

## MINUTES

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
Wednesday December 9, 2015

**PRESENT:** Mr. Alan R. Karpick; Dr. Karen S. Springer; Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mr. Brain J. Bittner, Mrs. Rachel Witt; Mr. Douglas Masson; Mr. Robert C. Reiling, Jr.; and Dr. Rocky Killion Superintendent.

**EXCUSED:** Mr. Bradley Marley

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

### **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Wednesday December 9, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**

*Motion by: Mr. Masson*

*Seconded by: Mr. Bittner*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on November 11, 2015.**

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

### **II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

1. Randy Studt addressed the Board regarding the School Board Meeting calendar change. He reports on behalf of the WLEA; they support the change to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday because there are less school related activities in conflict.

2. Zachary Baiel addressed the Board regarding the School Board Meeting calendar change. He stated: Mine and other families in this community's main point of contention with this change is that it directly conflicts with the already established West Lafayette City Council meetings. 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays. 6:30pm. If Mondays are a better option, why not choose the 2nd Monday? Or the 3rd? I am urging you to vote against moving the WLCSC School Board Meetings to the 1st Monday of each month.

3. Kim Bowers addressed the Board regarding the School Board Meeting calendar change. She reported from an administrator standpoint, the new schedule will really help Cumberland teachers; we have faculty meetings on Wednesdays. In addition parents will appreciate the change because of school activities and faith based commitments on Wednesdays.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Academic Achievement – WLCSC Recognitions**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion reported k12.niche.com has ranked Cumberland Elementary the #1 elementary school in the state and Happy Hollow Elementary is ranked #2 in the state. The Jr./Sr. High School has been ranked #2 High School in the state.

<https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-overall/s/indiana/>

Nerdwallet.cm has listed WLCSC as an Indiana “Best School for Your Buck”. The formula used by Nerdwallet.com includes the following, “Students in this school district have the highest SAT average among

the other 281 districts”.

<http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/mortgages/buying-a-home/best-school-districts-indiana-2015/>

**B. WLSEF Presentation**

Michael Pedley was not present. Presentation has been tabled.

**C. Roofing Maintenance**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the roof maintenance quotes from Hinshaw Roofing and Adams Roofing. Hinshaw will repair the roof at Cumberland, while Adams will repair the Jr./Sr. High School. These projects will be funded by the 2016 Capital Projects Fund.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Roofing Maintenance to be performed by Hinshaw Roofing and Adams Roofing.*

*Motion by: Mr. Bittner*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**D. School Board Meetings**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the Board Meeting to occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month starting January 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday will be considered if the meeting falls on a holiday. The Board meetings have had low attendance in the past; the change in schedule could encourage more parent, student and community support for the coming Facilities Strategic Plans.

1<sup>st</sup> Mondays will be a trial bases Jan through May 2016 then the Board will reevaluate the effectiveness to determine future dates.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the School Board Meetings to occur on the first Monday of each month effective January 2016.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Witt*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**E. Aerial Vehicle Policy**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Aerial Vehicle Policy. The policy will allow the Administration to address issues with drones etc.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees to approve the Aerial Vehicle Policy.*

*Motion by: Mr. Masson*

*Seconded by: Dr. Springer*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**F. Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Property/Casualty Insurance prepared by the Henriott Group. Rates had a slight increase.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Property/Casualty Insurance renewal..*

*Motion by: Mr. Bittner*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**G. School Surplus Equipment**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended the Board of Trustees approve the dispose of surplus equipment by use of [www.publisurplus.com](http://www.publisurplus.com). Surplus includes old computers, heavy equipment, etc. that are no longer working or too expensive to repair.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the disposal of surplus equipment with [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com).*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**H. Group Insurance HSA**

*Recommendation:* Dr. Killion recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Health Savings Account (HSA) reauthorization. Participants will receive seed money into their HSA accounts over the next two years per the schedule. The seed money is funded by the insurance fund account.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Health Saving Account (HSA) reauthorization.*

*Motion by: Mr. Bittner*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**I. Approval of Grants**

*Recommendation:* Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the corporation's federal grant participation.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the corporation's federal grant participation.*

*Motion by: Ms. Witt*

*Seconded by: Dr. Springer*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**J. APEX – Jr./Sr. High School**

*Recommendation:* Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve APEX credit recovery software to be used at the high school. The use will begin in spring semester and training will be offered to teachers.

