

2023 Wall of Pride dates have been announced. Five distinguished alumni and one educator will be recognized for career accomplishments on Thursday, April 13th and Friday, April 14th. The Wall of Pride was established for the purpose of celebrating WLCSC alumni and our schools. Nominees are reviewed annually and selected by a committee comprised of WLCSC administrators, alumni and members of the West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation.

Save the date for the 2023 Scarlet and Gray Dinner and Auction. Formerly known as West Side Story, this annual celebration is the primary fundraising event for the West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023 in the Shively Club at Ross-Ade

Stadium. For more information, contact the Foundation at wlsef@wl.k12.in.us or 765.269.4007.

The West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation has also been diligently working on Teacher Grants and Student Scholarships.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at noon in Central Office.

Mrs. Austin -

Continues to serve as the School Board of Trustees ISBA Legislative Liaison and follows the Indiana Third House meetings which is forum for community members to discuss legislation in the Indiana General Assembly with elected representatives. There are several bills presently being discussed that will impact schools/education.

Dr. Yin -

Is attending the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation meetings as part of her Community Engagement. The 2nd Annual Spring Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at the Wellness Center. There will be *Bounce Houses, *Food Trucks, *Egg Hunt, *Craft Table, *Coloring Contest, *Cake Walk. For more information on this and other events please visit their website at https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/government/programs/-fsiteid-1#!/.

Mrs. Mumford -

Reported on the Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County upcoming Cupcake Bake Off and Tasting Party that will be held at the Greater Lafayette Career Academy (GLCA) on February 16, 2023 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mr. Wang -

Attended a Board Mentorship Meeting on February 2nd with Mrs. Witt, Dr. Greiner, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Cronk

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Randy Studt, WLCSC Teacher

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room *Note: This meeting will be held on the 1st Monday in March due to Spring Break*

X. UPCOMING DATES of INTEREST

Snow Make-up Day #1: Monday, February 20, 2023 (School is in session)

Spring Break: Monday, March 13, 2023 - Friday, March 17, 2023

School Resumes: Monday, March 20, 2023 and 4th 9-Week Grading Period begins **Snow Make-up Day #2:** Friday, April 7, 2023 (no school if make-up day is not needed)

XI. INFORMATION for the PUBLIC

Board documents and audio from the February 13, 2023 meeting will be posted on the WLCSC website within 7-10 days following the Board meeting.

XII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> - The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Mrs. Witt, Mr. Marley, Mrs. Austin, Mr. Schott, Dr. Yin, Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Wang

No: None

The motion passed.

President

Secretary