

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the
Board of School Trustees
Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation**

**Greenfield-Central Administration
110 West North Street
Greenfield, IN 46140
Monday, December 10, 2012**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Retta Livengood, President
Dr. Michael Summers, First Vice President
Mr. Dan Leary, Second Vice President
Mr. Dan Riley, Secretary
Mr. Kent Fisk, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Dan Strahl, School Board Attorney

Administration Present: Dr. Linda Gellert, Superintendent
Mrs. Ann Vail, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Tony Zurwell, Business Manager
Dr. Christy Hilton, Human Resources Director
Ms. Donieta Ross, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Others Present: Dan Jack, David Beal, Susie Coleman, Bill Redmon, Jim Bever, Stephen Burt, Marciann McClarnon, Rebecca Knox, Marc McCorkle, Jan Kehrt, Lucy Brand, Greg Brand, Donna Knecht-Strong, Kathy Clark, Alexi Rankin, Kathy Dowling, Candy Short, Noelle Steele, Steve Bryant, Harold Olin, Joey Johnson, and Ray Kerkhof

- I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the December Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - A. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Generosity.
 - B. Principal Jobie Whitaker introduced Maxwell Intermediate teachers, Donna Knecht-Strong and Marciann McClarnon, to explain about Biztown, a hands-on simulation to how a city operates. The students learn the economics of supply and demand, plus the procedures of banking. Students Lexi Rankin and Lucy Brand described their experiences with running a city.
- II. Mr. Fisk made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2012, Executive Session of November 12, 2012; and Special Session of December 4, 2012. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented claim dockets for review in the amount of \$8,461,352.17. Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the claim docket. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell shared the October 2011 and 2012 fiscal years' revenue. Both months compared relatively close in revenue. Mr. Zurwell also included a facility committee report which gives the

status of current projects and future issues. Mr. Zurwell extended thanks to Mr. Fisk and Mr. Leary for their service on the committee. All taxing funds for these months for both years had positive ending cash balances.

- V. Dr. Gellert gave final remarks of appreciation for departing Board Members, Mr. Dan Riley, Dr. Michael Summers and Mr. Kent Fisk. Principals also shared comments of how each Board Member has had a positive impact on their buildings. Mrs. Vail, Dr. Hilton and Mr. Zurwell also expressed their gratitude for their dedicated service and support of the corporation.
- VI. Mrs. Vail introduced Assistant Principal Dan Jack to describe a request from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center to participate in a survey on random drug testing at the high school and junior high school level. Greenfield-Central Schools have previously participated in this survey in accordance with Board Policy 2416. Mr. Fisk made a motion to approve participation in the 2013 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Survey. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VII. Dr. Gellert presented for second reading a change to Board Policy 5340, which proposes language to align CPR and first aid training with the American Heart Association. Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VIII. Mrs. Vail presented for second reading the proposed course offerings for 2013-14 school year. Mr. Riley made a motion approve the recommendation and Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the 2013 Greenfield-Central High School summer school program as presented. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- IX. Mr. Zurwell reported that no requests were received to meet Policy 7230 threshold for Board donations. He did ask the Board to approve a 401(a) and VEBA Transfer Resolution. After discussion, Mr. Riley made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell presented the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract Resolutions and asked the Board to grant Dr. Gellert authority to proceed on the Corporation's behalf to complete the remaining major building upgrades and establish common construction wage. Mr. Riley made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. Mr. Fisk stated that the facility committee has systematically gone through each building to look at the air quality and learning environment. He stated this process was started several years ago and the corporation is now ahead of the state's air quality requirements. Mr. Leary thanked all of the administrators and teachers for their cooperation during this process of upgrading the HVAC systems. He reported all of these changes should increase the efficiency of the building. Dr. Gellert mentioned that an internal energy audit was completed to ensure everyone is still adhering to the energy efficiency practices put in place. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell introduced an investment opportunity for the school corporation which would require a change in the present Investment Policy 6144. Mr. Fisk made a motion to accept the recommendation and Mr. Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- X. Dr. Gellert introduced Kathy Dowling, Ray Kerkof and Dan Leary, new Board Members, from the November election. School Board Attorney Dan Strahl shared Indiana Code regarding Board vacancies for the District 2 position, which is now vacant due to Mr. Kent Fisk winning the Hancock County Council seat. Mr. Strahl reported that he received resumes from six candidates, and presented those names to the Board. Mr. Leary and Mrs. Livengood will interview three candidates and make a recommendation to the Board on December 19 at a Special School Board Meeting at 7:30 A.M.
- XI. Dr. Gellert shared that Greenfield Central received formal notification there were no findings for corrective action on the annual federal special education report. She expressed gratitude to Kathy Clark, Assistant Director of Special Education, for her implementation of services to the special education students and speech services at Greenfield-Central.
- XII. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for the following out-of-state field trips: Junior State of America students to travel to Washington D.C. on February 13 – 18, 2013, for the Winter Congress; and Greenfield Central High School band students to travel to Orlando, Florida, over Fall Break 2013. Dr. Summers made a motion to approve all out-of-state field trips. Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XIII. Dr. Gellert reported that several Board Members wanted to revisit Board Policy 0167.3 that addresses public participation at Board Meetings. Mr. Riley researched past minutes of meetings when the procedures were put into place, and confirmed his belief that no forum should allow names and reputations to be maligned in public meeting. Mr. Riley stated that this would be a violation of employee rights to slander their reputation and name in a public meeting. Mr. Leary shared that he will be sending a letter to the newspaper to highlight some of his concerns on public participation at Greenfield-Central Board meetings. He stated that the present policy was put in place fifteen years ago, and no prior board members have pushed to change this policy. Mr. Leary explained that unwanted outbursts were not appropriate at School Board meetings. He would like to see a dedicated phone line that the public can leave messages for the School Board regarding their concerns. Mr. Fisk stated that he was satisfied with the policy as well. Dr. Summers stated his concerns were with how disrespectful outbursts during Board Meetings may teach our children a lack of respect. He reminded everyone that it is not a good idea to let people speak publicly out of anger and that there are proper channels to address complaints that should be used instead.
- XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Dr. Summers made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Personnel recommendations included the following teacher resignations: Richard E. Norman, Angela Stiverson, and Kellie Tomey.

ECA resignation for 2012-13 sports season included: Erica Sincroft, junior high girls track coach.

- XV. Mr. Riley made a statement of appreciation regarding his tenure of service on the School Board. Dr. Summers commented that he has learned a lot about the community and public education. Mr. Fisk spoke about the construction of the new buildings, and was also proud to have hired a quality superintendent.

XVI. Mr. Leary made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fisk seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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