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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, June 10, 2024

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

ABSENT: Mr. Tom Schott

President Austin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS – WLCSC Retirees

- ✚ Mr. Ronald Shriner, JSHS Principal
- ✚ Mrs. Kathy Slauter, Athletics Department Administrative Assistant
- ✚ Mrs. Denise Deutsch, Elementary Teacher
- ✚ Mrs. Robyn Bennet, Food Service Department Administrative Assistant

CONGRATULATIONS! We wish you all the BEST.

II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Randy Studt, JSHS German Teacher - (changes to the HS Diploma)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were placed under the Consent Agenda for the Board's approval:

- **Agenda for the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**
- **Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of School Trustees held on May 30, 2024.**
- **Minutes of the Work Session of the Board of School Trustees held on May 13, 2024.**
- **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on May 13, 2024.**
- **2024-2025 School Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar**
- **Meridian Health MOU**
- **Field Trips**
 - **May 30-June 1, 2024: IHSA State Track and Field Meet in Bloomington, IN**
 - **June 4-7, 2024: WLHS Dance Team Camp in Wheaton, IL**
 - **July 23-25, 2024: Cross Country Team Camp in Chesterton, IN**
- **Personnel Report**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Consultation Agreement

Recommendation: Dr. Greiner presented the agreement from SkyBound Education for Strategic Planning and requested Board approval to move forward.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the SkyBound Education Agreement for Strategic Planning.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 6 of 7

Discussion from Mrs. Mumford included appreciation for the process, the information that was shared and the presentation. She also had a question regarding data collection and if it will be publicly shared as well as who will be involved in the meetings with SkyBound.

Dr. Yin also asked about data analysis and if it would be available.

Yes: Austin, Marley, Witt, Yin, Mumford, Wang; Absent: Schott; The motion passed.

B. Quantitative Reasoning Course Curricular Materials Adoption

Recommendation: Mrs. Roth made a recommendation for the Board to approve curricular materials to be adopted for a newly offered course at the JSHS called Quantitative Reasoning, which is the “application of basic math skills, such as algebra, to the analysis and interpretation of real-world quantitative information in the context of a discipline or an interdisciplinary problem to draw conclusions that are relevant to students in their daily lives.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the adoption of curricular materials for Quantitative Reasoning.

Motion by: Mr. Marley

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 6 of 7

Discussion from Mr. Wang included clarification on credit hour(s), if this course follows Indiana Academic standards, and if there was an estimate on how many students will enroll in the class.

Yes: Austin, Marley, Witt, Yin, Mumford, Wang; Absent: Schott; The motion passed.

C. Food Service Presentation

Mrs. Courtney FitzSimons, Food Service Director, provided a presentation which including the following information (the presentation is available on the website with the Board packet):

- Food Service Funding (cost and sources): status, USDA reimbursement, student rate and total cost.
- K12’s Leading Indiana Co-op (KLIC): categories, companies and documentation and bid year.



JSHS

- Red Devil Court Dining Survey.
- Food favorites.



WLES and WLIS

- Student/Parent Survey: school percentage satisfaction rating.
- Food favorites.
- Student/parent comments and suggestions.



Common misconceptions.

- National School Lunch Program Guidelines come from the USDA.

- A minimum of 1 full cup of fruit and 1 full cup of vegetables are offered at all schools.
- Most grade levels require 2 oz equivalents of protein.
- Vegetarian options are offered at all grade levels.
- Plant-based proteins are entering the K-12 industry.
- Schools are required to offer fat-free and low-fat milk and not allowed to replace with water.
- Soy milk is available for lactose-intolerant students.
- Meals can be provided for students with special diets.
- Items sold at a-la-carte must follow Smart Snack Guidelines.

Discussion topics included food “waste,” share tables (unopened items), surveys, healthy eating habits, water fountains and water testing.

D. Food Service Contracts

Recommendation: West Lafayette Community School Corporation’s Food Service Department is a member of K12’s Leading Indiana Cooperative (KLIC). KLIC is recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as a School Food Authority Cooperative. Upon evaluation of bids and request for proposals (RFP) for the 2024-2025 school year, Mrs. Cronk recommended the Board’s approval to purchase from KLIC contracts.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2024-2025 KLIC contracts for food services.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 6 of 7

Yes: Austin, Marley, Witt, Yin, Mumford, Wang; Absent: Schott; The motion passed.

E. WVEC Agreement

Recommendation: Mrs. Cronk presented a WVEC Operating Agreement for the Board’s approval. This contract outlines the expectations of both WVEC and the WLCSC in an annual operating agreement to ensure that proper internal controls are in place. There was a recent audit finding regarding a WVEC federal grant, and the agreement specifies what the WLCSC will do as the fiscal agent for WVEC. The agreement will be reviewed annually.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the 2024-2025 WVEC Operating Agreement as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 6 of 7

Discussion topics included the amount of time the WLCSC will spend on training, involvement in overseeing WVEC’s Internal Controls and the cost WVEC will reimburse the WLCSC.

