

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Tuesday September 5, 2017

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

EXCUSED: Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mr. Brian J. Bittner

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Tuesday September 5, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mr. Marley *Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau* *Vote: 5 of 5*

- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on August 23, 2017.

Motion by: Dr. Springer *Seconded by: Mrs. Witt* *Vote: 5 of 5*

II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Hearing

Mr. Sloat began the 2018 Budget Hearing and presented the following information:

- Budgets were advertised in the Journal Courier and Lafayette Leader on August 24, 2017
- Capital Project Plan is for 2017-19, Bus Replacement Plan is for 2018-2029
- Funds: General Fund \$17,600,000, Capital Projects \$3,900,000, Bus Replacement \$398,078, Referendum Fund \$6,700,000, Debt Fund \$6,650,000, Transportation Fund \$750,000, Rainy Day Fund \$1,333,000
- Total 2018 Budget is \$37,331,078
- Expected 2018 Tax Rate is \$1.2587
- The Adoption date is October 2, 2017

Thank you to the community for their support with the referendum, this support will really help us over the next 7 years.

B. Academic Achievement – Start of School Update

Dr. Killion reported the corporation student population is continuing to increase; up by 85.5 students this school year. ADM count is due September 15, 2017. More classrooms are needed at Cumberland Elementary and according to our facility plans they could have new classrooms as soon as next school year. Bids for

construction open on September 20, 2017. The Department of Education will release ISTEP scores for all schools this week. Accountability grades will be released next month. Safeschools training is going well, our staff has been completing the trainings for certification. Our administration, classified staff, and school board have completed background checks. The certified staff will complete the background check next year. Lastly, Appletrack offers reference check tracking for applicants which can expedite the hiring process.

Discussion ensued.

C. Amendment to Architecture Contract

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the authorization of the Superintendent to accept the amendment to the Kettlehut contract pending legal review and approval by Bob Reiling. This amendment would include the appointment of the CMC (Construction Manager Constructor).

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the authorization of the Superintendent to accept the amendment to the Kettlehut contract.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Dr. Springer

Vote: 5 of 5

D. Grant of Easement

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended to the Board of School Trustees to approve the Grant of Easement. Duke Energy needs a small portion of our property to improve their services. In exchange, Duke is offering to move the transformers at Cumberland Elementary with no charge to the corporation.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Grant of Easement.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

Vote: 5 of 5

E. Donation to Athletic Department

Recommendation: Mr. Karpick recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the anonymous donation of \$1,000 to the athletic department. Thank you to the donors.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees to approve the donation to the athletic department.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

Vote: 5 of 5

F. 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: Mr. Marley

Vote: 5 of 5

G. Accounts Payable Vouchers

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$1,665,002.05. Payments include payment to the Indiana Service Center for the increased enrollment of high school students taking online summer courses. This cost is reimbursable by the state as it qualifies for summer school. Also, Paper Logistics for paper supply, Referendum ballot counting cost, new clocks on each floor at the Jr. Sr. High School, football field lights, and well repair at athletic field.

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

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Dr. Springer

Vote: 5 of 5

V. **INFORMATION TO THE BOARD** – none

VI. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Public Schools Foundation – Melissa Prochnau reported Cupcake Run/Walk will be held Sunday Sept. 24th at Cumberland Park.

WLSEF – Rachel Witt reported planning has begun for Westside Story, date and location are to be announced.

Parks & Rec – Karen Springer reported Global Fest Sept. 16th 12:00 PM - 10:30 PM in front of Morton Center. Naturalization Ceremony Friday Sept. 15th 3:00 PM at White Horse Christian Center. Art on the Wabash Sunday Sept. 24th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Tapawingo Park.

WLEA Discussion – Dr. Killion reported topics included evaluations due May 1st, School Board policy revisions, duty free lunch, construction updates, possible school calendar change; start of school not before first week of August if legislation should pass.

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

VIII. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mon. Sept. 11 – Community Council, Central Office 12:00 P.M.

Wed. Sept. 20 – Greater Lafayette Commerce Dinner, 5:30 P.M.

Mon. Oct. 2 – School Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I. **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

II. **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

A. **Employment:**

1. **Church, Josh: Swim Lifeguard – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 6, 2017
2. **Richardson, Abigail: Swim Lifeguard – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 6, 2017
3. **Richardson, Jennifer: Swim Lifeguard – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 6, 2017

B. **Change:**

1. **Alford, Tammy: Paraprofessional – Happy Hollow Elem.;** effective Aug. 10, 2017

2. **Corbay, Geanette: Route Bus Driver – Elementary Schools;** effective Aug. 10, 2017
(Replacement for Joe McDowell)

C. **Resignations:**

1. **Berlinger, Betsy: Lunchroom Supervisor – Happy Hollow Elem;** effective Aug. 25, 2017
2. **Eilenfeldt, Kiah: Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional – Happy Hollow Elem;** effective Aug. 7, 2017
3. **Percy, Wayne: Spec. Ed. Paraprofessional - Happy Hollow Elem:** effective May 24, 2017