

APPROVED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
April 22, 2019

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Central Services Building with all members present. President Tim Mosbey called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

Mark Phillips, 301 W. Main Street, Boonville, IN came before the Board representing a group of parents from Tecumseh High School. He said that they would like the Board to look into amending Policy 4061 - Student Anti-Bullying, to include adult employees who bully, and Policy 1901 - General Goals, to include mentioning students. They would also like an asthma protocol included in athletic training procedures.

Consideration of Routine Items

A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on April 8, 2019
- B. Approve Claims dated 1-171 and sign the docket
- C. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the Motor Vehicle Lease with Warrick County for a 2018 Dodge Charger to be used by the Warrick County Sheriff Department's new School Resource Officer, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to award the bid for the renovation of the FACS classroom and Lab at Boonville High School to Jasper Lumber Company, Inc. for \$148,000.00 as the lowest, most responsive, responsible bid, as presented. Motion carried

- Mr. Aigner said that he would like to have the contractors at the meeting so that they understand the scope of the project, can answer any questions regarding changes they foresee, and so they know the expectations of the Board. The Board agreed that this would be something to address in the Construction Committee meetings.
- C. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$3,000.00 cash donation to Tecumseh High School from PATHS to be used to purchase a new sound system for the gym, as presented. Motion carried.

- D. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept a \$750.00 cash donation to Tecumseh Middle School from PATHS to be used to purchase "Check for Understanding" tools for the teachers, as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a cash donation to Castle North Middle School of \$4,701.57 from Dr. Arshad Husain to purchase an ice maker and water dispenser and a second donation of 65 pieces of lumber valued at \$758.39 from Kight Home Center, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Brenda Metzger to accept a \$1,000.00 cash donation from the Play for Kate Foundation to Sharon Elementary to be used to purchase lighting for musicals, plays, and programs in memory of Kate Bruggenschmidt, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Tad Powless presented recommendations for employment and requests for leave of absence. Upon his recommendation:

- A. Consider Employment of the following:
1. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Jason Pruden** as Band Director at Castle South Middle School. Motion carried
- B. Report of Reassignment
1. **Kathy Cline** reassigned from the Transportation Department to the Custodial Department effective May 7, 2019.
 2. **Marty Watson** reassigned from the Principal at JH Castle Elementary School to Physical Education teacher at Castle High School effective August 6, 2019.
- C. Leave Requests:
1. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the following requests:
 - **Kristine Carrier**, Special Education teacher at Castle High School, a maternity leave beginning August 23, 2019 with a return date of January 1, 2020 using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **April Buxton**, Fourth Grade teacher at Sharon Elementary School, a maternity leave beginning June 25, 2019 with a return date of October 15, 2019, using FMLA.
 - **Mackenzie Hawkins**, Math teacher at Castle South Middle School, a maternity leave beginning April 25, 2019 with a return date of August 6, 2019 using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Kim Stevens**, Custodian at Castle High School, a medical leave of absence beginning June 3, 2019 with a return date of July 29, 2019 using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Leslie Mattingly**, Sixth Grade teacher at Castle South Middle School, an extension to her previously approved medical leave of absence that began October 16, 2018 with a return date of April 1, 2019. The new anticipated return date will be August 6, 2019.

- **Jennifer McGary**, Special Education teacher at Loge Elementary School is requesting intermittent FMLA days for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and through the 2019-2020 school year.
 - **Jaci Floyd**, WCSC support staff employee, a medical leave of absence beginning April 10, 2019 with a return date of May 22, 2019.
 - **Rachel Sarikie**, Special Education teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, an unpaid personal leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year, returning August 2020.
- D. Mr. Powless reported on the following resignations:
1. **John Copeland**, Physical Education/Health teacher at Castle High School, effective April 16, 2019.
- E. Mr. Powless reported on the following retirement:
2. **Cheyenne Whitehead**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective May 24, 2019.

Reports

Mr. Schneider reminded the Board of the May 14, 2019 ISBA Spring District meeting to be held in Jasper, IN on May 14, 2019.

Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, May 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that Mr. Armstrong would be running the May 6, 2019 School Board meeting. Mr. Schneider will be in New Jersey visiting schools that have implemented PTech, which is a collaboration between K-12, colleges, universities, and businesses focusing on developing skills for the workforce.

Mr. Baker let the Board know that on Wednesday mornings before school starts, teachers will be walking in school together to show unity against inadequate teacher pay. He said it would be great for everyone to participate and show solidarity with our teachers.

Mr. Craig Parker, President of the Warrick County Teachers Association and teacher at Newburgh Elementary School came forward and said this is happening all

over the state of Indiana. He said, in all actuality, the walk-ins are in support of proper funding for education across the state. He said he has asked the teachers to meet outside the building 15 minutes prior to their contract start time to come in together as a sign of solidarity. He said they will be wearing red to show the public we are here to support the kids in Warrick County.

Mr. Schneider said he has sent emails encouraging the principals to participate with their teachers. He said we are all in this together, we are all working for the kids, and we all want to show our support for public education.

Mr. Baker said it is important that everyone contact their legislator and tell them that funding public education is a priority.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 6th day May of 2019.

Lynda Glover, Secretary of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees

Attested:

Tim Mosbey, President of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees