

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES Monday October 1, 2018

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

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday October 1, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mr. Bittner

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

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B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on September 4, 2018.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Dr. Springer

Vote: 7 of 7

II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Education and Operation Budgets

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the adoption of the 2019 Education and Operation Budgets, and Resolutions.

Adopted Budget \$38,670,169

Adopted Levy \$17,748,740

Adopted Tax Rate 2.36908% (*Final approved rate will be lower than projected*)

Final budget approval from the state is expected between Dec 2018 and Feb 2019.

Resolutions: 2019 Budget Resolution, 2019 Bus Replacement, Transfers, Reduce Line 1 & 2.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees to adopt the 2019 Education and Operation Budgets, and Resolutions.

Motion by: Mrs. Prochnau

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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B. Academic Achievement – IDOE Accountability/ADM Update

Dr. Killion reported the corporation the Department of Education t has delayed the accountability grades and they will be available on November 14th. Student increase is at 30 students for this school year.

C. WLSEF Update

Dr. Killion introduced Sue Lasater and Brad Cohen who then presented the following information regarding the West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation.

- \$2 million campaign in progress for the James R. Guy Education Wing.
- Currently the campaign account has approx. \$700,000
- Expected pledge payments are approx. at \$1,305,000; those include an estate pledge and class challenges
- The foundation will continue to focus on gifts and fundraise to exceed the \$2 mil goal.

Discussion ensued.

D. Leasing of Happy Hollow

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the preliminary lease agreement for the City of West Lafayette. Bob Reiling, school corporation attorney will finalize the details. The agreement will allow the city to occupy Happy Hollow Elementary after it is vacated.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the preliminary lease agreement for Happy Hollow Elementary.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Bittner

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E. RDP Project Presentation

Dr. Killion presented Discussions and Recommendations for the RDP Projects.

- West Lafayette Intermediate School; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Oct. 10, 2018, weather makeup day Oct. 11, 2018; first student day Oct. 16, 2018
- Cumberland Elementary School; west wing under construction; May-Aug 2019 finish west wing and start/finish north wing; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony could be Aug. 2019.
- Jr. Sr. High School; Richard Wachs Aquatic Center/Pool Infill is making progress; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony could be Aug. 2019. Cafeteria/Kitchen remodel; will increase seating to 480; cost approx. \$2.4 mil; bids will be received this fall and completion of project Oct. 2019. James R Guy Education Wing will be a fifteen-month construction project with approx. cost of \$11.7 mil; Robert Kelly Performing Arts Center will be a fifteen-month project with approx. cost of \$4 mil
- Due to the assessed valuation error it impacts bonding and tax rate. Options include a referendum question or controlled project under \$15 mil or a grand pause and wait for assessed valuation but construction cost could increase.

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the following items.

1. Approved plans for Cafeteria/Kitchen remodel
2. Move forward with James R. Guy Education Wing and Robert Kelly Performing Arts Center
3. Use controlled project process with two hearings
4. Mitigate any tax rate increase using outside resources through 2024
5. Constantly monitor AVs (TIFF and WLCSC) and make adjustments as necessary
6. Use time allots to raise additional revenue
7. If necessary, consider higher referendum rate questions in 2024 and/or slightly increase D.S. in 2025

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the above recommendations for the RDP Project.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Dr. Springer

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F. Common School Fund

Recommendation: Dr. Killion recommended the Board of School Trustees approve to accept the \$71,340.00 award from Department of Education Common School Fund Loan on Sept. 5, 2018 and to continue to apply for future Funding loans. The award will be for future technology needs for future construction projects. Loan is paid through debt service.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Common School Fund award and to continue to apply for future funds.

Motion by: Mrs. Prochnau

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

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G. Out of State Field Trip

Recommendation: Mr. Karpick recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the Field Trips.

H.S. German Classes to Christkindmarkt & Goethe Institute, Chicago IL: Dec. 4, 2018

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees to approve the above listed Field Trip.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

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H. 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: Mr. Schott

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

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I. Accounts Payable Vouchers

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid \$4,264,817.79. Payments include construction, worker's compensation, and repair to the well on the athletic field.

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

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Prochnau

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V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD – none

VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Public School Foundation – Melissa Prochnau reported the grant cycle is now closed. Cupcake Run had a record turnout of 1300 of volunteers and participants.

Community Forum – Melissa Prochnau reported the meeting was well attended with the new format. Presentations during the meeting included WLSEF, Happy Hollow Elem., Parent Council, Cumberland Elem., Jr. Sr. High School, and Purdue University.

Redevelopment – Brian Bittner reported the police cars are being replaced with Ford vehicles. Ladder replacement on Fire Truck. The Aquatic Center plans continue.

Parks & Rec – Karen Springer reported the Naturalization Ceremony was held on Sept. 14th and 93 participants received their citizenship. Global Fest was held Sept. 15th, over 6,000 in attendance. And Art on the Wabash had a successful turnout. The new park plans are underway for the Morris School House.

Superintendent – Rocky Killion reported Teacher Discussion met, topics included Title 1, special education resources, construction updates, business office, DOE Accountability, and preliminary ADM count. Gigi Cupcakes will be donated cupcakes for the new school Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Bond process timelines will also be provided in the coming weeks. NSBA reservations, please send notification to April McClure. And the November 5th meeting will begin at 5:00 P.M. so the Board members can attend the ISBA Fall Regional Conference.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Wed. Oct. 10th Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Fri. Oct. 12th Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast, 7:00 A.M.

Fri. – Mon. Oct. 12 & 15 Fall Break

Mon. Nov. 5 Regular Board Meeting, 5:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Monday, October 1, 2018

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

II. CERTIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. DeWitt, Alicia: School Counselor – Cumberland Elem. School; effective Oct. 1, 2018

(Replacement for Marcella Holmes)

B. Resignation:

1. Knecht, Hope: Kindergarten Grade Teacher – Cumberland Elem.; effective Oct. 12, 2018

III. CLASSIFIED STAFF

A. Employment:

1. **Barnswell, Ann: Food Service Worker – WLIS.;** effective Sept. 24, 2018
2. **Brackett, Mathew: Bus Driver – Corporation Wide;** effective Sept. 26, 2018
(Replacement for Marie Barnes)
3. **Jenkins, Ashley: Food Service Worker – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 25, 2018
(Replacement for Richard Dawson)

B. Change:

1. **Balicky, Ivan: now salaried – Jr. Sr. High School** effective Oct. 1, 2018
2. **Clugh, Erin: Kitchen Manager – WLIS;** effective Oct. 1, 2018
3. **Schlesinger-Devlin, Justin: Lunchroom Substitute – WLIS;** effective Sept. 7, 2018
4. **Hayden, Mary: Food Service Worker – WLIS;** effective Oct. 15, 2018
5. **Hedgecough, Eleesha: Paraprofessional (reduced hours) – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 11, 2018
6. **Higareda, Tiffany: Food Service Worker – Jr. Sr. High School;** effective Sept. 24, 2018
(Replacement for Erin Clugh)
7. **Lagunes, Ruby: Cook – WLIS;** effective Oct. 15, 2018

IV. ATHLETICS

Employment:

Caophi Nguyen HS Volleyball Assistant IV 0 Jul 28, 18 - Nov 1, 18

Reclassification:

Trevor Paul HS Boys Soccer Assistant IV 0 Jul 28, 18 - Oct 24, 18
***changing from 2/3 position to the full position

ECA

Priya Sirohi Assistant Debate Coach IV-4 yrs Aug. 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019