

# MINUTES

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
1838 N. Salisbury Street  
West Lafayette, Indiana  
(Live Streamed)

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES Monday, October 4, 2021

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

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. *A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday October 4, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.*

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

B. *A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on September 7, 2021.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mr. Schott*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

### II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Academic Achievement – Student Recognition

Mrs. Shelby Johnson presented the “Red Devil Pride Way to Go” Award Program. The following recipients were selected this month by their school teachers and administrators for exemplifying our school mission.

West Lafayette Elementary School: Phoebe Justin Rajesh (Kindergarten, teacher Alison Webb)

Isabel Mascarenhas (First Grade, teacher Mikaela Wayman)

West Lafayette Intermediate School: Max Rodriguez (Fourth Grade, teacher Celeste Fernandez)

Alizay Bilal (Sixth Grade, teacher Gina Anderson)

West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School: Emma Peyton (12<sup>th</sup> Grade, teacher Ricki McKee)

Max Hook (9<sup>th</sup> Grade, teacher Haylie Passmore)

#### B. Budget Adoption

**Recommendation:** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the adoption of the 2022 Budget of Appropriations totaling \$44,738,699, the Total Tax Levy of \$19,173,060, and Tax Rate of 2.0154. The budget is available on the WLCSC corporation website and Gateway DLGF website. Mr. Ohlhaut further recommended the approval of the School Bus Replacement Plan for Budget Year 2022.

Discussion ensued.

***A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2022 Budget Appropriations, Tax Levy and Tax Rate.***

***Motion by: Mrs. Witt***

***Seconded by: Mr. Schott***

***Vote: 7 of 7***

***Recommendation:*** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the adoption of the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan.

Discussion ensued.

***A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan.***

***Motion by: Mrs. Witt***

***Seconded by: Mrs. Schott***

***Vote 7 of 7***

***Recommendation:*** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the Resolution to Reduce Appropriations and Miscellaneous Revenue for 2021 and 2022.

Discussion Ensued

***A motion was made to approve the resolution to allow the reduction of appropriations and miscellaneous revenue as required in 2021 2022.***

***Motion by: Mrs. Austin***

***Seconded by: Mr. Marley***

***Vote: 7 of 7***

***Recommendation:*** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the Resolution for Transfer of Funds to transfer funds from permissible Funds to the Referendum, Rainy Day and/or other permissible funds.

Discussion ensued.

***A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Resolution for Transfers for 2022.***

***Motion by: Dr. Springer***

***Seconded by: Mrs. Austin***

***Vote: 7 of 7***

***Recommendation:*** Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the Resolution to issue Tax Anticipation Warrants if needed in 2022.

Discussion Ensued

***A motion was made to approve the resolution to allow the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants if required in 2022.***

***Motion by: Mrs. Witt***

***Seconded by: Mr. Schott***

***Vote: 7 of 7***

### **C. Bond Finance and Construction Updates**

Mr. Slauter updated the Board on the status of construction projects at the High School. He reported that the project is now in week 44 of the 4<sup>th</sup> phase project. The project has taken longer due to lack of workers and supplies. Phase 1 was the completion of the new pool and the LGI room. This has been in use for two years. Phase 2 was the Food Court, and it has been completed and in use for approximately 1.5 years. Phase 3 was the James R Guy Education Wing and Phase 4 is the Bob Kelly Center for Performing Arts that is 98% complete. The final work is expected to take about two additional months.

Mr. Sloat asked Mr. Slauter to also update the Board on an issue with the swimming pool that will relate to an item later on the Agenda. Mr. Slauter proceeded to explain that modifications had been made to the pool deck to correct a problem with drainage. In the process of correcting this drainage issue, the contractor inadvertently drilled three holes that allowed insulation to escape into a filter area. A Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared between WLCSC and Kettelhut Construction to ensure repairs are properly made to the drainage pipe, and that a 10-year warranty will be provided for the work.

Mr. Sloat proceeded to provide the Board and audience with a detailed Power Point Presentation summarizing all of the Bond Issues including 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Bond issues totaled \$83,900,000. Additional costs for Bond Premiums and Earned Interest totaled \$12,928,156, with Underwriters Discounts of (\$212,557). Total Bond issues and associated fees and discounts totaled \$96,615,599. Through August, \$85,804,151 has been spent, and an additional \$4,223,813 in invoices and pay applications are pending processing. Total use of funds (including pending items) is \$90,027,965. This leaves \$6,587,635 of funds not yet committed to the projects that had Bond Issues.

