

MINUTES

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Wednesday, April 23, 2014

PRESENT: Mr. Alan R. Karpick; Mrs. Karen S. Springer; Mr. Brad W. Marley; Mr. Brian J. Bittner; Mrs. Dianne B. Sautter; Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Dr. Rocky Killion, Superintendent; and Mr. Ross L. Sloat, Assistant Superintendent.

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. A motion was made to approve the revised agenda for the Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mrs. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Sautter

Vote: 7 of 7

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Achievement – Update

High School Rankings –The *U.S. News and World Report* published its list of Best High Schools this week. In 2013 West Lafayette was ranked second in the State behind Signature, a charter school. This year West Lafayette is ranked fourth behind two charter schools (Signature and Herron) and behind Zionsville Community High School at number three. However, from a public school perspective, West Lafayette is ranked second in the State. West Lafayette had a smaller number of students taking advanced placement which resulted in a slightly smaller percentage at 52%. The administration will continue to work with school administration in recruiting more students utilizing AP. West Lafayette also ranks 370 nationally, and it ranks 72 nationally for STEM.

Graduation Rate – The 2013 graduation rate was 99.4%. The 2014 rate will not be released for several months; however, it was learned today that the 2014 graduation rate has been accepted by the Indiana Department of Education at 100%.

Four-Star Status – All West Lafayette Schools achieved Four-Star status for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Killion recognized school administrators, staff, and students for this achievement.

I-READ – 93% students passed the I-READ test. Principal Bowers reported that of the students who have been attending Cumberland Elementary School from kindergarten through grade 3, 100% of the students passed. Of the ten students who did not pass, nine were special education students and one was an ELL student.

B. Academic Achievement – Technology Fund

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the administration submitting a petition for another Common School Fund Loan.

Dr. Killion explained that the Common School Loan Fund is a mechanism the school corporation has been utilizing to save using the Capital Projects Fund for its technology needs. If a school district receives a Common School Fund Loan, although it is paid for out of the General Fund, the General Fund may be reimbursed by Debt Service, thereby saving CPF money for use of technology. Because the application must be academic centered, Dr. Killion works closely with the administrative and technology teams to determine things how to utilize the funds. It is highly likely that technology will change over the next few years, and the change will result in information anytime anywhere

Dr. Killion therefore was of the opinion that is the direction we should be going in providing curriculum and instruction in the K-12 classroom. Our teachers would then help students filter out what is truth from fiction and how to use factual information for the good of others. At some future point, it may be that everyone will bring his/her own devices to the classroom. Our technology department has already been working with some classrooms on curriculum and digital instruction with their own devices. This Common School Fund application would give the school district more use of that technology for those teachers who are bringing it into the classroom. Mr. Sloat interjected that over the past few years, the school district has received approximately \$1.1 million from the Common School Fund, which has greatly helped our students and staff.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the superintendent submitting a new application to the Indiana Department of Education for an advancement from the Common School Fund.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by Mr. Schott

Vote: 7 of 7

C. WiFi Request

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve a request from the City of West Lafayette.

Dr. Killion reported that the City of West Lafayette has requested to implement WiFi service near the West Lafayette Farmer's Market to be mounted on West Lafayette Corporation property but maintained by the City.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the City's request to install WiFi service as requested.

Motion by: Mr. Bittner

Seconded by Mrs. Springer

Vote: 7 of 7

D. Overnight Field Trip

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve a field trip for the Jr./Sr. High School.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve an overnight field trip for the Robotics Team to Elkhart, Indiana, to participate in the State FIRST Robotics Championship May 9-10, 2014.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

Vote: 7 of 7

E. Revised Personnel Report

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended that the Board 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: Mrs. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Sautter

Vote: 7 of 7

III. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD - None

IV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

V. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Wed., May 14, 6:30 P.M., Regular Board Meeting, Floyd Administration Center, followed by a brief Executive Session.
- Wed., June 11, 6:30 P.M., Regular Board Meeting, Floyd Administration Center.
- Wed., July 23, 6:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting, Floyd Administration Center (**date changed from July 9**).

VI. **PARK BOARD**

Mrs. Springer reported that at the recent Park Board meeting, the Farmer's Market requested to create murals on all four sides of the restroom building advertising the Farmers' Market (building on which the City will be mounting the WiFi service). The Park Board approved the murals contingent upon working through the legal process and the City Attorney on whether or not it constitutes business signage, which would need to be passed by City Ordinance.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I. **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Permission is requested to create and post a part-time Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position for the Business Office effective July 1, 2014.
2. Permission is requested to post for a new full-time Technology/Project Lead-the-Way position at the Jr./Sr. High School for the 2014-2015 school year due to increased enrollment in the Technology Department and to cover the classes that were taught by Steve Florence who is resigning.

II. **CERTIFIED STAFF**

A. **Employment**

Sheffield, Elizabeth A., Guidance Director-Jr./Sr. High School effective the August 12, 2014 (replacement for Joyce Grimble).

B. **Resignations:**

1. **Emmert, Lauren E., Part-Time Family and Consumer Science Teacher-Jr./Sr. High School** effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
2. **Florence, Stephen L., Part-Time Information Technology Teacher-Jr./Sr. High School,** effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

III. **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

A. **Family Medical Leave of Absence**

Short, Monica R., Welcome Secretary-Cumberland Elementary School, effective April 8, 2014.

B. **Resignation:**

Dawson, John C., Custodian-Jr./Sr. High School, effective April 18, 2014.