

**EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION – SCHOOL BOARD NOTES**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

**Members Present**

Linda McClellan, President  
David Churchman, Vice President  
Theresa Gottbrath, Member  
Hector Nale, Member

**Members Absent**

Sue Jane Miller, Secretary

**Guests**

**NEWS MEDIA:**

**NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

**OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Steve Darnell, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kendra Floyd, HR Director  
Ms. Jodi Cole, Treasurer  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent

**UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Paul Hobbs	Amber Sater
Debbie Esarey	Susan Soliday
Steve Soliday	Dennetta Goodman
Patrick Crowhorn	Kimberly Crowhorn
Delaina Crowhorn	Melanie Smith

**Work Session**

The work session began at 6:30 p.m. The Board and administrative staff reviewed and began to prioritize renovation projects that will be completed using proceeds from the 2006 bond refunding. The work session concluded at 7:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Board will finish prioritizing during a work session scheduled for December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

**Hearing On Lease Amendment**

President Linda McClellan called the Hearing On Lease Amendment to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to IC 20-26-7, before a school corporation finances more than \$1,000,000 to build, renovate or alter a school building, it must hold a public hearing at which explanations of the potential value of the Project to the School Corporation and community are given. The hearing was open to the public to comment.

The School Corporation is funding the Project through a lease financing, as it has done with other past construction/renovation projects. Lease financings are used by school corporations across the State of Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction.

Portions of the Eastern High School and East Washington Middle School are currently subject to a financing lease; we are amending that Lease to increase the lease rental due from the School Corporation. In exchange for the increased leased rental, the Building Corporation will use the bond proceeds to make the needed improvements to school facilities. The increased lease rental (as shown as a maximum amount in the Third Amendment to Lease) will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bond holders.

It was explained that one purpose of the meeting was that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. It was stated that notices of this public hearing with respect to the renovation of and improvements to all facilities in the School Corporation's district (the "Project") and with respect to a Third Amendment to Lease (the "Third Amendment") were published in the *Salem Leader* on October 6, 2015 and the *Salem Democrat* On October 8, 2015. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearing were presented to the meeting, and upon examination were found to be in due form of law. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, said notices and proofs of publication thereof were approved and ordered filed.

It was explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the Project. The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was given, including the building plan explaining the proposed renovations. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded and the tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

It was further stated that the proposed Third Amendment, plans and estimates for the school buildings to be renovated and improved by the East Washington Multi-School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") had been on file from the date of publication of said notice until today, in the Administration Building of the School Corporation, 1050 North Eastern School Road, Pekin, Indiana. Copies of the same were presented to this meeting for the inspection of the members of the Board.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced they would now hear testimony and questions from the public. No testimony was given. The hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

## **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.

In the absence of Sue Jane Miller, President Linda McClellan appointed Vice President, David Churchman, as temporary secretary.

## **Recognition of MS Spell Bowl Team**

The School Board of Trustees does hereby approve the recognition resolution.

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

*Background Information Provided by Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal*

*The EWMS Spell Bowl team was formed in August. These students are given a list of 1595 difficult words to study, most of which are words they have never encountered before. The students are quizzed on the words during homeroom and during after school practices to prepare for competition. Our EWMS Spell Bowl team attended competition on 11/3/15 at Silver Creek Middle School. They all did a great job. Members of the team all came home with blue ribbons for their efforts! The team included Jadyne Barger, Delaina Crowhorn, Abby Foster, Lexis Gilstrap, Addyson Goodman, Katrina Knight, Tyler Martin, Samantha Schlesener, Dotty Scott and Jordan Williams. The top 8 teams statewide attend competition at Purdue University. Our team did not finish in the top 8 this year. We would like to thank these team members, and also their sponsor Melanie Smith, for their hard work and dedication to academics after normal school hours.*

## **Business**

### **A. Approval of Minutes and Executive Session**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2015 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: David Churchman  
Seconded: Hector Nale  
Vote: 4-0

## B. Vendor Claims/Payroll Claims

The Board approved Vendor Claims # 8366 to and including # 8456, and Direct Deposit Advices # 41271 to and including # 41720.

