

November 18, 2015

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Station Community Schools to be held at Carl J. Polk Elementary, 2460 Vermillion Street Lake Station, IN at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Vanderlin, Larry Biggs, Mike Stills, Greg Tenorio

Members Absent: Karen Curtis

Others Present: Tom Cripliver, Tom Corey, Sandy Cain, Tara Tauber

Public Comments: Limit of no more than 3 minutes per person.

The Board welcomes comments from interested individuals and groups but recognizes its responsibility to maintain confidentiality in student and employee personnel matters. Therefore, if it is a personnel matter, please ask to address the Board in an executive session, but only after discussions have taken place with the building principal and superintendent in an attempt to resolve the issues.

Public Comments:

- Drake Abramson – 4276 Deer Run Court Lake Station
 - Thank Coach Hawkins, Dr. Cripliver, Mr. Bush, Ms. Pepa and football coaches for their part in helping bring awareness to the Epilepsy Foundation.

- Michelle Ripperdan – 2567 Miami St. Lake Station
 - Follow-up on the request of her son's records. She received part of his records and wants to know how she can get the rest of them. Dr. Cripliver said he would help her obtain the rest of her son's records.

- Lisa Miller – 2748 Huntington St. Lake Station
 - Speaking as AFT 1395 President. Thanked the community for their support to schools and continued investment of time, energy, and at times money. She is asking the board for teacher contracts as soon as possible. Teachers have been waiting since contract was ratified on October 9, 2015 and teachers are getting extremely uncomfortable that they have not seen a piece of paper to sign. ECA issues are becoming extremely uncomfortable for people. There is information in minutes tonight she will talk about later. She is asking principals be allowed flexibility to reward staff for going above and beyond. Show respect, which they have done. Working conditions have changed drastically– overworked teachers, staff members, top on down is difficult for members of staff, faculty and on students. Addressed audience and stated she would like to attend PTO meetings. Teachers and parents can work together for students. She has a vested interest in the community and school system and has gone above and beyond teaching requirements. She wants to see the successes her children had for your children as well.

➤ Nancy Jarmula - 8206 Sycamore Highland

- Taught in Lake Station for over 40 years and still cares what happens in the system. She regrets referendum failed, feels it was a necessity for students. She thinks one of the reasons it failed was because it started too late. Another reason is that Lake Station employees, parents and citizens are not treated as partners in students' education. She knows what it was before in the schools and knows it can be again. Take time to reflect. Make an effort to bring everybody in the community together. Our students deserve everyone's best efforts.

AI I Consent Agenda

Dr. Cripliver asked board members to approve to put Brian Williams on Consent Agenda to be approved as the Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach for Edison Jr. Sr. High School. Dr. Cripliver is seeking board approval to add his name to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Tenorio moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Stills. Mr. Biggs approved. Mr. Vanderlin abstained. Motion was carried.

Mr. Larry Biggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Mike Stills and unanimously carried.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes

- ✓ Executive Session – October 7, 2015
- ✓ Regular Board Meeting – October 7, 2015
- ✓ Special Board Meeting – October 9, 2015
- ✓ Executive Session – November 12, 2015

2. Approval of Claims

Claims

3. Extra-Curricular Resignation

Resignation

- a. Accept Linda Llewellyn's resignation as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach effective immediately.

4. Extra-Curricular Employment

Hiring

- Eric Pearman – Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
Brian Brilmyer – Boys JV Basketball Coach
Joanna Smee – Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
Cordell Smith – Girls J.V. Basketball Coach
Christopher Brock – Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
Marciano Chavez – Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
Steve Armes – Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
William Vega – Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
Benjamin Mahar – Head Baseball Coach
Jason Wolfe – 8th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach
Sal Guel, III – 7th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach
Jason Guel – Volunteer Jr. High Basketball Coach
Sal Guel, II – Volunteer Jr. High Basketball Coach
Jessica Kammer – 7th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach
Kelsey Lemley – 8th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach

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Sal Guel, III
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Sal Guel, II
Jessica Kammer
Kelsey Lemley

Ray Stone – Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach
Brian Williams – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach
Terry Kolopanis – Jr. High Volunteer Wrestling Coach

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5. Workshops
 - a. Approve release time for Bruce Bush to attend IASP Principal's Conference Indianapolis, November 23-24, 2015.
6. Donations
 - a. Accept donation of \$75 from Emily Gregoratos Class of 1969.
 - b. Accept donorschoose.org donation to Mrs. Torres' class for her reading project in the amount of \$573.42 in materials.
 - c. Accept donations totaling \$350 to the Edison National Honor Society from their leaf raking event. (copy)

Bruce Bush

Donations

II Personnel

Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 1 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Biggs and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 1. Accept resignation from Justin Belko, English teacher at Edison effective October 22, 2015. | Resignation
Justin Belko |
| | Mr. Stills moved to approve item 2 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried. | |
| AI | 2. Approve maternity leave for Amanda Crawford effective January 4, 2016 until May 2, 2016. | Maternity Leave
Amanda
Crawford |
| | Mr. Stills moved to approve item 3 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Biggs and unanimously carried. | |
| AI | 3. Employ Emily Matulewicz as Kindergarten teacher at Bailey School effective October 20, 2015 on a temporary contract at a daily rate of \$176.77. | Hiring
Emily
Matulewicz |
| | Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 4 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Biggs and unanimously carried. | |
| AI | 4. Approve the termination of Martha Chavez lunch room aide at Hamilton School effective Wednesday, November 18, 2015. | Termination
Martha
Chavez |
| | Mr. Biggs moved to approve item 5 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried. | |
| AI | 5. Employ Cathy Lobody as English teacher at Edison Jr. Sr. High School effective November 30, 2015 on a temporary contract at a daily rate of \$186.90. | Hiring
Cathy Lobody |

Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 6 under personnel. Seconded by Mr. Biggs and unanimously carried. Mr. Vanderlin asked Dr. Cripliver to write a letter thanking Mr. Johnson for years of dedicated service.

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| AI | 6. | Accept Kevin Johnson's letter of retirement from the Lake Station Community Schools effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. | Retirement
Kevin Johnson |
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III New Business

Mr. Stills moved to approve item 1 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 1. | Accept the Technology loan from the DOE for \$139,650 to be used for infrastructure improvements, high speed internet connectivity, and replace old computer lab at Edison. | Technology
Loan |
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Mr. Biggs moved to approve item 2 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Stills and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 2. | Approve adoption of the Pearson textbook and subscription to the online textbook for 8 th Grade U.S. History at a cost of \$10,020.83. | Pearson
Textbook |
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Mr. Stills moved to approve item 3 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 3. | Approve agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to provide testing materials for our students at a cost of \$14,135.00 which will be reimbursed by the DOE, and authorize Mr. Corey to sign on behalf of the board. | NWEA |
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Mr. Biggs moved to approve item 4 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Stills and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 4. | Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lake Station Community Schools and Geminus Community Partners to provide a truancy prevention program at no cost to the district and authorize Dr. Cripliver to sign on behalf of the board. | Memorandum
Geminus |
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Mr. Stills moved to approve items 5 and 6 under New Business. Items 5 and 6 seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

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| AI | 5. | Approve Theresa Kietzman's recommendation for Tonn and Blank Construction to repair and replace the kitchen floor at Hamilton Elementary School for a cost not-to-exceed \$18,700.00. | Tonn and
Blank |
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| AI | 6. | The Lake Station Community Schools' Board of School Trustees declare themselves ineligible to receive health insurance benefits retroactive to October 1, 2015. | Health
Insurance |
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