

# **EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

SUPERINTENDENT  
Dennis Stockdale

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Hector Nale, President; Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Tom Coats, member; Jeff Clem, member

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

## **LEGAL MINUTES – November 28, 2017**

### **Members Present**

Hector Nale, President  
Theresa Gottbrath, Vice President  
Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Tom Coats, Member  
Jeff Clem, Member

### **Members Absent**

### **Guests**

#### **NEWS MEDIA:**

#### **NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

#### **OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent  
Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal  
Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal  
Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal  
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Admin. Secretary

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Matt Lindley  
Brad Finken  
Susan Soliday  
Aaron Smith

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Hector Nale led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Hector Nale called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **Mission Statement**

Vice-President Theresa Gottbrath read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Washington County Awareness Book Project**

Susan Soliday, Awareness Washington County, presented a book titled “Step Up!” to the Board. The book chronicles stories of servant leadership (past and present) in Washington County, Indiana. Awareness Washington County donated 170 copies of the book to East Washington Elementary School for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

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## **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

### **East Washington Elementary School Report**

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal, updated the Board on the many happenings at East Washington Elementary School. Popcorn had been harvested. The Fall Festival was successful. The Holiday Party and Silent Auction would take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> with the proceeds to benefit the playground fund. The Greek Festival would take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Rhythm and Rhyme play on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **East Washington Middle School Report**

Mrs. Amber King, MS Principal, informed the Board of assemblies to take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The program would consist of 6 assemblies presenting age specific social media safety information for students. A parent presentation would also take place that evening. Mrs. King had also sent invitations to other area school administrators.

Mrs. King also provided an update to the Board concerning the Amazing Shake Competition. Round 2 would take place the following week and would consist of interviews, mock press conferences, business phone calls, etc. The competition would judge students on professionalism, charisma, confidence, kindness, and manners.

### **Eastern High School Report**

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, informed the Board that Eastern High School was one of 130 schools in the State of Indiana to be recognized for having 30% or more participation in the Dual Credit Program.

Mr. Farris reported that state testing had begun on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Between November 16 and December 7, the high school would administer 12 days of testing. Also, semester exams would take place December 13-15.

Mr. Farris also provided the Board with an update on the Drug Testing Program. Four rounds of fifteen random tests had been completed with only one positive result for tobacco.

Mr. Matt Lindley and Mr. Brad Finken presented information to the Board concerning 4 years of upcoming out of country travel opportunities for students. Mr. Tom Coats asked questions concerning the prices of the trips and opportunities for students to fundraise toward the cost of the trip. Mr. Lindley responded that he allows students who wish to travel to participate in the Band Fundraisers. Mr. Finken responded that the tour company also offers GoFundMe so that grandparents, other relatives, and friends could also support the student. Mr. Lindley commented that all travel could be cancelled if safety ever became an issue in any of the countries students were visiting.

### **Transportation/Food Services Report**

None – Mr. Hopkins was not available for the meeting due to driving a bus for an athletic event.

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## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, provided an update to the Board on the Solar Project. Four of 36 rows of solar panels are up. The changeover is projected to take place during Winter Break.

Discussion ensued concerning the HVAC project. Mr. Stockdale and Mr. Aaron Smith agreed that the 4 pipe system appeared to be the most beneficial for our project.

Mr. Stockdale informed the Board that the 2018-19 calendar would be presented for approval at the December meeting.

Mr. Stockdale reported that camera upgrades at the middle and high school would take place over Winter Break and be funded with the Safety Grant.

Mr. Stockdale asked Mr. Matt Lindley to address the Board concerning a possible fundraising opportunity for the Performing Arts Center. The idea would be to sell sponsorship of seats. For a \$100 donation, a person would receive a plaque with their name on the back of the seat and also their name on a donor plaque. This could be marketed as Christmas or Birthday presents, with the proceeds to benefit equipment to be used in the Performing Arts Center.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 24, 2017 and November 7, 2017, and the Executive Session Memos from October 24, 2017, November 7, 2017, and November 15, 2017 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: Jeff Clem

Seconded: Tom Coats

Vote: 5-0

## **Consent Items:**

### **A. Approval of Claims/Payroll/Financial Statements/Bank Reconciliation**

The Board approved Vendor Claims, and Direct Deposit Advices. The Board approved the monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5-0

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## **Personnel**

### A. Approval of Formation of New Employment Positions

It was recommended that the Board approve the formation of two new employee positions:

Student Data Support Specialist  
Deputy Treasurer

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

### B. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

##### *Certified*

- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Karen Nichols as a temporary Kindergarten Teacher during the Adoption Leave of Absence.

##### *Classified*

- ✓ Mr. Hopkins, Transportation Director, recommends Dwight Cook as a regular route Bus Driver effective November 3, 2017.
- ✓ Mr. Smith, Director of Bldgs & Trans. Maint., recommends Danny Leatherman as a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Custodian pending background check results.
- ✓ Mrs. Esarey, ES Principal, recommends Olivia Wheeler as an Instructional Aide pending background check results.

##### *Extra-Curricular*

- ✓ Mrs. King, MS Principal, recommends Kayla Thompson as MS Drama Sponsor pending results of her background check.

#### **POINT OF INFORMATION**

##### **Resignation(s)**

##### *Classified*

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by Crystal Trainor effective November 17, 2017.

##### **Leave of Absence**

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, approved the Adoption Leave of absence requested by Stephanie Perry.

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After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Theresa Gottbrath  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 5-0

## **Action Items**

### **A. Approval of Out of Country/Overseas Trips**

It was recommended that the Board approve the overnight/extended student trips as requested by Mr. Matt Lindley, Band Director and Mr. Brad Finken, Teacher. Mr. Lindley and Mr. Finken will have a short presentation on two Out of Country/Overseas travel opportunities for students, as well as future plans for out of country travel.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 5-0

### **B. Approval of Wellness Policy**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Wellness Policy as submitted by Mr. Greg Hopkins, Food Service Director.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan  
Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath  
Vote: 5-0

### **C. Approval of Elementary School Funds Transfer**

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal, requests permission to transfer dormant elementary ECA funds totaling \$1625.48 to the playground fund.

Mr. Hector Nale inquired as to how much would be needed for the new playground equipment. Mrs. Esarey responded that approximately \$20,000 had been raised so far and that the initial quote was approximately \$90,000. Mrs. Theresa Gottbrath responded that Mrs. Esarey might want to check with the Washington County Community Foundation for some possible funding. Mr. Tom Coats asked what the life expectancy of the playground equipment would be. Mrs. Esarey responded that the equipment should last 25 years.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Tom Coats  
Seconded: Jeff Clem  
Vote: 5-0

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**Public Comments** - none

**Board Member Comments & Committee Reports** - none

**Announcements** - none

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Motion: Tom Coats

Seconded: Theresa Gottbrath

Vote: 5--0

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Hector Nale, President of the Board

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Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board