

MINUTES

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

REGULAR 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

President Austin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **School Board Appreciation** – January is when School Board members are recognized for their commitment, leadership and public service.

Dr. Greiner said, “our team would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the WLCSC Board of Trustees. Your dedication, guidance and service impact our students, staff and community. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to excellence”.

The WLCSC Board of School Trustees were acknowledged with a certificate and token of appreciation.

II. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Agenda for the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees.**
- **Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of School Trustees held on December 16, 2024.**
- **Early Literacy Achievement Grant**
- **Wonderland Lease – removed from Consent Agenda**
Motion by: Mrs. Mumford
- **Field Trip: Social Studies Department to Washington, D. C.**
TBD: March/April 2025
- **Personnel Report**
- **Accounts Payable – removed from Consent Agenda**
 - Corporation Claims - \$8,213,984.21
 - WVEC Claims - \$45,462.00
 - Total Claims - \$8,259,446.21

Motion by: Dr. Yin

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve all remaining items listed in the Consent Agenda.

Motion by: Mrs. Witt

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 7 of 7

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Wonderland Lease. Since the Happy Hollow building is currently under review, with respect to its future and rental/leasing options, it was reported that feedback from tenants, community members, School Board members and survey results will be taken into consideration prior to any final decisions being made.

Following the discussion, a motion was made to approve the renewal of the Wonderland Lease for 2025.

Motion by: Mrs. Mumford

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 6 of 7

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

Discussion regarding Accounts Payable ensued. Clarification was requested for payments to CCHA and details of the charges. Another topic of discussion was in reference to a recent Public Records Request, procedures and incurred attorney expenses.

Following the discussion, a motion was made to approve Accounts Payable as presented.

Motion by: Dr. Purpura

Seconded by: Mrs. Witt

Vote: 7 of 7

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

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transfer Resolution

Recommendation: During the 2024 General Obligation (GO) Bond process, it was determined that the balance of the 2017 Lease Fund would be used to make debt service payments on the 2024 GO Bond in 2025. The transfer into Debt Service was indicated as a part of the 2025 Budget that was approved in October. It was deemed by resolution that the 2017 Lease projects were complete and that the remaining funds would be used for debt service payments. This will require a transfer of the balance of the 2017 Lease Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The balance as of December 31, 2024 in the 2017 Lease Fund is \$2,853,362.45 after posting accrued interest.

A motion was made that the Board of School Trustees approve the Transfer Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Lyle

Seconded by: Mr. Wang

Vote: 7 of 7

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

B. Board Training vs. Communication Agreement

Mrs. Austin spoke with the Board members regarding Board trainings and communication. She opened the floor for discussion with some of the following topics:

- Public Records Request and personal text messages.
- Dr. Greiner's Friday's notes to all Board member .

- Emergency information notification to the Board.
- Communication with the Board president and each other.
- Contacting the Board (personal emails and/or group emails on the website).
- Communication to and from the community.
- Points of contact for questions/concerns (following the chain of command).
- Keeping Dr. Greiner up-to-date regarding all emails Board members receive.
- Board members dialogue with the press.
- Board secretary will send an acknowledge message to the community member who sent the message.

Following Board discussion, it was decided that a Work Session would be held in February regarding this topic.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND CFO REPORTS

Dr. Greiner (*Superintendent*)

❖ Diploma

As you are aware, Indiana Department of Education has approved the new diploma.

- These new requirements will be effective for all students beginning with the graduation class of 2029.
- Acknowledged and thanked Mr. Rodgers, Counseling Team and School Staff as they work to unpack what this means specifically for our course offerings per pathway.
- There are three primary readiness seals:
 1. Enrollment Seal: For students planning to pursue higher education.
 2. Employment Seal: For students aiming to enter the workforce directly after high school.
 3. Enlistment & Service Seal: For students intending to join the military or engage in public service.

Each seal has two levels—Honors and Honors Plus—offering students the flexibility to tailor their high school experience to their future goals. [Government of Indiana](#)

- Again, much appreciation to Mr. Rodgers, the Counseling Team, and the entire school staff for their efforts in understanding and implementing the new Indiana diploma requirements.
- Their commitment to aligning our course offerings with these new pathways ensures that we are well-prepared to support our students' diverse aspirations.

❖ Strategic Planning

- Progressing along.
- Surveys complete and being analyzed.
- Focus Groups:
 - Three in December - two virtual and one in-person.
 - Another virtual in January (January 15 at 1PM).
- Graduates Prepared to Succeed - Workshop with Admin in February:
 - Focusing on graduation requirements.
 - What does preparation look like at each school level?
 - How does this information get linked into our strategic plan?
- From there, the next phase will be to move into Goals and Strategies Development.
- In March, our facilitator, Mr. Jones plans to present key findings to the board and discuss next steps in the process.

❖ Celebrate Student Author Felicia Xie

- Published a book.
- We celebrated that accomplishment by visiting Felicia at WLIS.
- We have invited Felicia to the February board meeting to discuss the process to publish, allow the board to congratulate her and/or ask questions.
- Several of our teachers were also acknowledged as supporters including: Mrs. Sue Stan, Mrs. Marah Brown, and Mrs. Celeste Fernandez.

Mrs. Cronk (*CFO*)

Mrs. Cronk reported that the Objects Breakdown of the month's claims is included in the Board Packet

during the period of December 5 through January 8. Two Fund Reports were also provided. The first one is the month-end final Fund Report for November 2024 after all revenue and expenses have been posted and the bank reconciled. A preliminary Fund Report for December 2024, which is still in the process of posting revenue and some expenses, was also included in the Board packet. Employee W2's are being finalized and will be delivered this week. The Business Office will begin working on Vendor 1099 Forms as well as the December 31 Form 9.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Austin (*Legislative Liaison*)

- There is a draft of the 2025 Board assignments, keeping members largely where they are, but opinions/comments are welcome.
- There is a Bill that would dissolve IPS, Gary and two other districts, making them into Charter Schools.
 - Dr. Purpura added that if you would like your voice heard regarding this legislative bill, it needs to be done sooner than later.

Mrs. Witt (*Board/Teacher Discussion and Policy Committee*)

- Board/Teacher Discussion was cancelled in December due to lack of Agenda items.
 - Discussion representative, Mrs. Amanda Hart, expressed appreciation to the Board for approving the 2026-2027 school calendar.
- ISBA on-boarding is now complete.
- Regarding WLSEF, per Wendi Ailor, Foundation Director:
 - Seniors are encouraged to apply for the Foundation Scholarships; deadline is February 3rd.
 - The 2025 Scarlet and Gray Dinner and Auction is Saturday, March 1st at the Beck Agricultural Center. More information can be found on their website.
 - The Scarlet and Gray Committee is seeking sponsors and auction packages for the event.
 - Founder's Day will be held on March 27th to celebrate philanthropy in our school community.
 - Special thanks to families enrolled in the Backpack Program and for all of the donations and contributions.

Dr. Yin (*G.L.A.S.S.*)

The next G.L.A.S.S. meeting will be February 18th at 2:00 p.m.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Work Session: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5 p.m. - Central Office

**A Work Session will be held in February.*

Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6 p.m. - Central Office

IX. UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL - Monday, January 20, 2025

Professional Staff Day - NO SCHOOL (students) - Friday, February 14, 2025

Snow Makeup Day #1 (if applicable) - NO SCHOOL - Monday, February 17, 2025

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 8:05 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Lyle

Seconded by: Dr. Purpura

Vote: 7 of 7

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



President



Secretary

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**A five-minute recess took place prior to the Annual Finance Meeting.*