

School Board Meeting August 20, 2018

JC Copas called the meeting to order. Vice President Andie Mears, member Steve Christopher and attorney Bob Little were present along with Superintendent Dan Sighting and Treasurer Jody Morgan. Not present were Secretary Laura Bell, and member Don Mills.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting began.

Additions to the Agenda: 6.1 Paula's presentation; change to 8.1; 8.3.6 Janet Reed; 8.4.35 EL Yearbook – Gretchen Longfellow; 8.4.39 Volunteer cheer coach – Katie Schroeder; 9.1.1 Donations; 9.1.2 Amend athletic trainer' 9.1.3 Shoot-a-way. Steve Christopher made the motion to approve these additions. Andie Mears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Andie Mears motioned to approve the minutes from the July 16th meeting. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher motioned to approve the treasurer's revenue report. Andie Mears seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Andie Mears motioned to approve the bank reconciliation. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Steve Christopher motioned to approve the G.O. Bond payment. Andie Mears seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Andie Mears motioned to approve the balance of the July claims APV number 10304 - 10321, and the August claims APV number 10321 – 10413. The motion also includes the July 20th, and August 7th payrolls. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Paula Bulla presented a service project completed by 3rd grade girls which began during the 2016-2017 school year and continued into the 2017-2018 school year. The girls involved gave up their recess every Friday to make a weighted blanket to help other students who are on the Autism Spectrum.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Several issues recently: switch went down causing internet problems at all 3 buildings. Mitch Cooper was not able to remote in. There were no Chromebook the first week at the high school. New Chromebook for 2nd-5th grades are on back order.

NWEA began August 20th. The switch to fiber optic was made on August 16th. iPad for kindergarten – 2nd grade will be distributed at the end of the month.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Kindergarten Jump Start funded by United Way was really helpful. It was taught by Gretchen Longfellow and lasted two (2) weeks. They covered basic rules and procedures. Kids received new backpacks for attending, too.

Nancy worked a lot on getting PowerSchool issues resolved. Her work was much appreciated.

NWEA Began at elementary August 20th. Book buddies kicked off pairing older elementary kids with younger elementary kids to read together in the mornings between arrival and the start of school.

They are currently working on leveling all the first and second graders for reading.

6th graders are learning leadership responsibilities by having different jobs from greeting, helping kindergarteners, lunch room clean-up, etc.

Community Mentor breakfast is set for 8/29 at 8:30. Community members will mentor at risk elementary kids.

Mrs. Notary, Mrs. Lemenager, and Carmen will be attending ILEARN workshop at Wabash Valley Education Center on August 28th to learn more about testing changes and procedures.

There is a lock down drill scheduled for August 31st.

Erin's Law Parent night and Student Presentation scheduled for September 6th and 7th with Sergeant Terry Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Great start to the school year so far. There was good attendance at the open house. The kick off pep rally was good and well received by staff and students.

There are currently 199 students enrolled in dual credit classes, many are taking more than one dual credit course. Dual credit courses are taught by Mrs. Snoble, Mrs. Mathis, and Mr. Shreve.

Teachers are working on their goals. Both JH and HS are either even or above state average for 2017-2018 ISTEP scores.

There are four new teachers at the Jr/Sr High; Mrs. Szabela, Miss Miller, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Marchilena.

Ending Silence convocation will be taking place on September 24th regarding mental health issues.

ATHLETICS

The first football game was cancelled due to health issues with players. There are 15-17 junior high football players, should be able to field a team. Cross Country has 13 boys for high school, 10 girls, 5 junior high girls and 5 boys. Chase Harner won the first meet at North White. Courtney Gutwein was the top female runner. Volleyball is 1-1 in their season so far.

TRANSPORTATION

No current issues. The new mini bus had an oil pressure problem and has been fixed. We need sub drivers; there are no drivers on our sub list that are able to drive at this time.

Mini buses are transporting the vocational students to Delphi and Twin Lakes. The three children placed in their grandparents care in Burnettsville are being

transported to and from school. We are splitting the transportation cost with Twin Lakes.

New radios are set to be delivered soon. The new antenna is being placed on the water tower. Delivery and setup is to take place September 4th.

MAINTENANCE

LED lights have been installed at the High School. There are a few lights in the shop area that still need installed. There are a few lights in the gym that will be an issue.

Custodial staff did a great job cleaning up the gym following the new gym floor replacement.

Boiler is close to being installed and running. We should receive ten to fifteen thousand dollars for the rebate.

There have been alarm issues at the high school. We are working with Mulhaupt to find out the problem.

The freezers and coolers are having problems this year. We are working on a solution.

Palm Tree hired new people who are working as night custodians. Everything is going well and there are no custodial issues.

SUPERINTENDENT

Safe Schools kick off next week for all state mandated training. Bus drivers and para professionals will come in on September 19th (e-learning day for conferences) to complete their training.

Dan will be meeting with PTO, the sorority, and Brookston Lion's Club regarding the referendum.

Online registration has been cleaned up. There are still about a dozen issues, but they are being worked on.

