

**APPROVED**  
**WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**July 17, 2017**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on July 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Services Building with all members present. President Thomas Welch called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reports**

Mr. Schneider invited Coach Gordon Wood and the 2017 State Championship Softball team from Tecumseh High School to come to the podium to talk about their season.

Mr. Wood said that this was a very talented, fun, and hardworking team. He also commended the Freshmen and Sophomore players who stepped up to play when others were out with injuries. He thanked his assistant coaches, Greg Webb and Matt Flowers. He also thanked the parents and the community for their support. Mr. Wood was proud to say that Tecumseh won their fifteenth consecutive Sectional this year, and has won nine out of the last eleven Regionals.

Mr. Schneider congratulated the team on a great season. He wished the best of luck to the outgoing seniors.

Mr. Schneider next introduced the Castle High School Tennis Coach, Mr. Roger Sergesketter and player, Madison DeVillez. Ms. DeVillez came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State Tennis Championship. Mr. Sergesketter stated that he was very proud of Ms. DeVillez's accomplishment.

Mr. Schneider congratulated Ms. DeVillez. He thanked all the parents for all that they do for the athletes.

Next, Mr. Schneider introduced Mr. Fred Bracher, Castle High School Boys Head Track coach.

Mr. Bracher said that there are 81 boys on the Track team, with a no-cut policy. This gives all of the athletes an opportunity to compete in the events, which he feels is very important. He was proud to say that the team won the SIAC and Sectional title this year. Eighteen of the boys and three relays made it to the State finals this year. He introduced the team and said he is very proud of their accomplishments. Mr. Bracher also introduced Cayla Chinn, who made it to State in Shot-put.

Mr. Schneider congratulated all the athletes on their accomplishments this year and for bringing recognition and honor to their schools and the corporation.

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### Consideration of Routine Items

A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on July 3, 2017
- B. Approve Claims 1-155 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 Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the Impact Statement and Resolution 2017-5, Indiana Teacher Appreciation Grant, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. Mr. Schneider read the First Reading of proposed Policy 2435 – Teacher Appreciation Grant, at this time.
- C. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the Impact Statement and Resolution 2017-6, Service Animals, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. Mr. Schneider read the First Reading of proposed Policy 5700 – Service Animals, at this time.
- E. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to increase the pay to bus driver for field trips from \$10.00/hour to \$11.00/hour, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve the change order for the Castle High School renovation project. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the 5-year contract with AT&T to install fiber, as presented.
- H. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) math software for use in grades 6-12 for remediation, as presented. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to grant the superintendent authority to hire positions to ensure full staffs for the start of the 2017-2018 school year, as presented. Motion carried.

### Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

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

- A. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ **Courtney Diedrich** as Fourth Grade teacher at Oakdale Elementary School. Motion carried.

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- B. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to employ **Jacob McGill** as Math teacher at Boonville High School. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Tim Mosbey and seconded by Candace Nance to employ **Samantha Tuley** as Special Education teacher at Loge Elementary School. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ **Alexandria Neumann** as Special Education teacher at Newburgh Elementary School. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Amanda Jones** as Speech and Language Pathologist for WCSC. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Lori Sohn** as Guidance Counselor at Castle High School. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to employ **Brenda Dunn** as Temporary Remediation teacher at Sharon Elementary School. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Katie Rasche** as Temporary Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of **Cheryl Hedges**, Custodian at Castle High School, a medical leave of absence beginning June 30, 2017 with a return date of July 20, 2017 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Candace Nance to approve the request of **Michelle Boris**, First Grade teacher at John H. Castle Elementary School, a medical leave of absence beginning August 7, 2017 with a return date of January 3, 2018 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the request of **Tom Osborne**, PE/Health teacher at Tecumseh High School, an extension to his previously approved medical leave of absence that began August 8, 2016 with a return date of August 7, 2017. The new return date will now be January 3, 2018. Motion carried.
- L. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve the request of **Charla Haley**, Fifth Grade teacher at Elberfeld Elementary School, a medical leave of absence beginning August 7, 2017 with a return date of April 1, 2018 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.

Mr. Powless reported on the following resignations:

- A. **Carla Webb**, Music teacher at Boonville Middle School, effective July 10, 2017.
- B. **Ashley Tempel**, Guidance Counselor at Castle High School, effective July 11, 2017.
- C. **Kelly Hall**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective July 10, 2017.

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- D. **Tina Granderson**, Program Assistant at Yankeetown Elementary School, effective July 11, 2017.
- E. **Janay Boyer**, Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School, effective July 14, 2017.
- F. **Kenzie Adams**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective July 17, 2017.

Mr. Powless next reported on the following retirements:

- A. **Jana Daub**, Fourth Grade teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, effective July 10, 2017.
- B. **Dirk Buck**, PE/Social Studies teacher at Tecumseh Middle School, effective July 3, 2017.
- C. **Charla Haley**, Fifth Grade teacher at Elberfeld Elementary School, effective April 1, 2018.

### Other Board Business

Mr. Schneider thanked the Board for allowing him to add the positions to staff the schools before the start of school.

Mr. Schneider invited all of the Board members to attend the State Board of Accounts exit interview tomorrow morning at the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board of the August 3, 2017 New Teacher Orientation meeting and luncheon.

**Construction, Technology & Maintenance Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

**Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

**Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 7:45 a.m.

**Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting** – Monday, August 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Mr. Baker asked if it is possible to declare the temporary classrooms at the old School Corporation Administration building as surplus and offered for removal. Mr. Baker said he would like something to be done so that it does not become derelict property.

Mr. Schneider said that the Board could consider that as surplus and sell the building and the lot or give it to a non-profit organization. He said there has been some interest on the property, but none serious.

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Mr. Armstrong said that he has gotten quotes on tearing the building down, but will revisit it in the Fall.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 7th day of August, 2017.

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Candace Nance, Secretary of the Warrick County  
Board of School Trustees

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Thomas Welch, President of the Warrick County  
Board of School Trustees