

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

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on July 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Services Building with all members present except Jordan Aigner. 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 Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on July 8, 2019
- B. Approve claims number 1- 162 dated July 22, 2019
- C. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to accept the offer and approve the proposed easement by Vectren at Yankeetown Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to approve the *Engineering Fundamentals* textbook for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilhelmus asked if this textbook included a portion of CAD for Boonville High School.

Dr. Lambert stated he believes it does and added that this is a new class. Boonville High School is also looking into Project Lead the Way, which does include a CAD program.

- C. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to terminate the employment of Food and Nutrition employee Tiffany White, as presented. Motion carried.

- D. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the proposed K-5 textbook rental fees and consumables for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

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

A. Consideration of Employment

1. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Heather Otilie** as Itinerant Special Education Teacher at Boonville Middle School and Newburgh Elementary School, as presented. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Jennifer Decker** as Temporary Title 1 Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ **Erin Stallings** as Curriculum Specialist for Warrick County School Corporation, as presented. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Kelli Day** as 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Castle South Middle School, as presented. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Ashley Royster** as Special Education Teacher at Castle High School, as presented.
6. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Amy Kehler** as Science Teacher at Castle High School, as presented. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Sarah Bruegger** as Social Studies/ US History Teacher at Castle South Middle School, as presented. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to employ **Kayla Arpin** as Special Education Teacher at Castle South Middle School, as presented. Motion carried.

B. Leave Requests:

1. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the following leaves of absence:
 - **Joshua Taylor**, Spanish Teacher at Boonville High School, a medical leave of absence beginning August 6, 2019 with an anticipated return date of September 2, 2019 using accumulated sick days and FMLA.
 - **Denise Hutcheson**, Clerical Aide at Sharon Elementary School, a personal leave of absence beginning July 30, 2019, with a return date of September 30, 2019.

- **Alexandria Baumgart**, Program Assistant at Boonville High School, a personal leave of absence beginning August 6, 2019 with an anticipated return date of January 2, 2020.
- **Meshiel Charles**, Food and Nutrition employee at JH Castle Elementary School, a personal leave of absence beginning August 8, 2019 with an anticipated return date of October 9, 2019.
- **Alicia Tromley**, Title 1 Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School, an unpaid personal leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Kim Stevens**, 8 hr Custodian at Castle High School, an extension to his previously approved medical leave of absence that began June 3, 2019 with a return date of July 29, 2019. The new anticipated return date will now be August 8, 2019, using accumulated sick days and FMLA.
- **Kelsea Bogan**, 1st Grade Teacher at Lynnville Elementary School, an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning August 6, 2019 with an anticipated return date of September 3, 2019; using FMLA.

Motion carried.

C. Mr. Powless reported on the following resignations:

1. **Dawn Wheeler**, 3 hour Cafeteria employee at Castle High School, effective July 9, 2019
2. **Abigail Watson**, Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School, effective July 12, 2019
3. **Emily McGill**, Program Assistant at Boonville High School, effective July 9, 2019
4. **Brittnie Clark**, Program Assistant at Tennyson Elementary School, effective July 14, 2019
5. **Julia Gaylord**, Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School, effective July 26, 2019
6. **Brooke Morris**, SLP at WCSC, effective July 17, 2019
7. **Sherrill More**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective July 27, 2019
8. **Eric Pope**, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School, effective July 17, 2019
9. **Marjorie Hessler**, 5th Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, effective July 19, 2019
10. **Sean Lehman**, English Teacher at Castle High School, effective July 22, 2019

D. Mr. Powless reported on the following retirement:

1. **Elmer Shelby**, Science Teacher at Castle High School, effective July 11, 2019

Reports

Mr. Schneider reminded the Board that New Teacher Orientation will be held August 1st, 2019, and invited all the Board members to attend the luncheon at Boonville Middle School. He stated that the luncheon is a great opportunity to meet and welcome our new teaching staff to Warrick County. He also reminded the Board that the first half-day of school for staff members will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019, and again encouraged the Board to attend the program at Castle High School beginning at 7:15 am. Mr. Schneider added that the first day of school for students will be August 8, 2019.

Other Board Business

Mr. Baker asked that the Construction Meeting be rescheduled for August 5, 2019, immediately following the Board meeting.

Mr. Mosbey stated that the date will be advertised for August 5, 2019, at 7:30 or immediately following the School Board Meeting.

Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting - Monday, August 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting - Monday, August 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Mrs. Willhelmus thanked Mrs. Redmon for her work in regards to school nurse reassignments and scheduling. Nurses will now work in the elementary schools that directly feed into our middle school and high schools, providing a better continuity of care for our students.

Mr. Baker presented the Board with data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics containing information regarding the fastest growing occupations in the United States. He stated that some of the top occupations only require a high school diploma or equivalent; further showing our need for a technical school.

Mrs. Willhelmus provided the Board with a newspaper article covering Ivy Tech's Pathways Plus, and their work with EVSC to provide technical degree paths and dual credit opportunities. She stated this is a perfect opportunity for Warrick County to help lead the way in technical career courses, while providing our students new opportunities.

Dr. Lambert informed the Board that he and Mrs. Redmon recently met with Jonathan Weinzapfel, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Evansville. In this meeting two possible pathways were identified at Castle High School, one at Boonville High School, and one at Tecumseh High School. He explained that these pathways coincide with the classes we currently offer, but they would continue to work with Ivy Tech to identify and provide our students with other courses.

Mr. Baker stated that with the possibility of a technical school for Warrick County, high school scheduling may become a problem. He proposed to open a discussion that all three of our high schools follow the same schedule. He added that he has heard great things about block scheduling at Boonville High School.

Mr. Schneider recognized that block scheduling is the best, most efficient use of time; but that it may prove to be difficult for Tecumseh High School due to their shared staff with the middle school. He added that Boonville High School spent two years preparing to implement block scheduling, which included many observations at schools that were using that type of schedule. He also recognized that Boonville High school has done a wonderful job with this transition.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 5th day of August, 2019.

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

Attested:

Tim Mosbey, President of the Warrick County
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