MINUTES

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room 1200 N. Salisbury Street West Lafayette, Indiana

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES Monday January 10, 2022

PRESENT:

Mr. Alan Karpick; Dr. Karen Springer; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mrs. Amy Austin; Mr. Thomas Schott; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Dr. Yue Yin; Mr. Ross Sloat, Interim Superintendent; and Mr. Stephen Ohlhaut, Assistant CFO

President Witt called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

President Witt read the Mission Statement of the West Lafayette Community School Corporation. She also noted that Roberts Rule of Order is the Parliamentary Rule which the Board operates under.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the Monday January 10, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Motion by: Mr. Schott

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on December 6, 2021.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Karpick

Vote: 7 of 7

C. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on December 20, 2021.

Motion by: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

- II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None
- III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE (current Agenda items)
 Mr. Cheng-Kok Koh WLCSC Parent

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academic Achievement - Facilities and COVID Updates

Mr. Sloat reported that construction is beginning to wind-down at the JSHS. The stair tower is close to being finalized and should be complete sometime in March of 2022. This project has been delayed due to the availability of materials.

School resumed on Thursday, January 6, 2022 from winter break. COVID numbers are tracked at each building and reported to central office. Once central office receives the information, it is uploaded on the Indiana Department of Health State Gateway site.

Due to the break, numbers have increased, but note that staff and students were not in the buildings during break, therefore preventing any spread and/or quarantines. Communication continues with Drs. Ho and

Bianculli who recommend that classes continue at this time. If there are any new developments, the information will be relayed to staff and parents. WLCSC remains with the 10-day quarantine protocol. Mr. Sloat also noted that in the personnel report, a request is being made for permanent substitute teachers if the need arises. This is due to a shortage of subs and to ensure class coverage.

Discussion ensued.

B. Resolutions

Recommendation: Mr. Ohlhaut recommended the Board of School Trustees approve appropriation transfers within funds for 2022. Also, this includes a request to make inter-fund transfers of funds to cover any temporary negative fund balances and approval to make pre-paid payments that must be made outside of the normal Board Claims time schedule.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve a resolution for appropriation transfers within funds and a resolution for additional check runs as needed between Board meetings.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin

Seconded by: Mr. Karpick

Vote: 7 of 7

C. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Mr. Sloat recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve all information contained in the report. The report also includes a request to hire two permanent substitute teachers per School building during the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year should circumstances necessitate. The personnel report is available on the WLCSC website.

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: Dr. Springer

Seconded by: Mrs. Austin

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D. Accounts Payable Vouchers

Recommendation: Mr. Ohlhaut recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report. The total claims paid: \$6,119,441.48. The APV is available on the WLCSC website.

Discussion ensued.

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. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

Mrs. Witt provided information with how the community can contact the WLCSC Board of School Trustees. Her letter was emailed to all staff members, sent to parents/guardians via Skyward and is posted on the website.

Mrs. Witt also has invited the community to an *Open Dialogue* with a Board member(s) and a Central Office Administrator on the first Saturday of every month from 9-10 a.m. at the West Side Payless Dining Court. The initial "First Saturday Feedback Session" will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 and will then continue on the first Saturday of the months following.

VI. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Austin – she deferred to Mr. Schott to discuss the West Lafayette Education Foundation.

Mr. Schott – December 9, 2021 was the last Foundation meeting. The highlight of that meeting were tours of the new construction at the JSHS (James R Guy Education Wing and the Bob Kelly Performing Arts Center). The student council will be holding a food drive in January 2022, as well as, preparing for the prom and graduation. Mrs. Wendi Ailor, Executive Director, reported that Giving Tuesday was a big success, and there were many first-time donors. Wendi also mentioned that on January 8, 2022, at the boys' basketball game, John Taylor, class of '57, who donated the single largest gift to athletics was recognized and spoke to the crowd. On March 26, 2022 Scarlet and Gray Event will be held at the Shively Club at Ross Ade Stadium from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and sponsors are still needed. Mr. Schott also acknowledged Mrs. Wendi Ailor for the fantastic job she is doing with the Foundation.

Dr. Yin – she attended a tour of the Greater Lafayette Career Academy organized by the Public School Foundation and was very impressed with the facility and what it has to offer. GLCA provides learning opportunities for students and registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. There will also be an Open House on January 19, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. for the public.

*The Board thanked Dr. Yin for sharing impressive photos she took from the tour. Mr. Shriner was also commended for his lead on this at the high school level.

Dr. Springer – she reported that the Wellness Center will celebrate their 1st year anniversary on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The center will be open to the public, free of charge, to utilize their fitness floor, pool, sample classes and walking track. A complete schedule of events will be posted on their Facebook and Twitter pages. Looking to 2022, new events, programs and classes will be added. At Cumberland Park, two new gaga pits were donated and installed by the Lafayette Kiwanis Club. Dr. Springer added that she will serve as the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Board President for 2022. She also said that the Parks Board needs a new member to serve a four-year term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. Per state statue, this person needs to be a Republican. Please contact Dr. Springer if you are interested.

Mr. Karpick – he reported the Alumni Committee is involved with the Wall of Pride which will take place April 7 and 8, 2022 at the JSHS.

Mr. Marley – he reported that the (city) Redevelopment Committee will begin meeting virtually once again. They approved a spending plan for 2022 at almost 25.9 million dollars and TIF districts are approaching close to 800 million dollars. The only tax dollars the WLCSC receives from the TIF districts are referendum dollars.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Randy Studt – WLCSC Teacher Mrs. Angie Janes – WLCSC Parent Mr. Cheng-Kok Koh – WLCSC Parent

VIII. <u>FUTURE MEETINGS</u>

Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

IX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by: Dr. Springer Seconded by: Mr. Karpick Vote: 7 of 7

President

Secretary