

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH WHITE SCHOOL CORPORATION

The Board of Trustees, North White School Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium of Buffalo Elementary School at 306 South Street, Buffalo, Indiana according to Indiana Code 10-5-3-2, Public Law 57, and the rules of the Board. Board members present were Shannon Mattix, Jim Culross, Julie Bossung, Scott Williams, Brian Pogue, Ron Allen and Warren Worrell. Also present were Superintendent Nicholas Eccles, Shelle Hay, Curt Craig, Rod McKee, Deb McKee, Dean Cook, Karen Pfledderer, Shellie Ruemler, Steve Land, Benjamin Diener, Theresa Diener, Emily Bossung, Shawn Cain, Sara Claiborne, Peggy Johns, Leeanne Cole, A.J. Lucas, Beverly Sluyter, Hilary Gilbert, Karen Bowsher, Jennifer Martin, Michel Culross, Cindy Hall, Rocky Gourley, Tammy Downey, Dana Klapp, Karen Burcham, Mary Pogue, Julie Salomon, Pat Holeman, Kathy Burbage, Angie Williams, Carol Williams, Don Williams, Shirley Rose, Diane Jones, Deanne Hess, Ashley Bergin, Emma Conwell, Kathy Fisher, Joseph Fisher, Rena Sterrett, Carrie George, Dustin Schmicker, Scott Allen, Allison Loy, Amanda Bowman, Linda Wireman, Marjorie Garling, Connie Shannon, Jill Scott, Becky Yoder, Sarah Batcheldor, Heather Reynolds, Mark Reynolds, Margaret VanMeter, Arnold Dahlenburg, Lorretta Dahlenburg, Pat Leis, Char Lynn Dahlenburg, Tammy Craig, Andy Worrell, Nick Hendress, B.J. Spry, David Allen, Kristan Spry, Christina Rosenquist, Elizabeth Mattix, Ricki Westerhouse, Travis Rose, Rhonda Rose, Susan Roberts, John Roberts, Chris Dahlenburg, Meredith Vandever, Jeff Bulington, Jaci Bulington, Darla M. Shonk, Jamee Rainwater, Rosemary Cooley, Candy Fraser, Jerry Garbison, Jody Ortiz, Troy Sherrick, Katie Sherrick, Connie Linback, Roger Westerhouse, Mary Westerhouse, Walt Hough, Tom Buschman, Jessica Buschman, Brionna Goethals, Angie Lawson, Judy Amsler, Paula Westerhouse, Greg Westerhouse, Mitch Cosgray, Dee Cosgray, Merrill VanMeter, Terrie Brown, Mike Carlson, Saira Cortez, Jamie Dosier, Karen Smith, Susan Fleck, Melba Fleck, Ann Diener, Denise Hood, Scott Hood, Joy Cosgray, Autum Reames, Steve Reames, Kathy Lewis, Terry Smith, Jodi Smith, Parker Smith, Robert Carter, Suzy Karberg and Amanda Johnston.

1. Mr. Mattix called the regular meeting to order.
  - A. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.
  - B. Mr. Mattix recognized a Quorum.
  - C. Mr. Mattix asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the executive session, the regular meeting and the work session on March 14, 2011. Mr. Pogue made a motion to approve these minutes. Mr. Culross seconded and the motion carried 7-0.
  - D. Claims and payrolls were presented to the board and discussed. Mrs. Ruemler gave the board a summary of several claims.

Mr. Culross moved to pay claims 11112836 through and including 11112956  
Mr. Williams seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

E. Mrs. Ruemler presented to the board and discussed the monthly Financial Report.

2. Mr. McKee introduced/announced the "April" Students of the Month at North White Jr-Sr High School. He introduced Laura Burcham who is in the eighth grade. Laura was in attendance with her mother, Karen Burcham. Mr. Davis, Karen's teacher, nominated her for this award. Mr. McKee also announced Katie Sparks who is a sophomore. Katie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sparks. Miss Rendant, Katie's teacher, nominated her for this award.

Mr. Craig introduced Brian Garcia Reyes as the "April" Student of the Month at Monon Elementary. Brian is in the sixth grade. Brian is the son of Maria Reyes. Miss George, Brian's teacher, nominated him for this award.

Mr. Eccles introduced Parker Smith as the "April" Student of the Month at Reynolds Elementary. Parker is in the first grade. Parker was in attendance with his parents, Terry and Jodi Smith. Mrs. Amsler, Parker's teacher, nominated him for this award.

The "April" Student of the Month at Buffalo Elementary will be recognized at the May 9, 2011, school board meeting.

Suzy Karberg, Director of the White County Learning Lab, recognized and presented to Amanda Johnston her GED certificate. Amanda is the daughter of Jamie and E.J. Dosier.

Mrs. Emma Conwell recognized the Monon Elementary Math Bowl Team for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the state.

3. Mr. Mattix asked if there were any patrons in attendance who wished to be heard. Several patrons spoke on the closing of Buffalo and Reynolds Elementary Schools. Those in attendance who spoke were Emma Conwell, Amanda Bowman, Arnold Dahlenburg, Walt Hough, Greg Westerhouse, Susie Fleck, Melba Fleck, Denise Hood, Steve Reames, Allison Loy, Peggy Johns, Terry Smith, Angie Williams, Ron Howard, Shannon Conley, Patricia Cole, Shawn Cain, Tom Buschman and Cindy Hall. Susie Fleck also read a statement from Reynolds patron Cindy Campbell. Denise Hood also read a statement from a Reynolds patron.