Considerations for the use of the \$6.5 million of unspent funds were reviewed. Additional related improvements that qualify for the original purpose stated in the 1028 hearings were possible. The second option was to provide additional revenue to the Debt Service Fund for lease/rental payments.

Mr. Sloat was thanked for the detailed presentation that helped all to understand the status of the Bonds.

#### **D. WLCSC Updates**

Mr. Pettibone gave an update on student enrollment. The ADM student stands at 2,253 (as of September 17), which is 5 less students than the 2,258 students in 2020, and 89 less than the student count in 2019 (2,342). He indicated this will be a continuing discussion among the Board and staff in the coming months.

Mr. Pettibone gave an update on COVID. The cases in the school corporation remain very low (minimal). Mr. Pettibone thanked parents for their assistance in keeping case numbers low. He also mentioned that Drs. Ho and Bianculli are in communication with him regularly to discuss IDOH updates. He noted that WLCSC remains the only school to accept COVID testing results from Dr. Offices and Clinics only (as recommended by the IDOH). He also mentioned that Federal mandates regarding requiring vaccines have not yet been finalized.

Mr. Karpick asked Dr. Springer to give an update on the Superintendent's Search. Dr. Springer indicated that the first round of 7 interviews had been completed, and a second round of interviews would be happening soon. It is not expected that a recommendation will be available for the November 1 Board Meeting. It is still anticipated that a new Superintendent will be selected and in place by January, 2022.

#### **E. Pool Drainage Pipe (MOU)**

Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the MOU between Kettelhut Construction and WLCSC regarding the repairs to the pool drain line that was damaged during repairs to the pool deck.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the MOU between Kettelhut Construction and WLCSC.*

*Motion by: Mr. Schott*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

#### **F. Facility Use Addendum – Purdue Swim Club**

Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the Facility Use Addendum with the Purdue Swim Club for use of the WLCSC Aquatics Center.

*A motion was made that the board of School Trustees approve the Facility Use Addendum with the Purdue Swim Club for use of the WLCSC Aquatics Center.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**G. WLCSC Health Clinic**

Mr. Ohlhaut presented information regarding the possibility of offering a free Health Clinic to employees and families of employees at WLCSC. Two local health clinics are open to accepting additional clients (WLCSC), so the School Corporation would not have to start a new clinic from the beginning. The two companies are Everside Health and Proactive MD. One of the Clinics is located in the Purdue Research Park, and the other is located on the South end of town. More details will be provided at a future meeting.

**H. Acceptance of Donations**

*Recommendation:* Mr. Pettibone recommended the Board of School Trustees accept an anonymous \$2,500 donation for the WLIS Principal's Discretionary Fund, and a \$3,000 donation from West Side Flag, Inc. for Football Headsets.

*A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the \$2,500 and \$3,000 donations.*

*Motion by: Mr. Schott*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Witt*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**K. Personnel Report**

*Recommendation:* Mr. Pettibone 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 names reflected in the Personnel Repo.*

*Motion by: Dr. Springer*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 6 of 7\**

*\*Abstention – Mr. Marley*

**L. Accounts Payable Vouchers**

*Recommendation:* Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$3,885,056.69.

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

*Motion by: Mrs. Witt*

*Seconded by: Mrs. Austin*

*Vote: 7 of 7*

**V. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

None

**VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Mr. Schott reported for the West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation. He noted that there were quite a few homecoming reunions – one class raised money to do beautification of door 1 of the Jr/Sr High School and also working on a scholarship (Class of 71), and the Class of 75 is working on a scholarships and teacher grants—two for the fall and spring cycles.

Dr. Springer reported that the West Lafayette Wellness Center will be adding Silver Fit. Educational programs will be offered this fall with Parks and Recreation. With regard to GLASS decentralization, 2021-2022 will

a pause year to evaluate the changes that have been made to date. Teacher discussion entailed e-learning discussions and the expiration of COVID Leave. The consideration of the Health Clinic was also discussed.

Mr. Karpick reported that negotiations are ongoing on the Master Contract.

Mr. Marley reported that much road construction continues around West Lafayette. He highlighted Chauncey Street and Salisbury Street constructions projects. He indicated Yeager Road will be coming in the future.

Mrs. Witt asked if the buses have been handling the construction zones without difficulty. Mr. Sloat responded that there have been a few bus issues. The corners tend to be very tight. Drivers are aware of the situations, and the School Corporation communicates with the contractors.

**VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. – Former Happy Hollow Elementary School - LGI Room.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

*Motion by: Mrs. Austin*

*Seconded by: Mr. Marley*

*Vote: 7 of 7*



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President



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Secretary