

MINUTES

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Office
3061 Benton Street
West Lafayette, Indiana

Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees Monday, January 13, 2025

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

Oath of Office: IC 20-26-4-2 requires any person “elected or selected” to be on the School Board to take an Oath of Office at any time after the individual’s appointment or election. The oath must be taken no later than thirty (30) days after the beginning of the term of office.

Board Members that were elected to the Board of School Trustees completed the Oath-of-Office, and they’ve been filed with the Tippecanoe County Clerk’s Office.

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

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the January 13, 2025, Organizational Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as prepared.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mrs. Mumford

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Mrs. Austin polled all the Board members for nominations of Board President, Board Vice President and Board Secretary. The Officers will hold their positions until December 31, 2025.

**Motions were made and seconded for Board President, Vice President and Secretary as noted below. Prior to the votes, Board members were provided the opportunity to comment and/or provide their perspective(s) regarding their support for the nominees.*

Discussion ensued before each of the votes were finalized.

Following discussion, a motion was made for a roll-call vote for Board President.

Motion by: Dr. Purpura

Seconded by: Mrs. Witt

**Each Board member verbally cast their vote for Board President as noted below.*

Board President

A motion was placed before the Board to place the name of Laurence Wang in nomination as President of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Mr. Wang accepted the nomination.

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford

Seconded by: Dr. Yin

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Yes: Mumford, Wang, Yin

A motion was placed before the Board to place the name of Amy Austin in nomination for President of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Mrs. Austin accepted the nomination.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Lyle

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Purpura, Witt

Mrs. Austin was appointed Board of School Trustees President for 2025.

Board Vice President

A motion was placed before the Board to place the name of Laurence Wang in nomination for Vice President of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Mr. Wang accepted the nomination.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Lyle

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed .

A motion was placed before the Board to place the name of Yue Yin in nomination for Board Vice President of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Dr. Yin declined the nomination.

Motion by: Dr. Purpura

Mr. Wang was appointed Board of School Trustees Vice President for 2025.

Board Secretary

A motion was placed before the Board to place the name of Yue Yin in nomination as Secretary of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Dr. Yin accepted the nomination.

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

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Yes: Mumford, Wang, Yin; The motion failed.

A motion was put before the Board to place the name of George Lyle in nomination as Secretary of the Board of School Trustees for 2025. Mr. Lyle accepted the nomination.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Dr. Purpura

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Purpura, Witt; The motion passed.

Mr. Lyle was appointed Board of School Trustees Secretary for 2025.

Appointment of Corporation Treasurer

A motion was put before the Board to place the name of Michelle Cronk in nomination as the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Treasurer for 2025.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Dr. Purpura

Vote: 7 of 7

Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

Bonded Positions for 2025

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

- o Position: Treasurer – Michelle Cronk (\$100,000)
- o Position: Deputy Treasurer – Janelle Wade (\$100,000)
- o Position: Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer – LeAnn Montemayer (\$25,000)
- o Position: Athletic Secretary – Robin Beckham (\$25,000)

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

B. Appointment Positions for 2024

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

Motion by: Mr. Lyle

Seconded by: Dr. Purpura

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Discussion ensued expressing appreciation to the corporation physicians and how well they support and work with the school nurses.

Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

School Corporation Attorneys – Church/Church/Hittle/Antrim

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Lyle

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Discussion ensued regarding the contract with CCHA (services included, policies and additional fees incurred outside of the retainer). A retainer is for “typical” business and separate fees are for other services (lawsuits, public records requests and so forth).

Dr. Purpura called a “point of order” noting that the vote was for the renewal of the school attorney, not other contracts and this should be discussed during the regular meeting.

Discussion still continued noting that if the Board of School Trustees were to terminate the contract with the current attorney, this would not be done prior to retaining new legal counsel as this would leave the school corporation vulnerable and exposed.

Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

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 \$150 per meeting night rather than per meeting. Therefore, if multiple meetings are held on the same date, the compensation would remain at \$150 for the evening. Executive and Work Sessions held on another night would be at a rate of \$75.

A motion was made that members of the Board of School Trustees receive an annual salary of \$2,000 and compensation for board meeting attendance at the rate of \$150 per regular board meeting and a rate of \$75 for individual work and executive sessions.

Motion by: Mr. Wang

Seconded by: Mr. Lyle

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Discussion ensued regarding how the rates are determined, and it was noted that any Board member who would like to contribute any portion of their salary to the West Lafayette Education Foundation may do so.

Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

B. Education Foundation Appointment(s)

A motion was put before the Board to place the name of Rachel Witt in nomination to serve on the West Lafayette Community School Corporation's Education Foundation Committee.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.

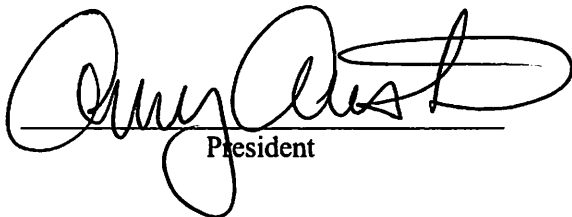
V. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Motion by: Dr. Purpura

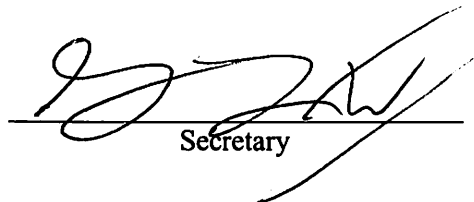
Seconded by: Mr. Lyle

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Yes: Austin, Lyle, Mumford, Purpura, Wang, Witt, Yin; The motion passed.



President



Secretary

**Mr. Lyle requested a five-minute recess prior to the Regular Board Meeting.*