

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, May 8, 2023**

PRESENT: Mrs. Rachel Witt; Mr. Bradley Marley; Mrs. Amy Austin; Mr. Thomas Schott; Dr. Yue Yin; Mrs. Dacia Mumford; Mr. Laurence Wang; Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent; Mrs. Anna Roth, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Michelle Cronk, CFO

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

I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The Westside Robotics were awarded the 2023 Galileo Division Winners at the World Championship in Houston, Texas. The students introduced themselves and shared information regarding their experience.

CONGRATULATIONS to Westside Robotics on their success!

We're so PROUD of our students, staff and volunteers!

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made to approve the Agenda for the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Austin

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Board of School Trustees Executive Session held on April 20, 2023.**

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

- C. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on April 10, 2023.***

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mrs. Mumford

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Wang to include his commentary from the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting within the April 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 4 of 7

Yes: Marley, Mumford, Wang, Yin; No: Witt, Austin, Schott; The motion passed.

Mrs. Witt returned to the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on April 10, 2023.*

The April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were updated to include Mr. Wang's commentary and uploaded to the website on May 11, 2023.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

IV. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE (Current Agenda Items)

Mrs. Lora Marie Williams, Parent – Students with disabilities

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wellness Center After-School Childcare MOU

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the West Lafayette Community School Corporation and the West Lafayette Wellness Center regarding after-school childcare. He invited Ms. Ashley Conner, Youth Development Coordinator with the West Lafayette Wellness Center, to provide an overview of the after-school childcare program. Registration will begin on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7 a.m. The MOU is available on the WL website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08), and the after-school childcare information will be available on the Wellness Center website at <https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/our-city/wellness-center>.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Wellness Center After-School Childcare MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

B. Field Trips

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following field trip requests:

- West Lafayette Orchestra/Band: Kings Island in Cincinnati, OH - May 20, 2023
- Boys HS Football: Manchester University, North Manchester, IN - June 19-21, 2023
- Girls Basketball Camp: Ft. Wayne, IN - June 28-30, 2023
- Boys Soccer Camp: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN - July 10-13, 2023

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the field trips as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Schott

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

C. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve all information contained in the personnel report.

Discussion ensued.

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

Motion by: Mrs. Austin

Seconded by: Mrs. Mumford

Vote: 6 of 7

Yes: Witt, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; Abstention: Marley; The motion passed.

D. Student Code of Conduct Handbook Revisions

Recommendation: Mrs. Roth recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the changes/updates to the Student Code of Conduct Handbooks for all three schools (WLES, WLIS and JSJS). The proposed revisions can be viewed on the website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08).

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the recommended changes/updates to the Student Code of Conduct Handbooks for all three schools.

Motion by: Mr. Schott

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

E. Out-of-School Care Update

Mrs. Roth presented an overview regarding the Out-of-School Program Study Group. The study group consisted of Mrs. Roth, Principals and two parents. Discussion involved the following:

- What do we know?
- What do we need to know?
- How do we gain information?
- What is working?
- What needs work?

A survey was conducted and results were discussed. The presentation, along with the survey results, can be located on the WLCSC website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08).

Discussion ensued.

F. WGU Affiliation Agreement

Recommendation: Mrs. Roth recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the WGU Affiliation Agreement. The agreement allows the district to host a nurse intern, enrolled in a Bachelor of Science Nursing program (RN-BSN). The intern would be required to complete a background check and follow the same expectations as any similarly-situated employee. A copy of the agreement is located on the WL website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08).

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the WGU Affiliation Agreement to host a nurse intern.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

G. JSJS Gym Roof Replacement Recommendation

Recommendation: Bids were accepted for the replacement of the gym roof at the JSJS. Fanning

Howey assisted with the advertisement and bid process. Bids were submitted by Hinshaw Roofing & Sheet Metal, AAA Roofing and Foster Contracting. The lowest overall bid was submitted by Foster Contracting with the base bid amount of \$271,700.00. Mrs. Cronk requested the Board approve the recommendation for Foster Contracting to replace the JSHS gym roof.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the JSHS Gym Roof Replacement as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Schott

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

- ❖ Mrs. Witt indicated that she will be adjourning at 8:00 p.m. for a break.

