

APPROVED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
March 2, 2020

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Services Building with all members present. President Tim Mosbey called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Routine Items

A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on February 17, 2020
- B. Approve Claims 1-124 dated March 2, 2020 and sign the docket
- C. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. President Tim Mosbey recessed the regular Board Meeting to conduct a public hearing on additional appropriations for the Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Tim Mosbey opened the floor for public comment. There were none.

Mr. Tim Mosbey adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting.

- B. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve Resolution 2020-2 approving an additional appropriation for the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$1,100,000.00, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. Mr. Jeff Baker made a motion to table the K-5 Reading Textbook and curriculum adoption for the 2020-2021 school year, pending further information. Jordan Aigner seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ayes and one nay.
- D. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve Resolution 2020-3 designating Boonville High School as an Indiana Purple Star School, as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the addition of outstanding check balances to the fund from which they were originally written, as presented. Motion carried.

- F. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to grant permission to Mrs. Shenae Rowe, Manager of Food and Nutrition, to advertise for Food, Nonfood, Beverage, Dairy and Paper Product RFP's for the period of July 2020 through June 2021, as presented. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to approve the creation of a multiple responsibility position, as presented. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve Project Lead the Way: Medical Interventions and PRIME Math as additional high school course offerings for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to grant Mr. Mike Whitten, Principal at Boonville High School, permission to enter into a contract for inflatables with Backyard Blasts, as presented. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept a \$500.00 cash donation to Tennyson Elementary School from the Vectren Foundation, INC., as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Doug Gresham presented recommendations for employment and requests for leave of absence. Upon his recommendation:

- A. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the non-renewal of teacher contracts serving in a temporary capacity for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the non-renewal of temporary assignments of support staff serving in a temporary capacity for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.
- C. Consideration of Employment.
 - 1. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Bethany Goines** as 3-hour cafeteria employee at Sharon Elementary School. Motion carried.
- D. Leave Requests:
 - 1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the request of **Erin Purdue**, Remediation Teacher at Newburgh Elementary, an extension to her previously approved medical leave of absence beginning January 27, 2020 with an anticipated return date of March 2, 2020. The new anticipated return date will be March 30, 2020; using sick days and FMLA. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of **Stephanie Brown**, Library Aide at Newburgh Elementary, a medical leave of absence beginning March 16, 2020 with an anticipated return date of May 4, 2020; using sick and personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the request of **Shannon Scales**, First Grade Teacher at Oakdale Elementary, a medical leave of absence beginning February 11, 2020 with an anticipated return date of March 30, 2020; using sick and personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of **Heather Hazen**, 4.25-hour Cafeteria Employee at Newburgh Elementary, an extension to her previously approved unpaid personal leave of absence that began October 15, 2019 with an anticipated return date of February 10, 2020. The new anticipated return date will be April 1, 2020. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the request of **Kristine Carrier**, Special Education Teacher at Castle High School, an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning August 10, 2020 with an anticipated return date of May 28, 2021. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Jordan Aigner to approve the request of **Peggy Merriman**, Bus Driver Route 100, an extension to her previously approved unpaid medical leave of absence that began February 10, 2020 with an anticipated return date of March 23, 2020. The new anticipated return date will be May 24, 2020. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the request of **Alexis Belcher**, 3.75-hour Cafeteria Employee at Boonville High School, an unpaid maternity leave of absence beginning March 6, 2020 with an anticipated return date of May 20, 2020. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the request of **Marissa-Paige Kelsey**, 6.0-hour Cafeteria Employee at Sharon Elementary School, an unpaid maternity leave beginning January 15, 2020 with an anticipated return date of March 11, 2020. Motion carried.
9. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the request of **Marty Watson**, PE Teacher at Castle High School, an intermittent medical leave of absence beginning February 18, 2020 through May 20, 2020; using sick and personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the request of **Lori Hinds**, Counselor at Castle South Middle School, a medical leave of absence beginning March 31, 2020 with an anticipated return date of May 14, 2020; using sick days and FMLA. Motion carried.

11. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of **Debra Tuley**, Nurse at Elberfeld, Lynnville, and Tecumseh Middle/High Schools, an extension to her previously approved medical leave of absence that began November 21, 2019 with anticipated return date of February 17, 2020. The new anticipated return date will be April 1, 2020; using sick days and FMLA. Motion carried.

E. Mr. Gresham reported on the following resignations:

1. **Shaun Soderling**, Program Assistant at Boonville High School, effective February 28, 2020
2. **Tamela Wasson**, Program Assistant of Boonville High School, effective February 17, 2020
3. **Daniel Powers**, Device Management Specialist, effective March 13, 2020

F. Mr. Gresham reported on the following retirement:

1. **John Kendall**, Music/Band Teacher at Tecumseh Middle and High Schools, effective, May 21, 2020
2. **Richard Lance**, Assistant Principal at Castle High School, effective June 3, 2020

Mr. Gresham stated that it was his privilege to work with Mr. Lance during his principalship at Castle High School.

Mr. Schneider congratulated Mr. Lance and wished him luck on his retirement.

Reports

Mr. Schneider recognized several Warrick County student athletes for their outstanding accomplishments.

Boonville High School swimmer, Braden Rollins; for winning two IHSAA State Championships in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle.

Castle High School wrestler, Rob Deters; for winning the IHSAA State Championship in the 170 weight class.

Boonville High School girls basketball player, Alaysha Brandenberger; for being named as a member of the ICGSA First Team All-State.

Mr. Schneider congratulated the athletes on a job well done and has invited them to be recognized at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Schneider reported that a work session will be scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Mrs. Wilhelmus congratulated Pranav Chandar from Castle North Middle School on his two-time win at the EVSC Regional Spelling Bee. She also stated he will now be representing our area at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. She also congratulated Matthew Immanuel, fourth grade student at Newburgh Elementary School, on his runner up finish.

Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, April 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Pathways Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Mr. Jeff Baker stated that as we look ahead to a Career Pathways school, the Board and administrators will have to discuss the best way to integrate our three different high school schedules.

Mrs. Brenda Metzger questioned the status of the deed.

Mr. Jordan Aigner explained that Mr. Allen is reviewing the proposed property lines, and should be completed soon.

Mrs. Stephanie Gerhardt shared that she was able to attend a presentation at Castle South Middle School for eighth-grade student Madeline Stewart. She further shared that by all accounts, Maddie is very passionate about becoming an engineer and astronaut. CSMS Science teacher Shannon Hart had heard that Dr. Mae Jemison would be coming to Evansville and reached out the organizers, (Women Stepping Up) to set up a meet and greet. Mrs. Gerhardt explained that not only did they agree, but they went a step further and will be sending Maddie to Space Camp over spring break. Mrs. Gerhardt explained that she was very happy to be a part of this event.

Mrs. Stephanie Gerhardt reported on the latest legislative update. She stated that there is only two weeks left in the session, and urged everyone to contact Representatives to vote no to the amendment on HB-1560.

Mr. Schneider stated that unfortunately, HB-1560 was passed. He explained that this amendment allows charter and private schools access to money that is received as part of a referendum. This is currently a “may provision”, but this is the way the state first introduced vouchers as well. Mr. Schneider urged the Board and public in attendance, to start voting for representatives that support Public Education.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 16th day of March, 2020

Lynda Glover, Secretary of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees

Attested:

Tim Mosbey, President of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees