

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES
MAY 12, 2015

Members Present

Linda McClellan, President
David Churchman, Vice President
Sue Jane Miller, Secretary
Theresa Gottbrath, Member
Hector Nale, Member

Members Absent

Guests

OFFICIAL GUESTS:

Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent
Mrs. Amber Sater, MS Principal
Mr. Tom Cullen, MS Assistant Principal
Mr. Bob Bennett, HS Assistant Principal

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:

Judy Johnson Mike Snow
Trinity Goodson Laura Goodson

Pledge of Allegiance

President Linda McClellan led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed. President Linda McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Recognition of Middle School Student Trinity Goodson

The School Board of Trustees does hereby approve the recognition resolution.
Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

Background Information Provided by Amber Sater, Middle School Principal

We will be recognizing Trinity Goodson at the May board meeting. Despite her ongoing battle with cancer, undergoing a bone marrow transplant first semester, and multiple stays in the hospital; Trinity has been persistent in her studies and has kept up with all of her school work. On occasion, Trinity has even asked her homebound instructors for more work to stay ahead of the rest of the class. Trinity also chose to participate in this spring's ISTEP, and came in each day for testing. Trinity is a testament to perseverance and hard work. She is a fighter, and we are so proud to call her a Musketeer.

District Governance

The Board approved candidate, Cary Hunt, to serve on the Washington County Community Foundation Board until June 30, 2018.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

Business

Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

Board did meet in Executive Session for discussion of strategy for the following reason(s): To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9) at 6:00 p.m. and immediately following the regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 14, 2015 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

Vendor Claims/Payroll Claims

The Board approved Vendor Claims #7801 to and including #7912 and Direct Deposit Advices #38716 to and including #39168.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

Monthly Financial Reports

The monthly Financial Reports were presented to the Board. The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

Approval of 2016 Budget Calendar

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the 2016 Budget Calendar.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Price Increase for 2015-16 School Lunch/Breakfast Fees

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director, recommended that the Board approve the proposed price increase for 2015-16 School Lunch/Breakfast fees.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 4-1, with David Churchman opposing

Approval of Ball State University Donation

Mrs. Kate Jones, High School Counselor, requests that the Board approve the donation of \$500 from the My Community/My Vision program.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Sue Jane Miller, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Sewing Machine Donation

Mr. Darin Farris, High School Principal, requested that the Board approve the donation of fourteen sewing machines from Borden Jr./Sr. High School and fourteen sewing machines from Mitchell Junior High School.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Refinancing Bonds for Capital Projects

Superintendent Darnell requested permission to initiate and pursue refinancing of the 2006 bond issuance using the corporation's financial advisor, George K. Baum & Company, and bond legal counsel, Ice Miller.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

Superintendent Darnell requested permission to initiate and pursue bond issuance in an amount needed to fund replacement of the bus barn and costs of issuance (not to exceed \$1,500,000). Due to lack of motion, this action will not occur.

Policy and Procedures

Approval of Middle School Parent/Student Handbook for 2015-16

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Middle School Parent/Student Handbook as it was presented at the first reading in April.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

Approval of High School Parent/Student Handbook for 2015-16

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the High School Parent/Student Handbook with the proposed changes, as presented by Mr. Bennett, from the first reading.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

Approval of First Reading of Policy 5136

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the first reading of policy 5136.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

Personnel

Approval of Personnel Changes

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the personnel changes as outlined:

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

CERTIFIED

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Mike Snow as Summer School Instructor from June 1 through June 12 (10 days).
- ✓ Mr. Farris HS Principal, recommends Scott Howie as Summer School Instructor from June 15 through June 26 (10 days).
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Ruthanne Harbeson as Summer School Instructor from June 1 through June 26 (20 days).
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Mike McBride, Tom Cullen and Robert Bennett as Drivers Education Instructors.
- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mrs. Ronda Eiler as Summer School Instructor from June 1 – June 12.
- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mrs. Freda Hadley as Summer School Instructor from June 1 – June 12.
- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mrs. Lesia Ellis Summer School Instructor from June 1 – June 12.
- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mrs. Debbie Mishler as a Summer Success with Duke Energy Summer Instructor from July 20 through July 31.
- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Mrs. Mindy McKinley as a Summer Success with Duke Energy Summer Instructor from July 20 through July 31.

CLASSIFIED

- ✓ Ms. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Miss Rachel Underwood as a Summer Success with Duke Energy Summer Instructional Assistant from July 20 through July 31.
- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, recommends Jodi Cole as Corporation Treasurer/Assistant Chief Business Officer, effective May 26, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$15.62.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Scott Newcomb as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Mike McBride as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Michael Gilliam as Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Josh Green as Boy JV Basketball Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Taylor Warner as 7th grade Girls Volleyball Coach.

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Micah Robertson as HS Cheer Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Joby Turner as HS Assistant Football Coach for 2015-16.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Ericka Campbell as HS Dance Coach for 2015-16.

TRANSFERS

- ✓ Mrs. Marcia Jones transferred from MS Instructional Aide to MS ECA Treasurer retroactive to April 20, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$11.60.

LEAVE

- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, recommends approval of a maternity leave request submitted by Ruthanne Harbeson from approximately August 28, 2015 through October 9, 2015.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

CERTIFIED

- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Ashley Sanders as Elementary Teacher effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year.
- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Shelby Nunley as 7th/8th grade Math Teacher effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year.
- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Brigitte Emmert as ES Physical Education Teacher effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Daphne Gray as High School Dance Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Josh Green as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach.

Volunteers

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Katie Miller as a volunteer HS Dance Assistant Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Sue Jane Miller, Vote: 5-0

Instruction/Curriculum

Approval of Courseware Rental/Student Fees & Enrollment/Registration Information

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Courseware Rental and Student Fees for the 2015-16 school year.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Monsanto Grant Application

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the \$25,000 Monsanto Grant Application as submitted.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Every Healthy Kid Grant Application

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the \$2,500 Every Healthy Kid Grant Application as submitted.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath, Seconded: Hector Nale, Vote: 5-0

Approval of Field Trip Request

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Field Trip Request as submitted by Rosa Snapp, ES teacher.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath, Vote: 5-0

Facilities

Summer Project List Item

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board include the summer project list item of sanding and varnishing the middle and high school gym floors on the summer 2015 project list.

The board would like a quote on the cost of refinishing the gym floors and a quote to fix the roofs for leaks before revisiting the item.

No motion was made on this item.

Transportation

Superintendent Information

- ✓ Superintendent Darnell informed the Board that the last student day this school year is May 27; the last teacher day is May 29. Board members are invited to the staff recognition breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the HS Cafeteria on May 29.

Items by the Board/Late Items

Public Comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular School Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Hector Nale, Seconded: David Churchman, Vote: 5-0

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