

MINUTES

**Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room
1200 N. Salisbury Street
West Lafayette, Indiana**

Monday, January 10, 2022

PRESENT: Mr. Alan Karpick; Dr. Karen Springer; Mr. Brad Marley; Mrs. Amy Austin; Mr. Tom Schott; Mrs. Rachel Witt; Dr. Yue Yin; Mr. Ross Sloat, Interim Superintendent; and Mr. Stephen Ohlhaut, Asst CFO

President Karpick called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the January 10, 2022, Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as prepared.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Dr. Springer reported she received input from all seven Board members regarding Board officers for 2022. The majority endorsed Mrs. Rachel Witt for President.

Discussion ensued. Dr. Yin made a motion to nominate Mr. Brad Marley for President. There was no second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board President - A motion was put before the Board to place the name of Mrs. Rachel Witt in nomination as president of the Board of School Trustees for 2022.

**Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 6 of 7
Dr. Yin - No**

Mrs. Witt thanked fellow board members who have supported her on the Board and does not take their confidence lightly. She extended appreciation to Mr. Karpick for his dedication to WLCSC schools and for his leadership as Board President for nine years. She acknowledged Mr. Karpick's time spent mentoring and training fellow board members, his personal investment and dedication, in addition to providing near twenty-four-hour access for questions/concerns.

Mrs. Witt's personal ethic is to be honest, humble and work hard. She noted that is how she will proceed in her role as president.

Dr. Springer reported she received input from all seven Board members regarding Board officers For 2022. The majority endorsed Mr. Brad Marley for Vice-President.

Discussion ensued. Dr. Yin made a motion to nominate herself for Vice-President. There was no second. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board Vice President - A motion was put before the Board to place the name of Mr. Bradley Marley in nomination as Vice-President of the Board of School Trustees for 2022.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Karpick Vote: 7 of 7

Mr. Marley has been on the Board for the past 14 years and thanked Mr. Karpick. Mr. Marley continued with saying how his wife is a proud alumnus of WLCSC as well as their children. He continued with noting how he's worked on negotiations for past eight years to take care of the staff and faculty. He noted that the committee recently approved the highest wage increase at 5.65%. The staff and faculty are highly valued, and he appreciates all they do. Mr. Marley also discussed his participation on the insurance committee, and how they work diligently to keep premiums affordable. There are many other committees Mr. Marley participates in, so he is extremely knowledgeable and wants to do everything to help the students because this is what it's all about.

Mrs. Witt extended sincere appreciation to Dr. Springer for serving nine years as Vice-President, and for the tremendous amount of time and work she has provided to the School Board of Trustees.

Dr. Springer reported she received input from all seven Board members regarding Board officers For 2022. The majority endorsed Mr. Tom Schott for Secretary.

Discussion ensued.

Board Secretary - A motion was put before the Board to place the name of Mr. Thomas Schott in nomination as Secretary of the Board of School Trustees for 2022.

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

Mr. Schott began by thanking Mr. Karpick and Dr. Springer for what they've brought to him personally, and professionally. Mr. Schott's wife is a WLCSC administrator, coach and teacher. In addition, both of their sons graduated from WLCSC. He stated that there are a lot of teachers in his family and he strongly support the teaching profession. He noted that teaching has become an increasingly challenging profession, not only here, but everywhere, so he wants to ensure the best is being done for teachers, staff, faculty and students.

B. Bonded Positions for 2022

Motions were put before the Board to bond each of the following positions.

Section 3 of SB 393 requires that any individual handling funds that belong to a school corporation (as defined in IC 20-26-2-4) must be covered under a surety bond. School treasurers and deputy treasurers must also be bonded. The bonds guarantee employees' faithful performance of their duties.

- Position: Treasurer – Ross Sloat (\$100,000)
- Position: Assistant Treasurer – Stephen Ohlhaut (\$100,000)
- Position: Deputy Treasurer – Janelle Wade (\$100,000)
- Position: Extra Curricular Accounts Treasurer – LeAnn Montemayer (\$25,000)
- Position: Athletic Secretary – Kathy Slauter (\$25,000)

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mr. Karpick Vote: 7 of 7

C. Appointment Positions for 2022

School Corporation Physicians - Chester Ho, M.D. and Anne Marie Bianculli, M.D.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Dr. Springer Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

School Corporation Attorneys & COSA Representation - Robert C. Reiling, Jr., Kevin Riley, Ryan Muden, Kyle Dietrich and Bradley Neely.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Schott Vote: 6 of 7
Dr. Yin - No**

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Board Compensation – Per Indiana Code 20-26-4-7

Annual salary of \$2,000 per Board member, and the additional rate of \$112.00 (per meeting night rather than per meeting). Therefore, if multiple meetings are held on the same date, the compensation would remain at \$112.00 for the evening. Executive and Work Sessions held on another night (other than a regular school board meeting) would be at a rate of \$62.00.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that members of the Board of School Trustees be compensated for board meeting attendance at the rate of \$112.00 per regular board meeting, a rate of \$62.00 for work and executive sessions in addition to an annual salary of \$2,000.00.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin Seconded by: Mr. Marley Vote: 7 of 7

B. Education Foundation Appointments

Mr. Tom Schott and Mr. Alan Karpick

Motion by: Dr. Springer Seconded by: Mrs. Austin Vote: 7 of 7

V. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Marley Seconded by: Mr. Karpick Vote: 7 of 7



President



Secretary

