

**MINUTES**

**WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
*West Lafayette Intermediate School*  
*1838 N. Salisbury Street*  
*West Lafayette, Indiana*

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Monday August 2, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Alan R. Karpick; Dr. Karen S. Springer; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Mr. Thomas H. Schott; Mrs. Amy Austin; Dr. Yue Yin; Mr. Robert C. Reiling, Jr.; Mr. Stephen Ohlhaut; Mr. Ross Sloat; and Mr. Michael Pettibone, Interim Superintendent.

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday August 2, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**

*Motion by: Mr. Marley*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of meetings of the Board of School Trustees held on June 7, 2021 and July 12, 2021.**

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Professor Ninghui Li – Parent  
Randy Studt – Teacher  
Marydell Forbes - Teacher

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Summer Lunch Program**

Mrs. Courtney FitzSimons provided an update on the summer lunch program.

Meals Served: 29,175 during the 8-week program

Students Served: 615

Families: Approximately 350

Mrs. FitzSimons also noted that students will receive free meals for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you to our food service department for a successful program.

**B. Wonderland Education**

A presentation for the Wonderland Experimental Learning Center was provided by TJ Kim and Rebecca Goodman. Experimental learning is an engaged learning process whereby students “learn by doing” and by reflecting on the experience. This provides opportunities for students to engage intellectually, creatively, emotionally, socially and/or physically. They are hoping to utilize 30% of the Happy Hollow building for this program. This is still a work in progress and nowhere near ready for a vote at this time.

Discussion ensued.

**C. Staff Evaluation Report**

Mr. Michael Pettibone provided an update on the staff evaluation report. There were 166 staff members evaluated. One hundred forty-six were rated highly effective, twenty staff were effective and no staff were ineffective or needing improvement. There were also three who were not evaluated due to retirement or resignation prior to evaluation or temporary contract.

**Recommendation:** Mr. Pettibone recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the evaluation report as presented.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the evaluation report.*

**Motion by:** Mrs. Witt

**Seconded by:** Mr. Marley

**Vote:** 7 of 7

**D. Superintendent Search**

Dr. Springer thanked Mr. Ross Sloat for his service as interim superintendent and welcomed Mr. Michael Pettibone as the new interim superintendent. The WLCSC website has a timeline that will continually be updated with any action taken. The website has application information and an application for interested applicants. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 27, 2021. On Monday, August 23, 2021 at the WLIS-Café the Board will hold two forums to receive input on qualities desired in the next Superintendent. School Personnel is invited at 5:30pm and Parents, Students, and Community members are invited at 6:00pm.

**E. G.L.A.S.S. Resolution**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Sloat recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the G.L.A.S.S. Resolution. This resolution provides private residential placement and serves children in the WLCSC.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the G.L.A.S.S. Resolution.*

**Motion by:** Mr. Marley

**Seconded by:** Dr. Springer

**Vote:** 7 of 7

**F. Revised Re-Opening Plan**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Pettibone recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the revised WLCSC Re-Opening Plan. The plan was revised due to a rise in COVID numbers, the CDC's recommendations, as well as local health officials. Face masks will now be required for all staff, students and visitors. School Physician Dr. Anne Marie Bianculli was in attendance to answer any questions from the board. Administrators also provided insight to mask breaks for the students and confirmed that students may leave with a parent for lunch as long as they return on time for class.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Revised Re-Opening Plan for the 2021-22 school year.*

**Motion by:** Mrs. Witt

**Seconded by:** Mr. Marley

**Vote:** 7 of 7

**G. Truancy Mediation Agreement**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Pettibone recommended the School Board of Trustees approve the Truancy Mediation agreement. Truancy Mediation is a program designed to have a significant impact on preventing truancy and the goal is to divert delinquency filing in Tippecanoe County. This also encompasses the entire

family by identifying family needs, service availability and encourages families to take advantage of community resources.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Truancy Mediation Agreement.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**H. Teacher Appreciation Grant**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Pettibone recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) monies to be distributed to teachers who meet the criteria.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**I. Bright Star Nursing and Nurses & More**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board approve the termination of the previously signed contract with Bright Star Nursing due to an increase in rates and approve an agreement with Nurses and More.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the termination of the Bright Star Nursing Agreement and approve the agreement with Nurses and More.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**J. Happy Hollow Lease Agreement**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve a lease agreement to use approximately 1,000 square feet (that could be a classroom and office) in the Happy Hollow building by Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation d/b/a PATINS Project. The term of the lease is August 2, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the lease to utilize Happy Hollow.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**K. Custodial Contractual Cleaning Agreement**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board approve the custodial contractual cleaning agreement with Psalm 51:10 d/b/a Office Pride of Lafayette due to the shortage of staff.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the agreement with Office Pride of Lafayette.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**L. Cell Tower on WLCSC Property**

Mr. Sloat presented information on a request from Vertical Bridge who are looking for a new location to host a tower for T-Mobile. The request is to utilize space near the JSHS athletic fields and elementary school. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion ensued.

**M. Field Trips**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Karpick and Mr. Pettibone recommended that the Board approve the WL Dance Team and WL Cross Country Team field trips.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the requested field trips.*

**Motion by: Dr. Springer**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Witt**

**Vote: 7 of 7**

**N. Personnel Report**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Pettibone recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve all information contained in the report.

Discussion ensued.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the administrative requests and names reflected in the Personnel Report.*

**Motion by: Mrs. Austin**

**Seconded by: Mr. Schott**

**Vote: 7 of 7**

**O. Accounts Payable Vouchers**

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$10,590,116.94. Payments include June and July 2021.

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

**Motion by: Mr. Marley**

**Seconded by: Mrs. Austin**

**Vote: 7 of 7**

**V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

None

**VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Amy Austin – West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation will be holding a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 21 from 2-5 p.m. at Brokerage Brewing Company.

Dr. Springer – West Lafayette outdoor Swimming Pool will be closing for the season on Sunday, August 8.  
Ribbon cutting for the West Lafayette Wellness Center will be held on Saturday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wellness Center.

Grand opening/dedication – Sonya Margerum City Hall on Friday, August 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Rachel Witt - Laura Falk has been named the Diversity Initiative Specialist.

Dr. Yue Yin – Provided an update on the Public Schools Foundation.

**VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Work Session: Wed., August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at West Lafayette Intermediate School Cafe  
Regular Board Meetings: Tues., September 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Location TBD

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

*Motion by: Mr. Marley*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*



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President



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Secretary