

APPROVED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
September 18, 2017

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on September 18, 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.

Patron Concerns

Kim Simpson, 7908 Drake Drive, Boonville, IN comes before the Board on behalf of the students and parents of Boonville Middle School with concerns regarding a bus driver. She has submitted a petition to the Board to have the driver disciplined. She states that the driver bullies and harasses the students on her bus and also the parents. She gave several incidents that were relayed to her and also stated that her grandchild was kicked off of the bus for reasons other than discipline.

Mr. Schneider said that every employee of the corporation is held to a high expectation of behavior. He said if there is discipline needed, there is a process to handle that, and Federal privacy laws prohibit this from being done publicly. Therefore, it won't be on the news or social media, but that does not mean that discipline was not handed out. He wanted it made clear that all complaints are looked into. He encouraged the audience to read Board Policy 8100 – Public Complaints, which is on the corporation's website.

Mr. Schneider stated that the bus is an extension of the classroom and students are expected to behave as they would in school. If the rules are not followed, the bus driver is to hand out discipline. If that discipline is felt unfair, then there is a process to go through.

Mr. Tom Welch said that this matter will be looked into by the Board.

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 September 5, 2017
- B. Approve Claims 1 - 224 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 Brenda Metzger and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve an agreement with Youth First to provide Social Workers for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented. Motion carried.

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- B. A motion was made by Tim Mosbey and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve an amendment to Board Policy 3901 – Criminal History Checks, Expanded Criminal History Checks for Applicants and Contractors; Duty to Report Charges and Crimes, to bring our policy into compliance with new state statutes, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Dorothy Kroeger and seconded by Lynda Glover to grant permission to Castle High School Principal, Mr. Doug Gresham to enter into a contract with Backyard Blasts to provide inflatables on November 11, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to accept a cash donation of \$1,550.00 to Tecumseh High School from the PATHS (Parents and Teachers Helping Students) group to be used to purchase three (3) document cameras and a projector, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

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

- A. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to terminate the employment of **Christina Myers**, as part-time custodian at JH Castle Elementary School, effective September 18, 2017. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the request of **Joe Day**, WCSC warehouse employee, a medical leave of absence beginning October 9, 2017 with a return date of November 27, 2017 using sick days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Candace Nance to approve the request of **Steve Altstadt**, Science Teacher at Boonville High School, a medical leave of absence beginning September 5, 2017 with a return date of September 25, 2017 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Candace Nance to approve the request of **Jennifer Schmitt**, 3rd Grade teacher a Newburgh Elementary School, a maternity leave of absence beginning December 10, 2017 with a return date of March 5, 2018 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Dorothy Kroeger to approve the request of **Katelyn Powless**, Kindergarten teacher at Sharon Elementary School, a medical leave of absence beginning September 18, 2017 with a return date of January 8, 2017 using sick/personal days and FMLA. Motion carried.

Mr. Powless reported on the following Cafeteria transfers:

- A. **Lindsey VanFleet** - 3.0 hours at Castle High School to 3.5 hours at Castle South Middle School
- B. **June Hyun** – 3.5 hours at Castle High School to 3.0 hours at Castle High School

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Reports

Mr. Schneider told the Board that the ISTEP scores are embargoed at this time, but Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus will be happy to announce the scores at an upcoming Board meeting.

Mr. Schneider reminded the Board that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 instead of Monday, October 2nd.

Other Board Business

Construction, Technology & Maintenance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Transportation & Special Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building.

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee Meeting – Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building.

Adjournment

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

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

Attested:

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

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