

EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

Members Present

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

Present Electronically

David Churchman, Vice President

Members Absent

Guests

OFFICIAL GUESTS: Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent
Ms. Kendra Floyd, Human Resources Director

UNOFFICIAL GUESTS: Jodi Cole

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 5:05 p.m.

Business

As a point of meeting operation today, Superintendent Darnell explained Policy 167.1, which states that a school board member may participate electronically, but may not be allowed to vote.

A. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Budgets, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board adopt the 2016 budgets, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan as advertised.

Superintendent Darnell also provided an updated Form 4. The Form 4 in the board packet contained a levy for rainy day, which is not allowed.

Superintendent Darnell explained how the Bus Replacement Plan works. Member Theresa Gottbrath asked if we ever considered leasing buses. Superintendent Darnell stated that there had been conversation about it in the past, before he was with the corporation. Member Hector Nale questioned how leasing works. Superintendent Darnell explained that there are several different ways to do it.

Member Theresa Gottbrath questioned whether or not the 2.16 rate that was proposed would be the final rate approved. Superintendent Darnell explained that we would not receive the rate we asked for from the DLGF. He believes the DLGF will come back somewhere around 1.07.

Member Theresa Gottbrath stated she understands everything and has the safety of the students in mind, but she also has a fiscal responsibility to the community and wants to be transparent as a Board.

Member David Churchman stated electronically that he heard and understood what was presented.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Sue Jane Miller
Vote: 4-0

B. Selection of 2006 Bond Refunding Option

Documentation for review was provided by Damian Maggos of George K. Baum & Company.

Attached are five options for refunding the 2006 bonds as supplied by Damian Maggos and Jane Herndon. These options are presented as a solution to liquidating the current bonds with most options resulting in cash savings to be used by the corporation for capital projects updates to all three facilities.

Due to current world monetary conditions, options range from action to be taken in November until February 2016. Pros and cons for all options are identified in the chart. As additional information, see below:

Option 1 – provides the least amount of cash proceeds (\$519,120) for projects. This option does, however, lower overall debt service by \$980,576.

Option 2 – provides more cash proceeds (\$835,987) for projects than option 1. This option lowers overall debt service by \$665,993. This option is contingent upon good rates being available in February 2016 when the second set of bonds are refunded. JC Tucker is not in favor of this option due to volatility in the bond marketplace.

Option 3 – provides the closest amount of cash needed for projects (\$1,311,868) with all bonds being refunded simultaneously in December 2015. This option keeps debt service the same. This option, however, requires two more board and building corporation meetings and public hearings. (These meetings can be incorporated with already scheduled board meetings.)

Option 4 – provides the most available cash for projects (\$1,716,712). This option has similar requirements as option 3. This option keeps debt service the same with a slight drop in the last year of the debt (2029).

Option 5 – provides no cash for projects. This option is a refund of the bonds with all proceeds being used to reduce debt service.

Superintendent Darnell recommended that option 3 be selected as the option to pursue, given what is best for the corporation's interest with not enough capital projects funds generated and the need for ongoing building upgrades to be completed. This generates the closest amount of cash needed for projects and reduces debt service slightly.

After due consideration, option 3 was approved.

Motion: Sue Jane Miller
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Donation from Central Indiana Educational Service Center

It was recommended that the board approve the \$300 Donation from Central Indiana Educational Service Center to the SADD program.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath
Vote: 4-0

Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF

CLASSIFIED

- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Tonya Kays-Wilson as 2nd shift Custodian effective 9/21/2015 at a beginning rate of \$11.25 per hour.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Whitney Smith as an Instructional Assistant effective 9/28/2015 at a beginning rate of \$10.00 per hour.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Amanda Taylor as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Joby Turner as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Resignation(s)

CLASSIFIED

- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Shelby Nunley as MS Instructional Assistant effective September 18, 2015.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Volunteers

- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Brenda Hayes as a Volunteer Assistant MS Dance Coach.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Haley Chism as a Volunteer Assistant MS Dance Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath
Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of Master Teacher Contract

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the Master Teacher Contract for the 2015-17 school years. Superintendent Darnell wanted the record to reflect that the Master Teacher Contract gives an average increase of 1.85% to teachers with an effective or highly effective rating for 2015. Depending upon a teacher's experience, he/she could receive between a 1.5% - 4.5% increase.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Sue Jane Miller
Vote: 4-0

C. Recommendation to Increase Substitute Hourly Rate for Custodians and Food Service

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the hourly rate for substitute custodians be increased to \$9.25/hour and the hourly rate for substitute food service workers be increased to \$8.50/hour – both rates effective October 1, 2015.

After discussion, Member Sue Jane Miller made a motion to increase the hourly rate for substitute custodians and food services by \$1.00/hour. The Board concurred that the hourly rate for substitute custodian workers should be increased to \$9.80/hour and the hourly rate for substitute food service workers should be increased to \$9.03/hour – both rates effective October 1, 2015.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Sue Jane Miller
Seconded: Hector Nale
Vote: 4-0

Instruction/Curriculum

A. Approval of Title II/A Grant Application

It was recommended that the Board approve the Title II/A Grant Application as submitted.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Sue Jane Miller
Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of Grant Applications

It was recommended that the Board approve the Grant Applications as submitted by Mrs. Lesia Ellis and Mrs. Kate Jones.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath
Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Information

Items by the Board/Late Items

Public Comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with a work session at 5:00 p.m. that day as well.

Motion: Hector Nale
Seconded: Sue Jane Miller
Vote: 4-0