H. Food Service Contracts

Recommendation: The West Lafayette Community School Corporation Food Service Department is a member of K12's Leading Indiana Co-op (KLIC). KLIC follows formal bid processes outlined by the state purchasing laws and utilizes an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Dairy and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Main Line Distributor, Pizza and Frozen Novelties. Bids were posted as prescribed by state code, tabulated and approved by the Board of Directors. Per Indiana Department Education procurement regulations, bids may be renewed in one (1) year increments for up to five (5) years. Mrs. Courtney FitzSimons, WLCSC Food Service Director, presented the information to the Board and Mrs. Cronk, CFO, recommended the Board's approval of the contracts as presented. The contracts can be located on the WL website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08).

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Food Service Contracts as presented.

Motion by: Mrs. Austin

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

- ❖ Mrs. Witt adjourned at 8:00 p.m. for a five-minute break.
- ❖ Mrs. Witt reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

I. The Church Agreement

Recommendation: The updated lease agreement for The Church facility usage of Happy Hollow formerly consisted of the original agreement and an addendum; the school corporation attorney drafted a new lease agreement that combines the language from both. Leased space and monthly cost will remain the same. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Mrs. Cronk recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the updated agreement between WLCSC and The Church. A copy of the agreement is located on the WL website www.wl.k12.in.us (view all documents / School Board Information / Board Meeting Documents / 2023 / 2023_05_08).

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve The Church Agreement as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Schott

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

J. Accounts Payable/Finance Update

Recommendation: Mrs. Cronk recommended that the Board approve the audited claims in the report.

The total claims paid:

Corporation Claims – \$2,268,696.27

WVEC Claims – \$81,546.08

Total Claims Paid – \$2,350,242.35

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

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Mrs. Austin

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.

K. Board Training Discussion

The Board met in an Executive Session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, with Dr. Donlon facilitating, to train School Board Members regarding the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

Mrs. Witt asked the Board what their thoughts were on continuing Board Trainings and how they'd like to proceed.

Discussion ensued.

Training options will be explored.

VI. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

Mrs. Witt expressed gratitude to the West Lafayette Education Foundation for the Scarlet and Gray Banquet which is a wonderful fundraiser for the West Lafayette Community School Corporation. Board members Witt, Marley, Austin and Schott, along, with many Administrators and teachers attended the event.

The West Lafayette Community School Corporation retirees will be celebrated with an Open House on Monday, June 12, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the HH LGI Room, and awards will be presented at the beginning of the evening's Board Meeting.

Commencement information for all Board Members will be forthcoming. Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023.

The ISBA Spring Regional IV Meeting was held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at The Stables. The School Board received the Exemplary Governance Award, Commendable 2022, which included members Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Karpick, Springer and Yin. Exemplary Board status is the highest honor a School Board can earn from ISBA. The Board must meet specific requirements that show evidence of a commitment to student achievement, continuous improvement, strategic planning, policy review and accountability.

Individual awards are based on points accumulated through attendance at ISBA events and activities. There are four levels of Exemplary Governance Award (EGA) distinction: Commendable, Advanced, Distinguished and Exemplary. Members Witt, Marley, Austin and Yin received recognition for meeting such criteria.

Board Chair Notes will be discontinued; not all Board Members are utilizing the notes provided.

VII. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Greiner

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 26th at 7 p.m. in the Berberian Gymnasium. The gym floor is in the final stages; with curing, it should be accessible by Monday, May 15th.

The Indiana Legislative Session has ended. While we did not receive the level of funding we had hoped, we did see a last-minute improvement based on communication to legislators on that last day after the combined conference committee version taking into consideration the two original versions.

- We are grateful for the last-minute response.
- I did contact our local legislators and am aware some of you did, too.
- I also took the time to thank them for the last-minute work on the issue.
- Thank you to any Board member who reached out.