*Discussion ensued.*

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve APEX credit recovery software.*

*Motion by: Mr. Masson*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**L. Overnight/Out of State Fieldtrips**

*Recommendation:* Mr. Karpick recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following field trips for the Jr./Sr. High School.

- H.S. Debate Team to Floyd HS, Floyds Knobs, IN Fri. & Sat. Jan 15-16, 2016
- H.S. Debate Team to Ben Davis HS, Indianapolis; Fri. & Sat. Jan 29-30, 2016

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the two field trips for the West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School as presented.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**A. 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: Mrs. Witt*

*Seconded by: Dr. Springer*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**B. Accounts Payable Vouchers**

**Recommendation:** Dr. Killion recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$3, 952, 915.90. Claims include bond payments; these are made twice a year.

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

*Motion by: Mr. Bittner*

*Seconded by: Mr. Masson*

*Vote: 6 of 6*

**V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD** – Mr. Karpick reported Maggie Samudio’s class has proposed the fire fly become the state insect. Letters have been mailed to several representatives and the class is asking for our support in their effort. The students have had impressive involvement.

**VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

**Foundation** - Tom Schott reported the board has several new talents and the group is very engaged with upcoming projects. Wall of Pride nominations are open.

**Public Schools Foundation** – Rachel Witt reported Katie Dodds is a grant winner and her proposal included portable micro scopes for the classroom.

**Redevelopment** – Brian Bittner reported the budget process has started.

**Parks and Recreation** – Karen Springer reported Basketball for grades 2 & 3 began at Cumberland school Nov. 16. Parks & Rec are very appreciative to Cumberland for their support and cooperation. Ice Skating Ring is open. Check city website for hours of operation.

**VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE** – None

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Dec. 14-15 IAPSS Annual Meeting Indianapolis
- Friday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Central Office Breakfast, 7:30am
- Dec. 21 Winter Break begins
- Monday Jan. 4 School resumes

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**II. CLASSIFIED STAFF**

**A. Employment Change Request:**

- 1. Bradford, Becky: Trainee to Regular Bus Driver; effective Dec. 19, 2015**

*(Replacement for Jim Drury)*

**B. Employment:**

**1. Bellamy, Zellie: Custodian;** \$10.50 hrly effective Nov. 18, 2015

*(Replacement for Amanda Flesher)*

**2. Goodspeed, Jeff: HS Choral Accompanist;** \$1,750.00 annually effective Sept. 16, 2015

*(Replacement for Shellie Johnson)*

**3. Patterson, Lonzie: Lunchroom Supervisor;** \$11.54 hrly effective Nov. 9, 2015

*(Replacement for Crystal Lee)*

**C. Resignation:**

**1. Drury, James: Bus Driver;** effective Dec. 18, 2015

**2. Laws, Jeanne: Interventionist – Happy Hollow Elem.;** effective Dec. 4, 2015

**III. CERTIFIED STAFF**

**A. Resignation:**

**1. Van Briggles, Ashley: Resource Room Teacher, Cumberland;** effective Dec. 18, 2015

**2. Werner, Hannah: Long Term Sub Kindergarten Teacher, Cumberland;** effective Feb. 29, 2016

**IV. COACHES**

**Recommendation:**

Belyna Bentlage	8th Girls Basketball Assistant	V	1	Dec 14, 15 - Mar 13, 16	
Chris Williams	HS Girls Track Assistant	IV	9+	Feb 1, 16 - Jun 5, 16	
David Joest	HS Girls Track Assistant	IV	T	Feb 1, 16 - Jun 5, 16	(50%)
Maggie Roegner	HS Girls Track Assistant	IV	9+	Feb 1, 16 - Jun 5, 16	(50%)
Rod Zambrows	HS Girls Track Assistant	IV	9+	Feb 1, 16 - Jun 5, 16	(50%)
Joshua Haynes	HS Boys Track Assistant	IV	1	Feb 15, 16 - Jun 5, 16	
Chad Fauber	JH Wrestling Assistant	Vol	n/a	Dec 14, 15 - Mar 6, 16	