

PROPOSED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
July 13, 2020

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on July 13, 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.

Patron Concerns

Shannon Hart, Teacher/Parent at Castle South Middle School, came before the Board to discuss the recent release of the reentry plan, more specifically not mandating the use of masks. Mrs. Hart shared her concern that not mandating masks will entice bullying for those that choose to send their children in masks. She also stated that she will be asking her students to wear masks in her class when they cannot social distance; and pointed out that maintaining social distancing in classrooms will be very difficult if not impossible. Mrs. Hart shared her concern for the staff and students, and asked that the mask policy be rethought to allow building administrators and teachers discretion and control of the situations in their classrooms, hallways, and buildings.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on June 22, 2020
- B. Approve Claims 1-26 dated July 13, 2020 and sign the docket
- C. Approve Claims 1-102 dated July 13, 2020 and sign the docket
- D. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. Item Pulled
- B. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve Proof of Publication for additional appropriation, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to grant permission to advertise the 2021 School Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. President Tim Mosbey recessed the regular session School Board Meeting and convened a Public Hearing on the additional appropriation for proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities.

Mr. Schneider opened the floor to the public for questions or comments.

Being none, Mr. Mosbey declared the Public Hearing closed and reconvened the regular Board meeting.

- E. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve Resolution 2020-7 approving the additional appropriation for the 2020 General Obligation Bond, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve Resolution 2020-8 approving the final bond resolution as required by statute, as presented. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve Resolution 2020-9 approving the amended and restated post-issuance compliance procedures as required by statute, as presented. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the high and middle school fees for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the addition of three high school courses for the 2020-2021 school year; World Geography, Genres of Literature, and Contemporary Literature, as presented. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept tow donations to Lynnville Elementary School. The first being a \$920.00 cash donation from LNB Community Bank to purchase a 12-month all-school access license to "Typing Agent" keyboarding software. The second donation is a \$3,000.00 cash donation from the United Fellowship Community Church to expand and extend music education, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Tish Wagner presented recommendations for employment and requests for leave of absence. Upon her recommendation:

- A. Consideration of Employment.
 - 1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ the following:
 - **Lauren Comer** - Special Education Teacher at Sharon Elementary
 - **Emma Johnson** - Special Education Teacher at Tecumseh Middle School
 - **Laura Bloomquist** - Special Education Teacher at Castle High School
 - **Danielle Nkrumah-Dartey** - Math Teacher at Boonville High School
 - **Jennifer Seiler**- Special Education Teacher at Chandler Elementary
 - **Kaitlin Poelhuis** - OASIS/ESL Program Assistant at Warrick Education Center

Motion carried.

B. Leave Requests:

1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the following leave requests:
 - **Dan Snider**, Maintenance Employee at Castle High School, a medical leave of absence beginning March 25, 2020 with an anticipated return date of January 1, 2021; using sick days and FMLA.
 - **Mandy Wargel**, Custodian at Boonville Middle School, a medical leave of absence beginning June 10, 2020 with an anticipated return date of August 30, 2020; using sick and personal days and FMLA.
 - **Kayla Andry**, Special Education Teacher at Castle South Middle School, a maternity leave of absence beginning August 10, 2020 with an anticipated return date of November 2, 2020; using sick days and FMLA
 - **Kathryn Hubiak**, Title I Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School, a maternity leave of absence beginning July 1, 2020 with an anticipated return date of September 8, 2020; using sick days and FMLA.Motion carried.

C. Mrs. Wagner reported on the following resignations:

1. **Trisha Knox**, Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary, effective July 1, 2020.
2. **Amanda Leslie**, 3.75 Hour Cafeteria Employee at Boonville Middle School, effective June 22, 2020.
3. **Teresa Cron**, Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary, June 26, 2020
4. **Jacob McGill**, Math Teacher at Boonville High School, July 3, 2020
5. **Courtney Wester**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, July 27, 2020
6. **Jamie Keller**, Special Education Teacher at Chandler Elementary, August 1, 2020
7. **Rachel Butler**, Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary July 8, 2020

D. Mrs. Wagner reported on the following retirement:

1. **Brad Schneider**, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2021.

Reports

Mr. Schneider stated that as most are aware, the reentry plan for the 2020-2021 school year was announced on July 10, 2020. He emphasized that the issue of mandatory masks is one that we continue to consider, and could change as we monitor the situation. Mr. Schneider also stated the even though the announcement stated that we will be physically present in school on August 12th, that too is subject to change with the current surge in numbers. WCSC continues to take guidance from the experts at the IDOE, and the State Health Department; and in the end we are going to make the very best decision we can. Mr. Schneider further stated that while it is very important our children get back to school, it is more important to keep our students and staff safe.

Mr. Schneider provided the Board with a copy of an agreement between Warrick County School Corporation and Warrick County Trailhead Development. This agreement will allow construction of a trailhead on the Castle High School Property just west of the softball field. Mr. Neff has reviewed the agreement and is agreeable to the language presented. Mr. Schneider asked the Board to approve the trailhead agreement, as presented.

A motion was made by Jordan Aigner and seconded by Jeff Baker, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Mosbey asked Dr. Lambert if the Virtual/In-Person survey would be available on the website.

Dr. Lambert assured Mr. Mosbey it would be available on the website.

Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Mr. Jeff Baker asked that the Board receive a report from each school outlining their return to school plan.

Mr. Mosbey announced a work session for Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the ___ day of _____, 20__

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

Attested:

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