Some information to consider regarding this past session:

- There were 223 bills being tracked by ISBA.
- 19% of all bills were related to K-12, school, governance and/or children.
- The number of school related bills continues to rise each legislative session.
- The final percentage for the budget bill leaves Indiana Traditional Public Schools on average a 4.7% increase in basic tuition (which included foundation and complexity funding) support in fiscal year 2024 and .5% in 2025.
 - The foundation funding per student increases 5.7% in 2024 and 1.4% in 2025.
 - The West Lafayette numbers are increasing right in line with the foundation funding.
- This is certainly the year that vouchers see a huge percentage increase of 72.6% from fiscal year 2023.
- Of the 48 new school related laws enacted, we will work closely with ISBA and NEOLA as these revisions begin to play out.

Mr. Schott

Wall of Pride events took place on April 13th and 14th. Five alumni and one educator were inducted into the Wall of Pride. Their plaques are located in the Commons of the JSHS outside the Berberian Gym.

Scarlet and Gray was held on Saturday, April 22nd. There were a record number of attendees (191), including a good representation from the Administration and Board. While the numbers are not quite final, it looks as though we'll have a new fundraising record for this event.

2023 Scholarship Recipients have been notified of their awards. WLSEF awarded 23 students 33 scholarships for a total of \$36,000. They will be recognized at a reception prior to the Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 26th.

The Class of 1958 is in town this week for their 65th Class Reunion. There are 17 class members attending. (Remarkable!!!) Wendi Ailor, WLSEF Executive Director, is meeting with them this evening at the Whittaker Inn.

Dr. Yin

The after-school program was covered earlier in the meeting.

On April 17th, under the supervision of our Environmental Science Teacher Andi Hipsher, student volunteers removed some unwanted species near the Kingston entrance in Happy Hollow Park.

On Friday, April 28th, the West Lafayette Parks Department and the West Lafayette Tree Friends hosted their annual Arbor Day Celebration with planting 16 trees.

Over two hundred volunteers worked together to "Detrash the Wabash" on Saturday, April 22nd. De-Trash Day cleans over a nine mile stretch of the Wabash River. A second clean-up will take place in the fall.

The Farmer's Market has opened for the season. The market is open Wednesdays in Cumberland Park

from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. May-October.

Mr. Marley

The Redevelopment Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 17th at 8:30 a.m. in Margerum City Hall.

Wall of Pride Alumni Reception was held on Thursday, April 13th at the Lafayette Country Club. Inductees honored were:

- Sonia Yris Angell – 1983
- John Dennis – 1977
- Dr. Chris Ho – 1984
- David Kelso – 1963
- Gary Lehman – 1970
- Joseph Krause – Educator

The event was very well-attended and a great celebration.

Mr. Wang

Attended the ISBA Spring Regional Meeting and said it was quite a learning experience and very informative.

Mrs. Mumford

Congratulated Mrs. Laura Falk, WLCSC Diversity Initiative Specialist, on receiving a Mathemagicians funded grant. This was presented to Mrs. Falk by the Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County on May 3rd.

Mrs. Austin

The January 2023 Organizational Minutes were updated/finalized and uploaded to the WLCSC website.

The March 2023 Regular Board Minutes were updated/finalized and uploaded to the WLCSC website.

Thanked the West Lafayette Foundation for a great evening at the Scarlet and Gray. Those events take a lot of work and volunteers and everyone involved is appreciated.

Mrs. Austin also recommended that all Board members read the ISBA update regarding the legislative session because it provides a lot of good information.

Board/Teacher discussion will hold its next meeting on May 18, 2023.

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items)

Herr Randy Studt, JSHS Teacher – Teacher Appreciation Week and Corporation updates

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Executive Session, Floyd Administration Building

Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Work Session, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

X. UPCOMING DATES of INTEREST

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – Last Day of School

Friday, May 26, 2023 – Graduation at 7:00 p.m.; JSHS Berberian Gymnasium

Monday, June 12, 2023 from 5:30 to 6:15 – Retirement Reception, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

Monday, June 12, 2023 (during Board Meeting) – Retirement Recognition, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

XI. INFORMATION for the PUBLIC

Board documents will be posted on the WLCSC website as early as Friday afternoon and no later than noon on the Monday prior to the Board meeting.

Video and audio will be posted within 7-10 days following the Board meeting.

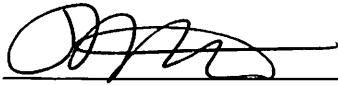
XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Witt, Marley, Austin, Schott, Yin, Mumford, Wang; No: None; The motion passed.



President



Secretary