

Western School Corporation

Russiaville, IN 46979

February 21, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Western Board of School Trustees held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Don Wells, Mike Koloszar, Linda Singer, J. Conrad Maugans, Scott Gaskins and Donna Shepherd

Members Absent: Harry Kenworthy

Others Present: Randy McCracken, Abby Rodgers, Heather Hendrich, Craig Shearer, Suzie Reagle, Karen Sallee, Rachel Sallee, Susan and Dick Wells, Ann Loveless, Jenny Bray, Kalyn Smith, Steve Arthur, Katie Sundheimer, Jeannie Steele, Rick Davis, Tracy Horrell, Bailey Wisehart, Samantha and Dani Dalpoas, Betsy Wisehart, Judi and Ron Butlemore, Pam and Larry Shelby, Brandon, Jami and Abby Guge, Karen Foster, Bobby, Amy and Benton Kanable, Josh Larsh, Kristi Harden, Georgia Everett, Nate Schmidt, Melissa DeWeese, and Kelly Tuberty

Mrs. Singer led prayer and Mr. Maugans led the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the official start of the meeting.

**Item #1 – Opening of the Meeting**

Mr. Maugans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Item #2 – Approval of the Agenda**

Mrs. Shepherd made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Item #3 – Approval of the Minutes**

Mrs. Singer made a motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting
- January 17, 2017 Board of Finance Meeting
- January 21, 2017 Executive Session

Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Item #4 – Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**Item #5 – Panther Pride**

Mr. McCracken shared the following:

- Rising Stars of Indiana: WHS Students – Madeline Barber, Maia Campbell, Eric Chauret, and Justin Copenhaver
- Employee of the Month: Jeannie Steele, WHS
- Students of the Month
  - WPS: Maci Mote
  - WIS: Benton Kanable
  - WMS: Abby Guge
  - WHS: Bailey Wisehart

**Item #6 – Reports**

**1. Director of Finance:** Mrs. Carter submitted the following report:

<u>Bank Balance</u>	
FIRST BANK OF BERNE:	
Checking Account Balance 01/01/17	\$7,374,225.78
Non-Revenue Receipts	320,077.11
MTD Revenue	2,115,905.21
Disbursements from Clearing Accounts	357,391.60
MTD Disbursements	<u>2,271,980.23</u>
Checking Account Balance 01/31/17	\$7,180,836.27
Total Depository Balance 01/31/17	\$7,180,836.27
<u>Vendor Claims Submitted For Approval</u>	
#72011 – 72050 of 01/18/17 - 01/31/17	\$929,317.35
#72051 – 72244 of 02/01/17 – 02/21/17	<u>\$7,150,443.51</u>
TOTAL:	\$8,079,760.86
<u>Payroll Claims Submitted for Approval</u>	
#14 of 01/03/17	\$505,139.76
#15 of 01/27/17	<u>\$561,428.48</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,066,568.24
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Interest on Checking 01/01/17 to 01/31/17	\$6,883.83
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Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and claim docket. Mrs. Shepherd seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**2. Director of Technology:** Mr. Shearer submitted the following report:

1. Friday 2/10 we had a network server issue that caused some slow logins and reduced access to G drives. iPads, Skyward and Internet were up and running without issues. Steven Cecil and I worked on the issue most of the morning by 1030 am all systems were fully functional.
2. We are waiting on final approval from the FCC for our final stage of backbone upgrades. We will be using category E-Rate funds for this improvement again.
3. We have been monitoring logs on our wireless network and making some minor adjustments to help with speed and overall coverage in the Primary for minor issues preparing for e-learning days.
4. State reports are very numerous this time of year. We also have a very large Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) (federal report) that is due in April.
5. Great Chicago trip

**3. Director of Exceptional Learners and Testing:** Mrs. Stranahan submitted the following report:

➤ **Title I**

- Received our reallocation for the 2016-2017 Title I Grant which actually gave us an increase of approximately \$1200.
- Completed and submitted the Desktop Monitoring requirements for federal monitoring of Title I, II, III programs.

➤ **High Ability**

- Conducted the BBPC Meeting in January
- Attended a conference for high ability identification

**4. Superintendent:** Mr. McCracken submitted the following report:

1. Revised 1782 Notice – Attached is the original and revised 1782 notices for 2017 and a comparison of rates and levies for the last few years. The DLGF did raise our Transportation Operating Fund budget as we requested. We will have to watch CPF and the Transportation Operating Fund very closely though. A lot also depends on the Circuit Breaker impact. We asked for the DLGF to use the revised Circuit Breaker projection, which is less than last year.
2. Apple Visit Report – Melissa and Nate
3. Current Planning
  - Finalizing Current Projects
  - Continued Implementation of Professional Learning Communities
  - Planning for Summer Curriculum Writing
  - Planning for PLC Facilitator Training
  - Planning for Summer Technology Training
  - Science Textbook Adoption
  - Summer School Planning
  - Revisiting the Teacher Evaluation Tool
    - Evaluation Committee Members are meeting with colleagues
  - Beginning to Research Compensation Models

#### **Item #7 – Goals for Expenditure Categories**

Mrs. Shepherd made a motion to approve the goals for each category of expenditures. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

#### **Item #8 – Summer Curriculum Writing**

Mrs. Singer made a motion to approve summer curriculum writing as recommended by Mr. McCracken. Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

#### **Item #9 – Bus Purchase**

Mr. Gaskins made a motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Hendrich to purchase two 84 passenger front engine buses. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

#### **Item #10 – Overnight Field Trips**

Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the following overnight field trips:

- HS Band and Choir to Orlando Florida, Dec. 28, 2017-Jan. 2, 2018
- Ft Wayne Wrestling Regional, February 10-11, 2017

Mr. Gaskins seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

#### **Item #11 – Acceptance of Donations**

Mrs. Shepherd made a motion to accept the following donations:

- \$5,000.00 from GM for PantherTech
- \$500.00 from J. Conrad Maugans for Athletics/Hospitality Room

Mr. Gaskins seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Item #12 – Conflict of Interest**

Mrs. Shepherd made a motion to approve the conflict of interest form submitted by Chris Tuberty. Mr. Gaskins seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Item #13 – Personnel**

Mr. Gaskins made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

1. Recommendations:
  - a. Yvette Fogg – Classroom Asst, WPS
  - b. Eric Hyman – Temp Spec Ed Aide, WMS
  - c. Lauren Gaines – Temp PE Teacher, WPS
  - d. Jacqueline Dixon – 9 Month Custodian, WIS
  - e. Ty Wright – 9 Month Custodian, WHS
  - f. Delia Cruz – Temp Classroom Asst, WPS
  - g. Jim Sheehan – Spec Ed Health Aide, WHS
  - h. Bus Inspection – Bob Brantley, Dale Massengill, Mark Robertson, and Amy Campbell
  - i. Yearbook –Cindy Long
  - j. Increase in Hours – Kimberly Markham, WMS
  - k. Creation of Pri/Int Instructional Coaches Positions/Creation of Curriculum Director/Secondary Instructional Coach Position
  - l. Mike Clark – Varsity Softball Asst Coach
  - m. Lyle Snyder – Varsity Softball Asst Coach
  - n. Dave Roller – Varsity Softball Asst Coach
  - o. Tim Ladwig – Jr. High Boys Track Coach
  - p. Bart Miller – Jr. High Golf Coach
  - q. Tyler Lucas – Varsity Girls Tennis Coach
  - r. Ellie Rush – Unified Track Volunteer Asst Coach
2. Resignations:
  - a. Becky Bulawa, WPS
  - b. Melinda Unger, WHS
  - c. Terri Steele, WMS
  - d. Allysha DiPasquale, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach
3. Leave of Absence:
  - a. Trish Harlow, WPS
4. Medical Leave:
  - a. Sue Torkelson, WPS
5. Maternity Leave:

- a. Amy Breisch
- 6. Retirement:
  - a. Margaret Talbert, WIS
- 7. Dismissal:
  - a. Randy Cauthern

Mrs. Singer seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

**Item #14 – Professional Improvement Requests**

Mr. Koloszar made a motion to approve the following professional improvement requests:

***Jacob Turner*** – STEM Workshop – Purdue – February 23, 2017

***Twyla Carlson*** – Safety Academy Advanced Training – Indianapolis – May 15-16, 2017

***Cindy Lester*** – AP Mock Exam Reading/Training – IUPUI – March 10, 2017

***Joni Neer*** – AP Mock Exam Reading/Training – IUPUI – March 10, 2017

***Heather Yentes*** – NWEA Regional Skills Navigator Workshop – Avon – March 8, 2017

***Mindi Kirk*** – United Way Kindergarten Assessment Development – UW of HoCo – February 24, 2017

***Adam Morelock*** – Pearson VIP With Dr. Ken Miller – Indianapolis – March 7, 2017

***Amy Auzins*** – Educational Neuroscience Symposium – Butler – April 29, 2017

***Melody Marley*** – Educational Neuroscience Symposium – Butler – April 29, 2017

***Kathy Roberts*** – Educational Neuroscience Symposium – Butler – April 29, 2017

***Suzi Morgan*** – NWEA Workshop – Western – March 8, 2017

***Emily Klingler*** – Cass Howard Co-op bid meeting – Lewis Cass – February 22, 2017

***Emily Klingler*** – FSD Meeting – WVEC – February 28, 2017

***Tracy Horrell*** – Teacher Interview Day – Hendricks County Conf Center – April 19, 2017

***Nancy Erb*** – Co-teaching Conference – WVEC – February 24, 2017

***Sarah Bourff*** – Living the Language: Taking Spanish Class to a New Level – WVEC – March 16, 2017

***Suzie Reagle*** – 2017 Indiana General Assembly and CCHS Workshop – Fishers – May 4, 2017

***Mary Evans*** – Annual Capacity Building Institute for Indiana Cadres of Transition Teachers – Indianapolis – April 27, 2017

**Brian Caldwell** -2017 Director's Academy – Indianapolis – March 9-11, 2017

**Susan Workman** – Co-teaching Strategies – WVEC – February 24, 2017

**Mary Grinstead** – Co-teaching Strategies – WVEC –February 24, 2017

**Jennifer Bray** – Co-teaching Strategies – WVEC – February 24, 2017

**Susan Workman** – Co-teaching Strategies – WVEC – February 24, 2017

**Suzanne Evans** – Co-teaching Strategies – WVEC – February 24, 2017

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[PLC Facilitator Training](#)

Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

#### **Item #15 – Board Member Roundtable**

Mrs. Shepherd congratulated Mrs. Talbert on her retirement.

Mr. Gaskins asked that everyone keep our WHS student who was in a car accident in their prayers.

Mrs. Singer shared her appreciation for Mr. Larsh's reports each month, and congratulated the WHS Girls basketball team of having the highest overall GPA.

Mr. Maugans discussed Vic's statehouse notes.

#### **Item #16 – Signing of Documents**

The proper documents were signed.

#### **Item #17 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.