

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

**Administration Center  
110 West North Street  
Greenfield, IN  
May 13, 2013**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Retta Livengood, President  
Mr. Ray Kerkhof, First Vice President  
Mr. Steve Menser, Second Vice President  
Mr. Dan Leary, Secretary  
Ms. Kathy Dowling, 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

- I. Others Present: Marti Dudley, Amanda Bradford, Susie Coleman, Dawn Hanson, Jim Bever, Luke Janfu, Shelby Myers, Sarah Burke, Mechelle Smith, Lindsay Hickman, Kathy Clark, Brandyn Burkhardt, Harold Olin, Brad Burkhardt, Rick Lister, Renee Burkhardt, Joey Johnson, Stephen Burt, Jobie Whitaker, Jan Kehrt, Dan Jack, Myra Bleill, Ali Kern, Luke Vowell, Brendon Gill and Susie Coleman
- II. Mrs. Livengood led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the May Regular Meeting to order.
  - A. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Initiative
  - B. Dr. Gellert introduced executive director Myra Bleill to share the Greenfield Central School Foundation spotlight. Mrs. Bleill described the vision and mission of the Foundation and its focus to partner with the community. Myra talked about the scholarships for various programs and activities within the schools. She also promoted the upcoming Gala Celebration set for September 27, 2013. The Foundation will be celebrating 25 years and her hope is to recognize distinguished alumni at this year's event.

- III. Mrs. Livengood presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2013, and the Executive Session of April 8, 2013. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Kerkhof second the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell presented the April claim docket for review in the amount \$4,077,207.17. After discussion, Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- V. Mr. Zurwell presented end-of-month reports for comparing the months of March 2012 and March 2013. Mr. Zurwell included a brief update on security projects that have been paid out of the Rainy Day Fund. There will be upgrades on software related to access points for iPads and wireless, plus improved electronics on building doors. Overall, both years showed positive ending cash balances
- VI. Mrs. Vail presented the instruction report on the continued partnership between Ivy Tech Community College and Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Mr. Kerkhof asked if the facility usage fee is covering the school corporation costs. Mr. Zurwell confirmed that this fee is reviewed annually in attempt to approximate essential costs. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the renewal of the Ivy Tech Community College Facility Use agreement for the 2013-14 school year. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VII. Mrs. Vail presented the second reading of the K-6 Core Reading & Handwriting textbook programs. She described in detail the ninety minute instruction block and what resources are included in the curriculum, using textbook samples with each Board Member. Mr. Kerkhof asked if there were specific books for the independent reading level. Mrs. Vail explained that each teacher has an entire set that covers a wide range of reading ability. Mr. Menser asked about the time frame of textbook adoption cycles. Mrs. Vail stated it was a six year adoption cycle. Ms. Dowling asked if there were other supplemental resources for teachers in the Scott Foresman reading curriculum. Mrs. Vail explained there were online materials and additional resources for (RTI) Response to Instruction and Intervention time. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation of the K-6 Core Reading & Handwriting textbook programs. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VIII. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations as presented in the amount of \$1,077.00. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation with gratitude and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IX. Dr. Gellert introduced assistant high school principal Dan Jack to introduce the Neighborhoods Against Substance Abuse (NASA) and Youth Council programs and students involved in its leadership. Students shared various activities they have been promoting over the year. These involved several public service announcements and activities, including a commercial, t-shirts, a new logo and other public service announcements. Students participating in the presentation were Shelby Myers, Ali Kern, Luke Vowell, Brandyn Burkhart and Brendon Gill.

- X. Dr. Gellert presented a recommendation from Principal Bryant for the Greenfield-Central High School 2015 Commencement date as Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 10AM. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XI. Dr. Gellert presented for first reading proposed policy changes for review by Board members. These policy changes include revisions to organization bylaws, new policy in administration on nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity, drug and alcohol testing of CDL license holders, use of tobacco on school grounds, facility security program, weapons, health services and immunization. Dr. Gellert also provided additional information on new legislation regarding non-resident enrollments. Mr. Menser commented that the state is hindering schools to plan for class size and new teachers. Mr. Kerkhof asked if there was historical data that showed what month most transfer students enrolled in the district. He stated this data could help the Board members decide what date to set as the deadline for out-of-district families to apply for enrollment. Mr. Leary asked who sets classroom capacity at the buildings. Dr. Gellert commented that Board members had set student approximate capacities when we moved to the four Tier system, at 22 for primary and no more than 30 at grades 4 – 6.
- XII. Dr. Hilton presented information about the Title I program. Greenfield-Central currently has three schools receiving program Federal funding, which covers materials, technology, after-school tutoring, and Title I teachers. Funding is based upon the number of students who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch district-wide. Students who participate in the Title I program are identified by academic need. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve Greenfield-Central's participation in the Title I Program for the 2013-2014 school year, and authorizes Dr. Linda Gellert to be its representative. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XIII. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for an out-of-state field trip. Greenfield-Central High School FCCLA students will travel to the National Youth Leadership conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 7 - 11, 2013. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Certified personnel recommendations for the 2012-13 school year included the following: Erin Harmon, leave of absence; Kathy L. Lee, leave of absence; Melanie Linder, leave of absence; Jillian Lee, resignation; Megan Roach, resignation; Laurie DeWester, retirement; and Keith Ross, retirement.

Certified personnel recommendations for the 2013-14 school year included the following: Natalie Ahonen and Marc Redick (temporary contract to full-time status); Lindsey Hickman; and Mechelle Smith.

ECA recommendations for the 2012-13 sports season: William Worley, freshman baseball coach.

Supplemental contract recommendations for summer session 2013 included the following: Natalie Ahonen, Title I reading; Deena Batton, Title I math; Leah Bewley, Title I reading; Amanda Bradford, I-READ teacher; Phillip Cohon, summer guard director; Dalton Dale, music/visual tech; Marti Dudley, I-READ teacher; Evan Fyffe, music/visual tech; Dan Haag, music/visual tech; Deb Hon, Title I math; Jacob Kalemba, music/visual tech; Robert Long, music/visual tech; Martin Marron, music/visual tech; Lindsay McIntosh, Title I math; Julie Morley, Title I reading; Jeremy Turner, music/visual tech; Sean Widmer, summer percussion director; and Chris Wing, summer director of bands.

Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the winter 2014 out-of-unit recommendations. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- XV. Dr. Gellert stated that the School Nurse Dawn Hanson was present to answer any questions on the proposed health services policies and was available to answer any questions.
- XVI. Mr. Menser made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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