

APPROVED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
July 8, 2019

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on July 8, 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.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on June 17, 2019
- B. Approve Claims 1-114 dated June 30, 2019 and sign the docket
- C. Approve Claims 1-96 dated July 8, 2019 and sign the docket
- D. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to grant permission to advertise the 2020 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the proposed agreement with Evansville Christian Life Center, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to deny Charles Embrey IV's appeal for early kindergarten enrollment, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to deny Allisa Hellberg's appeal for early kindergarten enrollment, as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$7,500.00 cash donation from LNB Community Bank to be used by the Tecumseh High School Athletic programs, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$43,000.00 cash donation from the Castle Soccer Booster club to install a concrete walkway and curbing at the CHS Soccer Field, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Schneider introduced Mr. Jason Fischer, newly named Principal at Tecumseh High School, and shared his excitement for Jason's leadership at Tecumseh. He also explained that Mr. Fischer is completing a Central Office Internship; therefore he was asked to present the Personnel Recommendations in place of Mr. Powless.

Mr. Jason Fischer presented recommendations for employment
Upon his recommendation:

A. Consideration of Employment.

1. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ **Annie Alcorn** as Guidance Counselor at Tecumseh High School, as presented. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Reid Waninger** as Math Teacher at Castle High School, as presented. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Marjorie Hessler** as 5th Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Jennifer Groseclose** as 1st Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Vanessa Wagler** as Special Education ED Teacher at Chandler Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Ashley Cook** as Special Education Guidance Counselor at Castle High School, as presented. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Hannah Simmons** as 3rd Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ the following Support Staff:
 - **Julie Waters**- 3.5 hr Cafeteria employee at Castle High School
 - **Tera Ashley**- 8 hr Custodian at Oakdale Elementary School
 - **Gilbert Williams**- 8hr Custodian at Tecumseh MS/HS
 - **Bonnie Brown**- 5 hr traveling Health Aide
 - **Lesley Meyer**- Treasurer at Tecumseh High School
 - **Tamara Gogel**- Project Search Job Coach
 - **Kirby Schuble**- Itinerant Special Education Job Coach
 - **Kory White**- Bridges Behavior Coach at Boonville High School
 - **Lindsey Bennett**- Clerical Aide at Castle High School
 - **Yvonne Herring**- 3 hr Cafeteria employee at Castle High School
 - **Todd Maple**- Transportation Driver Route # 82

B. Report of Cafeteria Transfers:

1. **Christina Mitchell**, from 3.5 hrs to 4.25 hrs at Castle High School

C. Leave Requests:

1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the request of **Haley Rittenbery**, Kindergarten Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School, a maternity leave beginning July 26, 2019 with an anticipated return date of October 7, 2019; using sick/personal days, and FMLA. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Lynda Glover, to approve the request of **Sonja Busing**, Custodian at Loge

Elementary School, a medical leave of absence beginning July 2, 2019 with an anticipated return date of August 27, 2019; using accumulated days. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the request of **Karen Whitten**, 7hr Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary School, an extension to her previously approved leave leave of absence that began December 17, 2018 with a return date of August 6, 2019. The new anticipated return date will now be January 2, 2020. Motion carried.
 4. A motion was made by **Brenda Metzger** and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to approve the request of Ronda Davis, Cafeteria employee at JH Castle Elementary School, a personal leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.
- D. Mr. Fischer reported on the following reassignments:
1. **Emily Julian**, Reassignment from Tecumseh High School Treasurer to Tecumseh High School Secretary
 2. **Peggy Nix**, Reassignment from Educational Interpreter at Loge Elementary School to Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
 3. **Sarah Zint**, Reassignment from Educational Interpreter at Boonville Middle School to Educational Interpreter at Loge Elementary School
 4. **LaDonna Kelle**, Reassignment from Educational Interpreter at Boonville Middle School to Educational Interpreter at Loge Elementary School
 5. **Jessica Arvin**, Reassignment to JH Castle Elementary School Remediation teacher due to an excess teacher at Tennyson Elementary School
- E. Mr. Fischer reported on the following resignations:
1. **Jessica Ziliak**, Math teacher at Castle High School, effective June 20, 2019
 2. **Marti Crafton**, Special Education Guidance Counselor, effective June 24, 2019
 3. **Angela Smith**, Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School, effective June 25, 2019
- F. Mr. Fischer reported on the following retirements:
1. **Leslie Mattingly**, Language Arts teacher at Castle South Middle School, effective June 19, 2019
 2. **Tony Pruitt**, 8 hr Custodian at Boonville Middle School, effective August 16, 2019
 3. **Guy Gentry**, Manager of Transportation, effective July 1, 2020

Reports

Mr. Schneider reminded the Board of the Executive Session to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 4:30 pm followed by the Board training session with Mr. Adamson from the ISBA at 6:00 pm at the Central Services building.

Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, July 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2019, at 9:30 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.

Mr. Aigner praised Dr. Lambert, Mr. Schneider, and all the other administrators involved in the work session regarding “Graduation Pathways and the state of Vocational Education within the Warrick County Schools”. He asked the Board if it would be appropriate to create a committee, due to the scope of the project. He acknowledged that this may be premature, but felt that it would be beneficial when the Board and Mr. Schneider feel the timing is appropriate.

Mrs. Metzger said that as with any large project, an advisory committee is assembled comprising parents, local business representatives, administrators, and Board members.

Mr. Mosbey suggested a three person Board committee to work with Dr. Lambert as he comprises information.

Mr. Baker asked that it be on record that he would like to be on this committee.

Mr. Schneider agreed that this was a great idea and reminded the Board that at the most, three Board members would be able to serve on this committee. He also agrees that this committee should include local business leaders and parents. Mr. Schneider explained that with the new legislation passed regarding Graduation Pathways, we are taking a serious look at vocational programs within the county. He explained that this program will provide students with a chance to obtain specialized job skills and allow more opportunities for those who do not wish to follow a traditional four-year college path. He also stressed the importance of developing this program to meet the needs of all Warrick County students. Mr. Schneider acknowledged that this will be a substantial investment as it is a huge project and it is very important that the Board make sound decisions based on facts and data, as well as student and community needs.

Mr. Baker said the people of Warrick County believe we need a Career and Technical education program, and he feels that we need to move forward quickly to better serve our students.

Mrs. Wilhelmus added that education is changing, and we need to make sure that we are preparing students for the future no matter the course they choose to take after graduation.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 22nd day of July, 2019

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

Attested:

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