Motion: David Churchman

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 4-0

## C. Monthly Financial Reports

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

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 4-0

## D. Approval of Corrections to Tax Neutrality Resolution

It was recommended that the Board approve the corrections made to the Tax Neutrality Resolution originally adopted in August, 2015. The previous resolution incorrectly stated the maximum levy for its Bus Replacement Fund for the year 2013. The correct year is 2016.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

## E. Approval of Inter-Fund Loan Resolutions

It was recommended that the Board approve the Loan Resolution to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund until the fall property tax draw is received. (Last year's fall draw was received on Dec. 19)

It was recommended that the Board approve the Loan Resolution to transfer \$75,000.00 from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund until the fall property tax draw is received. (Last year's fall draw was received on Dec. 19)

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: David Churchman

Seconded: Hector Nale

Vote: 4-0

## F. 2015 Lease Financing/Bond Refunding

President Linda McClellan advised the Board that it needed to consider the financing of the Project. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit A by a vote of 4-0.

The Board considered the Project Resolution to construct the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars per building. On motion duly made and seconded, the Project Resolution attached as Exhibit B was adopted by a vote of 4-0.

On motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted by a vote of 4-0.

The Board adopted the resolutions attached as Exhibit D and E by a vote of 4-0 and 4-0, respectively.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: David Churchman  
Vote: 4-0

## G. Donation of Lawn Mower

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the donation of a Murray lawn mower valued at \$250.00 from Mr. Scott Stewart. Per Mr. Stewart's request, this mower will be used to transport equipment and water to the practice field for the middle school football team during the football season.

After due consideration, the same is approved.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Second: 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**

- ✓ Mr. Hopkins, Food Service Director, recommends Cindy Hazelip for the 20 hour per week position at the High School Cafeteria at a beginning rate of \$10.25 per hour effective October 23, 2015.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Scott Stewart as MS Assistant Wrestling Coach.
- ✓ Ms. Sater, MS Principal, recommends Rebecca Jones and Joanna Trueblood as 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Cheerleading Coaches.

### Leave of Absence

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends approval of a Paternity Leave of Absence requested by Jeramy Powers for approximately 2 weeks after the birth of their child in January 2016. Tentative dates are January 4 through January 15, 2016.

## **POINT OF INFORMATION**

### **Resignation(s)**

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation submitted by Scott Stewart as MS Football Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Darnell, Superintendent, accepted the resignation submitted by Brent Miller as MS Football Coach.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

## **Instruction/Curriculum**

### **A. Alternative Education Report**

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, submitted the Alternative Education Report.

### **B. Health/Wellness Report**

The Corporation-wide Health/Wellness Report was submitted by Jody Brewer, RN and Amy Green, RN. Superintendent Darnell commended Jody and Amy as phenomenal nurses who support students and our staff.

C. Approval of generationOn Mini-Grant Applications

Superintendent Darnell recommended that the Board approve the generationOn Indiana Mini-Grant applications as submitted by Mrs. Kate Jones and Mrs. Marilyn Doan. Mrs. Jones' grant has already been awarded.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Hector Nale  
Seconded: David Churchman  
Vote: 4-0

D. Approval of High Ability Grant Application

It was recommended that the Board approve the High Ability Grant Application for \$31,478.00 as submitted by Mr. Greg Hopkins. The High Ability Grant is not a competitive grant.

After due consideration, the same is approved.

Motion: David Churchman  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 4-0

E. Approval of Washington County Substance Abuse Council Mini-Grant

It was recommended that the Board approve the Washington County Substance Abuse Council Mini-Grant as submitted by Mrs. Kate Jones.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: David Churchman  
Vote: 4-0

F. 2016 Graduation Date

It was recommended that the Board approve the graduation date of Friday, June 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern High School Gymnasium) as submitted by Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

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

### Superintendent Information

- Superintendent Darnell informed the Board there would be Veteran's Day programs on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Elementary School gym, and 1:00 in the PAC for the Middle School.
- The ES received a \$1,000.00 Healthy Kids grant to upgrade the swings on the playground.
- Food Services received an \$18,000.00 grant from the Indiana Department of Education for a combi oven for the Middle School.
- A \$50,000.00 Homeland Security Safety Grant was approved to upgrade the ES interior doors with key fobs.

### Items by the Board/Late Items

### Public Comments

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next School Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: David Churchman  
Seconded: Hector Nale  
Vote: 4-0