ADM projections 669.5 estimate. September 2017 there were 674. May 2018 there were 650.

Bargaining will begin Thursday August 23rd.

Dan visited the Federated Church regarding the back pack program.

Performance Services did a walk-through recently. Maintenance is doing a great job. The facilities look 180% better than they did during the last walk through. They gave suggestions on what else needs done.

Lily Grant updates-Naviance has been rolled out and will continue as the school year progresses.

IU wants to partner with us for a grant. They sought us out because of our ISTEP scores.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

7.1 August tuition support payment-We are underfunded right now. Academic Honors is down. We did not have as many last year. CTE should be more this year. It could increase as much as \$20,000. Complexity Grant is down a little. Most of the support is not set until after September count day.

7.2 Steve Christopher motioned to approve the Resolution to transfer funds local income tax from General fund to the Rainy Day fund. Andie Mears seconded. It passed unanimously with no discussion.

7.3 Andie Mears motioned to approve the Concrete and Bollard Installation. Steve Christopher seconded and it passed unanimously with no discussion.

7.4 Information was given to board members regarding the consulting services agreement. Andie Mears motioned to give authority to move forward, but not spend more than \$18,000. Steve Christopher seconded and it passed unanimously.

7.5 Steve Christopher motioned to approve the authority to advertise the school budget both online and on paper. Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

7.6 Steve Christopher motioned to approve raising sub pay for teach subs. Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

8.1 Steve Christopher motioned to approve the non-certified contracts for Amanda (nurse), Jeremy (maintenance director), and Jody (treasurer). Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

8.2 Andie Mears motioned to accept the 4 resignations (Follis-4th, Jenkins-K, Fisher-Spanish, and Texeira-EL para). Steve Christopher seconded and it passed unanimously.

8.3 Steve Christopher motioned to approve 6 new hires (Brennan-EL Para, Odegaard-HS Para, Marlatt-K, Miller-Spanish, Schneider-4th, Janet Reed bus para). Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

8.4 Steve Christopher motioned to approve the Extra-Curricular Sponsors as follows; Art Club – Kate Jones, El & Jr/Sr High Band- Donald Short, Battle of the Books – Paula lunghuhn & Joanna Mathis, Business Club - Jennifer Newcom. 7th Grade Class Sponsor – Sharon Wright, 8th Grade Class sponsor – Amanda Barnett, 9th Grade & 12th Grade Class Sponsor – Kelly Knochel, 10th Grade Class Sponsor – Amanda Szabela, 11th Grade Class Sponsor – Stacy Snoble, El & Jr/Sr High Choir, - Maurice Plains, Creative Writing – JoAnna Mathis, Drama Club for Jr/Sr High – Kaitlyn Schneider, EL Math after school club – Anna Mikels, EL Disc Golf Club – Cory Tonnsen, EL Leadership club – Gretchen Longfellow, EL after school club – Sherry Banes & Michelle Culver, FACS Club Sponsor – Melissa Culver-Pekny, FCA Club – Sharon Wright, FFA – Katie Pitts, Forensics Club Jr/Sr High - Mason Shreve, Japanese Club – Amanda Barnett, Sr High NHS – Jennifer Newcom & Amanda Szabela, Jr High National Honor Society – Lindsay Zimmer & Amanda Barnett, Jr/Sr High PRIDE – Melissa Culver-Pekny, Jr/Sr High Robotics – Cameron Nunan, Jr/Sr High Spanish Club – Jennifer Miller, EL Spell Bowl – Stepheny Lemenager, EL

Student Council – Gretchen Longfellow & Paula Bulla, Jr High Student – Amanda Barnett, HS Student Council – Sharon Wright, Jr/Sr High Sunshine Club – Kate Jones, EL Yearbook – Gretchen Longfellow, Jr/Sr. High Yearbook – Jennifer Newcom, HS National Technical Honor Society – Melissa Culver-Pekny, Volunteer Cheer Coach – Katie Blair-Schroeder. Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

8.5 Andie Mears motioned to approve the mentors for the 18-19 school year; Melissa Gregorovic for both EL Special Education Teachers, JoAnna Mathis for Jr/Sr High English Teacher, Melissa Culver-Pekny for Jr/Sr High PE Teacher. Steve seconded and it passed unanimously.

8.6 Steve Christopher motioned to approve the hiring of Micaela Buschman for Elementary Study Tables; Andie Mears seconded and it passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS


9.1 Donations received from Rotary and Stoney Randolph's estate. The estate money will be donated to the football team at \$10,000 per year for 5 years and will be used for coaching salaries, equipment, and scholarships. Motion to approve was made by Andie Mears, seconded by Steve Christopher, and approved unanimously.

9.2 Andie Mears motioned to approve the athletic trainer agreement. It was seconded by Steve Christopher and approved unanimously.

9.3 Andie Mears motioned to approve the funding shortage for the Shoot-a-Way. Mr. Smith is still raising funds for the balance. Steve Christopher seconded and it was approved unanimously.


Andie Mears made a motion for adjournment. Steve Christopher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 17th, 2018 at the Jr/Sr High School.

 President

 Vice-President

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 Member

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