Yes: Austin, Marley, Witt, Yin, Mumford, Wang; Absent: Schott; The motion passed.

F. Finance Update

Mrs. Cronk reported that the Objects Breakdown of the month’s claims is included in the Board Packet during the period of May 4 through June 4. Two Fund Reports were also provided. The first one is the month-end final Fund Report for April after all revenue and expenses have posted and the bank reconciled. A preliminary Fund Report for May, which is still in process of posting revenue and some expenses, was also included in the Board packet.

The Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) is wrapping up its professional development calendar for the year.

Fiscal year and reports will be worked on over the summer as well as the 2025 budget.

VI. INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

Mrs. Austin

- Concerns were shared regarding the GPS diploma plan with Representative Chris Campbell, and it was suggested that Dr. Greiner, the administrative team and myself meet with Dr. Jenner, the State Superintendent of Public Education. A zoom meeting was held with Dr. Jenner to express concerns. Community members are encouraged to visit the website <https://indianagps.doe.in.gov/> for more information.
- I attended the ISBA Law Seminar with Mr. Wang last week, and Mrs. Cronk and I will be attending the Budget Seminar on Wednesday.

VII. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Greiner - Superintendent

- Mrs. Shelby Johnson will be the new Assistant Principal at the JSHS.
- The Director of Special Education position will be posted and is a full-time position focusing on K-12 special education services. The coordinator position, at the elementary school, will not be replaced, but a Behavior Intervention Teacher will be hired instead as this position has been identified as a need.
- There are plans to also hire a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). The WLCSC has one RBT that splits time between WLES and WLIS, but an additional RBT will allow one to remain at each school.
- The Mental Health Counselor position will remain for another year.

Mrs. Mumford – Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County

- The Public Schools Foundation has four West Lafayette community members who serve on the board.
- The Cupcake Run, which is the big fundraiser, will be September 22.
- The fall Teacher Grant cycle will begin August 1 and is open until mid-September.

Mr. Wang – Parks and Recreation

- I attend the ISBA Law Seminar last week, and there are a lot of updates on new regulations and implications regarding public education.
- ISBA (Indiana School Board Association) and the IAPSS (Indiana Association of Public-School Superintendents) are working together to update their association evaluations.
- The Parks Board approved a designing group to help them develop a master plan for the Celery Bog and Lilly Nature Center.
- The municipal pool opened over the Memorial Day weekend.
- The next meeting will be held next Monday (June 17).

Mrs. Witt – Board/Teacher Discussion

- Board-Teacher discussion was held on May 16 (*Mrs. Austin attended and provided a report to Mrs. Witt*).
- School open houses have been scheduled and times staggered so that if families have students in different buildings, they are able to attend.
- Anticipated class sizes were discussed.
- There are a few certified positions still open as well as non-certified staffing positions.
- No change in the cell phone policy at the elementary or intermediate schools, and the JSHS is still in development.
- Next Board-Teacher discussion meeting will be held on August 5.

Dr. Yin – G.L.A.S.S.

- G.L.A.S.S. will not meet until next semester.

Mr. Schott – WLSEF and Community Council (*absent*)

- WLSEF: *no report*

- Community Council: *no report*

Mr. Marley – Redevelopment Commission

- The last Redevelopment Meeting was held on May 15 – Dr. Greiner and I both attended.
- APA and Associates conducted a Pre-K survey, which revealed there is an unmet need between 75-125 slots with the best strategic site closer to Kalberer Road based on the population. It's possible there is room for two facilities in West Lafayette, although the survey didn't provide that information, but there is definitely a need for Pre-K education in the community.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 5 p.m. – Work Session, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Happy Hollow Building, LGI Room

IX. UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – Professional Day (Staff Only)

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – School Year Begins

X. 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, audio, and written transcript will be posted within 7-10 days following the Board meeting.

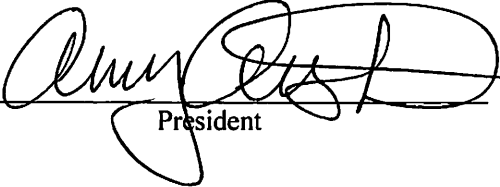
XI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

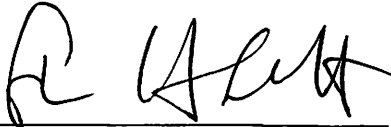
Seconded by: Mr. Marley

Vote: 6 of 7

Yes: Austin, Marley, Witt, Yin, Mumford, Wang; Absent: Schott; The motion passed.



President



Secretary

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