4. Old Business

Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board adopt the updated NEOLA polices.

Mr. Worrell moved to adopt these policies. Mrs. Bossung seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

5. New Business

A. Mr. Mattix asked for emergency additions to the agenda. Mr. Eccles asked the Board to add (under personnel) approve the resignation of Tammy Craig as Drama Sponsor and to add (under new business) item D. Other on the Public Agenda.

Mr. Mattix moved to approve these additions. Mr. Pogue seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

B. Mr. Cook, transportation/building and grounds director, informed the Board that the insurance company settled on the snow damage that was done to the gutters and snow guards at the Auditorium. The gutters and snow guards will be installed this week.

C. Personnel

Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Tina Segal as Treasurer for North White Jr-Sr High School, effective April 15, 2011 and the resignation of Tammy Craig as Drama Sponsor for the 2010-2011 school year, effective April 11, 2011.

Mrs. Bossung moved to accept these recommendations. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Worrell opposing.

Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Jennifer Rendant as Drama Sponsor for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, effective April 11, 2011.

Mrs. Bossung moved to accept this recommendation. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

D. Other

Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board approve the request by Mr. McKee regarding the requirements to attend the Prom. See "Exhibit A".

Mr. Allen moved to approve this recommendation. Mrs. Bossung seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Hay presented to the Board the recommendations for adopting textbooks for Science/Health Education for K-12 to begin in 2011-2012, for six (6) years (through 2016-2017) and for Mathematics for K-12 to begin in 2011-2012, for five (5) years (through 2015-2016). Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board approve these recommendations. See "Exhibit B".

Mr. Culross moved to approve these recommendations. Mr. Worrell seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Eccles spoke on the purchasing of a new student data management system for the corporation. He asked the Board to approve the use of \$18,804 from the Rainy Day Fund for purchasing this system. See "Exhibit C".

Mr. Pogue moved to approve the use of the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Worrell seconded and the motion carried 4-3 with Mr. Mattix, Mr. Williams and Mr. Allen opposed.

Mr. Eccles recommended that the Board approve the Service Agreement with Administrator Assistance. Administrator Assistance will prepare the 2012 Budget for the 2011-2012 school year. The preparation fee for this service is a flat fee of \$5100. See "Exhibit D".

Mr. Worrell moved to approve this recommendation. Mr. Culross seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Mattix informed the Board that Mrs. Wireman is requesting permission to advertise for cafeteria milk and bread bids for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Mattix recommended the Board approve this request.

Mr. Williams moved to approve this recommendation. Mr. Allen seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Mattix recommended that the Board approve the 2011 summer school schedule and the hiring of necessary personnel.

Mr. Williams moved to approve this recommendation. Mrs. Bossung seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Eccles addressed the reduction of the following positions for the 2011-2012 school year; (1) section of kindergarten, first grade, second grade and high school English. He explained that class sizes will be increased in those classes but are still estimated to be less than 22 students per class. Mr. Mattix asked Board members if they had any comments or questions. Mr. Allen cited his reasons for not reducing the following positions. Mr. Mattix asked if there is a motion on the floor to reduce the positions listed.

Mr. Pogue moved to approve these reduced positions. Mrs. Bossung seconded and the motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Allen and Mr. Williams opposed.

Mr. Mattix asked for a motion on the floor to begin the discussions on the closing of Buffalo and Reynolds Elementary Schools. Mr. Culross moved to begin discussions on the closing of the buildings. Mr. Worrell seconded. He then asked the Board members to read their statements and to announce their votes individually on the closing of Buffalo and Reynolds Elementary Schools.

The closing of Buffalo and Reynolds Elementary Schools passes with a 5-2 vote. Mr. Allen and Mr. Williams were opposed. Mr. Mattix, Mrs. Bossung, Mr. Pogue, Mr. Culross and Mr. Worrell voted in favor of closing the buildings.

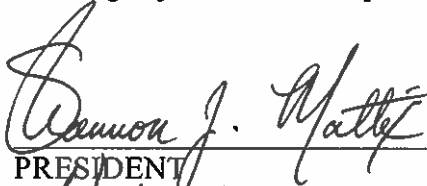
Mr. Eccles addressed the North White School Corporation campus reconfiguration as follows: kindergarten through third grade will be housed at the current Monon Elementary building; fourth through sixth grade will be housed across the street in the old middle school end of the building.

6. Guests of the board - None
7. For second hearing of patrons, Mr. Mattix asked if there were any patrons in attendance who wished to be heard. Several patrons in attendance spoke on their displeasures of the vote taken on the closing of Buffalo and Reynolds Elementary Schools.


8. Superintendent and School Board Member Comments

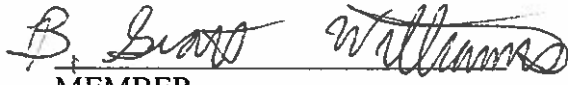
Mr. Eccles explained that the board will meet in several work sessions to determine matters such as campus shifts and what will become of the vacated buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


  
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