

**APPROVED**  
**WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2019**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on June 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room 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**

Kristi Held came before the Board with concerns of personnel issues being aired in a public Board meeting. She made a request to the Board that when a personnel issue comes before the Board that there is an option for some of the Board members to meet outside the public forum with these individuals.

**Consideration of Routine Items**

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on June 3, 2019
- B. Approve Claims 1-179 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 name Holly Arnold to the position of Principal at Newburgh Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to name Josh Susott to the position of Principal at Elberfeld Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to name Tim Long to the position of Assistant Principal at JH Castle/Chandler Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to name Terry Roudenbush to the position of Assistant Principal at Castle South Middle School, as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to name Talisha Keith to the position of Principal/Teacher at Tennyson Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to name Jaci Turner to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, as presented. Motion carried.

- G. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to approve a 3-year grant to Tecumseh Middle School from Welborn Baptist Foundation, INC. in the amount of \$51,450.00 as presented. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a cash donation to Tecumseh High School in the amount of \$7,500.00 to purchase football uniforms and equipment from the LA Gridiron Club, as presented. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and Brenda Metzger to accept a cash donation of \$7,797.32 from the CSMS PTO to be split between the Castle South Middle School Athletic Fund and the Choir Fund, as presented. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and Jeff Baker to accept a cash donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used to purchase student school supplies or classroom supplies for Chandler Elementary School from the Warrick County Junior Leaders, as presented. Motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to accept a \$1,500.00 cash donation from Peabody Energy to be used for Elberfeld Elementary students as needed, as presented. Motion carried.
- L. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$2,500.00 cash donation to Oakdale Elementary School from the Lady Thunderbolts to be used to purchase a new scoreboard, as presented. Motion carried.
- M. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and Jeff Baker to accept a \$1712.00 cash donation to Sharon Elementary School to purchase a piece of musical playground equipment, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider thanked all the parents and patrons who support our schools through donations.

- N. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to accept a \$1,500.00 cash donation from Peabody Energy to Tennyson Elementary School to be used towards the purchase of new IPAD cases and a new laminating machine, 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. Consideration of Employment.
1. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **DaySha McKillop** as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher at Castle South Middle School. Motion carried.
  2. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Laura Gossman** as the Special Education Bridges Teacher at Warrick Education Center. Motion carried.
  3. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Jodi Fulkerson** as Guidance Counselor at Castle High School. Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Travis Turpen** as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Sharon Elementary School. Motion carried.
  5. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Abby Gore** as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher. Motion carried.
  6. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Suzanne Hall** as Secretary Treasurer at Lynnville Elementary School. Motion carried.
  7. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Ali Johnson** as Secretary to the Principal at Castle High School. Motion carried.
  8. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Jennifer Nugent** as Secretary to the Assistant Principals at Castle High School. Motion carried.
  9. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ **Kris Focannon** as Temporary Nurse at Newburgh/Sharon/CSMS. Motion carried.
- B. Leave Requests:
1. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the request of **Cindy Day**, Custodian at Boonville High School, a medical leave of absence beginning June 12, 2019 with an anticipated return date of July 8, 2019, using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- C. Mr. Powless reported on the following reassignment:
1. **Brenda Brown**, Reassignment from Secretary to the Director of Secondary Curriculum to Secretary to the Director of Human Resources.
- D. Mr. Powless reported on the following resignations:
1. **Susan Daniels**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective June 10, 2019
  2. **Ali Johnson**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective June 6, 2019
  3. **Klayton Kress**, Behavior Coach at WEC, effective June 8, 2019
  4. **Katie Bowman**, Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School, effective June 12, 2019

## Reports

Mr. Schneider congratulated Mr. Gordon Wood and the Tecumseh High School Lady Braves on being the State Runners-up. He said the students played hard and represented Tecumseh High School and our Corporation in an exemplary manner.

## Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Time and date to be determined.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

**Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting** – Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

**Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Regarding the issues brought before the Board in regards to the Tecumseh High School Volleyball coach, Mr. Mosbey said that the Board has received and examined the information and the Superintendent has made a recommendation.

Mr. Schneider said that after a thorough review of the information presented, he recommended that Katie Johnson remain as Volleyball Coach at Tecumseh High School for the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

When asked where the police investigation was at, Mr. Schneider said that the State Police have wrapped up their investigation and has handed it over to the Prosecutor's Office. He said they have up to two years to make a decision.

Mr. Baker asked the Board to make a motion to obtain appraisals on two parcels of land for our PATHWAYS project. Jordan Aigner seconded the motion. Motion carried with one nay.

**Patron Concerns**

Several parents or former parents of Tecumseh High School Volleyball players came before the Board to question how the Board came to their conclusion regarding the Volleyball coach.

Kristi Held again stated that this is a personnel issue and should not be discussed in this public setting.

Mr. Mosbey asked that if anyone wanted to have further discussions on the subject to call Mr. Schneider's office.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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

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