

PROPOSED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
September 3, 2019

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on September 3, 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 conducted in remembrance of Cecil Raymond, long time Principal at Castle High School and Grace Miller, long time Business Teacher at Boonville High School. The moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports

Mr. Schneider reported to the Board, and the public; our savings from legislation to TRF costs for school districts, as well as our plan on how we will use these savings. Mr. Schneider stated that the WCSC has a \$428,000.00 saving for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This money will be used as part of the contractual negotiations between the WCSC and the WCTA; and go could towards salaries, health insurance, or any other appropriate fund both bargaining teams choose to select.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on August 19, 2019
- B. Approve Claims 1-62 dated August 31, 2019 and sign the docket
- C. Approve Claims 1-92 dated September 3, 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 Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt, to approve the proposed middle school and high school fees for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger, to approve the request of Mrs. Stephanie Henrich, Principal at Chandler Elementary School, to enter into a contract with Backyard Blasts to provide inflatables, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt, to accept a donation to Oakdale Elementary School of an electronic scoreboard valued at \$1315.60 from the Oakdale OPT, 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 Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to employ **Lori Scott** as Temporary Part-Time Preschool Speech and Language Pathologist. Motion carried.
 2. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ **Jenna Tieman** as a Temporary Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School. Motion carried.

- B. Mr. Powless Reported on the following Cafeteria transfers:
 1. **Serena Gelhausen**, transfer from 6 hours Castle High School to 5.5 hours at JH Castle Elementary School.

- C. Leave Requests:
 1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Lynda Glover to accept the request of **Nicholas Pajon**, Social Studies Teacher at Castle South Middle School, a leave of absence beginning September 18, 2019 with an anticipated return date of September 30, 2019; using sick days and FMLA. Motion carried
 2. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept the request of **Debra Rozell**, 6.5 Hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School, an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning September 3, 2019 with an anticipated return date of January 2, 2020. Motion carried.
 3. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept the request of **Sena Waters**, Social Studies Teacher at Boonville Middle School, the use of intermittent FMLA days beginning August 6, 2019 through February 6, 2020. Motion carried.
 4. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept the request of **Carrie Miller**, 6.5 Hour Cafeteria Employee at Boonville Middle School, a medical leave of absence beginning September 16, 2019 with an anticipated return date of October 7, 2019; using sick days. Motion carried
 5. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept the request of **Kailey Cohen**, Kindergarten Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, a maternity leave beginning November 11, 2019 with an anticipated return date of March 2, 2020; using sick days and FMLA.

- D. Mr. Powless reported on the following resignations:
 1. **Paula Walker**, 6.5 Hour Cafeteria Employee at Boonville High School, effective August 30, 2019
 2. **Tiffany Porter**, Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary, August 28, 2019
 3. **Denzel Thomas**, Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School, effective September 9, 2019
 4. **Christi Peach**, Program Assistant at Castle High School, effective September 6, 2019
 5. **Debra Kifer**, 4 Hour Custodian at Chandler Elementary, effective August 27, 2019

Reports

Mr. Schneider reminded the Board that there will be Public Work Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16th. Mr. Armstrong will be presenting the 2020 budget, as well as our Bus Replacement Plan, and Capital Projects Plan.

Mr. Schneider addressed the recent incident at Castle High School, as well as the media aspect of the situation. He stated that although he can't control what people post to social media, he can provide the truth and factual information. Mr. Schneider asked that everyone understand first and foremost; that the students involved in the bullying incident were wrong, and every child involved was disciplined according to our policy and our handbook. Accusations of Warrick County School Corporation and Castle High School sweeping this incident under the rug, are completely false. Mr. Schneider also pointed out that the media has reported and continues to reference a supposed incident from Castle last year. This specific incident has been proven to be completely false, and yet the media continues to report on it as fact, and has never retracted the stories. Mr. Schneider also acknowledged the cartoon that was ran in the Courier and Press. He further stated that is unfortunate and highly disheartening to be mocked for trying to take a bad situation and help our kids be better by learning from it. He concluded by stating that these reports are unfair, unethical, and completely unprofessional.

Other Board Business

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Personnel & Contracts, Food & Nutrition, Custodial, and Safety Committee Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the ____ day of _____, 20__

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

Attested:

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