

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

**Greenfield Central Junior High School
1440 North Franklin Street
Greenfield, IN
November 11, 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, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Tony Zurwell, Business Manager
Dr. Christy Hilton, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Donieta Ross, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Others Present: Ruth Ayers, Autumn Fletcher, Carol Fletcher, Richard Fletcher, Tracey Gruell, Craig Gruell, Ron Kroer, Debbie Kroer, Laura Singco, K. Alford, Cori Shambaugh, Julie Hansen, Kim Kile, Kevin Horrigan, Bill Redmon, Jobie Whitaker, Joey Johnson, Susan Shambaugh, Dennis Teague, Michelle Kleckner, Lisa Wood, Hope Mayhugh, Sheri Hart, David Hart, Elizabeth Ratliff, Kathy Clark, Misty Flannagan, Dan Jack, Bill McKenna, Lisa Fuchs, Catherine Beal, Rebecca Knox, Brian Hull, Christy Heiny, Renee Burkhart, Jeff Sincroft, Jason Horning, Ron Horning, Ryan Morris, Susie Coleman, Candy Short, Jim Bever, Jim Dunn, Kevin Frazier, Maura Frazier, Bill Murphy, Jacob Luke, Hailey Ayres, Violet Overstreet, Trevor Teague and Steve Bryant

- I. Student Trevor Teague led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Mrs. Livengood called the November Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Livengood read the Character Trait of the Month – Punctuality.

Mrs. Livengood read the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation Celebrate Excellence Proclamation. Mrs. Vail recognized 61 students and staff for various awards in sports and service. Pictures were taken and mementos were handed out after each honoree was congratulated by Board Members and Dr. Gellert.

Greenfield Central Junior High Principal Harold Olin introduced history teacher Bill Murphy who explained how the annual field trip to Washington D.C. helps students understand history landmarks. Students Hailey Ayres, Violet Overstreet, and Trevor Teague shared their own architecture designs of monuments they would construct in Washington D.C.

- II. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 30, 2013, Special Session of October 21, 2013, and the Executive Sessions of September 30, 2013, and October 21, 2013. Ms. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented claim dockets for review in the amount of \$4,767,540.61. After discussion, Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the claim docket. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell shared revenue for September 2012 and September 2013 fiscal years. Revenue was greater than expenses in September 2012 and reserves increased, but in September 2013, expenses exceeded revenues. All taxing funds for both years had positive ending cash balances.

Mr. Zurwell reported that Greenfield-Central was awarded a matching grant to improve the schools' safety. Dr. Christina Hilton and Dan Jack submitted the grant proposal last month which included SRO's (School Resource Officers), cameras, and door security installation. Mr. Zurwell publicly acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Hilton and Mr. Jack. Mr. Kerkhof expressed his appreciation to both administrators for their time on this application.

- V. Mrs. Vail introduced Principal Steve Bryant and High School Guidance Counselor Kim Kile to present the 2014-2015 proposed high school course additions and changes, GradPoint courseware and proposed 2014 summer school programming. Mr. Bryant proposed to add eight new courses for next school year which align with the school's goals. Mr. Bryant stated that many classes are dual or college credit. Mr. Leary asked about the process whereby students may obtain college credit. Mr. Bryant replied that if the student passes the course exam, that credit may transfer if the university accepts transfer credit. At present the high school offers approximately forty courses with college credit. Mrs. Kile shared GradPoint core curricula and elective courses are offered through online pathways. Mrs. Livengood asked what the cost is to the student if they take an advance placement (AP) class through GradPoint. Mrs. Kile responded the cost is \$279-\$300 per class. Mrs. Livengood expressed her appreciation to the staff for being innovative with additional course options and scheduling.

Mrs. Vail introduced Assistant Principal Dan Jack who requested approval this year to participate again in the Indiana Prevention Resource Center's alcohol, tobacco and other drug use survey. Mr. Jack described that parents are sent a letter informing them of the survey and that the information is used to apply for

state and federal grants. A sample Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) survey and Board policy was provided to Board members. Mr. Menser asked if there was data that showed trends with student usage of drugs. Mr. Jack responded that he will check. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to participate in the survey at Greenfield-Central High School. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

VI. Dr. Gellert presented for second reading Transfer Policy 5111 to accept out-of-district transfer students after the July 15 deadline. She recommended that provided there is sufficient capacity at the grade level requested, students will be allowed to enroll after the deadline. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

VII. Dr. Gellert shared the NineStar Connect Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a three year partnership of educational broadcast opportunities for Greenfield-Central students. The MOU includes technical support and a monthly payment of \$7000 from NineStar. After discussion, Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

VIII. Mr. Zurwell presented donations in the amount of \$2281.87. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the donations with gratitude and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell presented the Greenfield-Central classified staff raises to Board Members. He explained that there are funds to support an average 3.49% increase to the classified staff. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0. Mr. Leary abstained.

IX. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for three out-of-state field trips. Greenfield-Central High School Junior State of America students will travel to West Chester, Ohio on November 23-24, 2013; to Washington D.C., on February 12-16, 2014; and to Columbus, Ohio, on April 26-27, 2014. These field trips will be at no expense to the school corporation. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trips and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

X. Dr. Gellert shared information about the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) Resolution for Indemnity. This resolution addresses liability and protection for penalties under the PPACA, which provides that if a school board determines it is fiscally wise to pay the PPACA penalties, and the decision to pay those penalties is documented in the board minutes, the Indiana State Board of Accounts should not personally charge the officials involved in making the decision to pay the penalties. Audit guidelines prohibit governmental

organizations, including schools, from paying penalties, but does not protect those who make the decisions to pay. This resolution would support the position that Greenfield-Central employees and Board members should be protected from those penalties. Mr. Menser, Mr. Leary and Mr. Kerkhof, emphasized that it is not the intent of the Board to opt out from providing employees the insurance they are entitled to, but understands it maybe in the best interest of the schools to protect the Greenfield-Central budget. Board Counsel Dan Strahl stated that by approving this resolution, the Board is not determining strategy or evading the law, but only defending the policy to protect the employees and school board members. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- XI. Dr. Hilton presented the Classified Handbook recommendations to the Board. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0. Mr. Leary abstained.

Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Personnel recommendations included the following: Samantha Youngblood, Blue Fusions Classroom Instructor, resignation.

ECA recommendations for the 2013-14 sports season: Isaac Beal, Volunteer Men's Basketball Coach; Austin Early, Volunteer Wrestling Coach; Brady Evans, Volunteer 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; Erin Harmon, Assistant Junior High Track Coach; Dan Miller, Volunteer Wrestling Coach; Brittany Nigh, Blue Fusion Dance Coach; Todd O'Neal, Volunteer 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; Ben Polk, Volunteer 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; Michael Stanley, Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach; Elaina Voss, Volunteer Women's Basketball Coach; and Bryan Wolfe, Freshman Men's Basketball Coach

ECA resignation for the 2013-14 sports season: Brianne Thomas, Blue Fusion Dance Coach at Greenfield-Central High School.

Dr. Gellert presented a letter of retirement from Mr. Stephen Burt. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. After discussion of appreciation for Mr. Burt's long successful career, the motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- XII. Dr. Gellert shared that Greenfield-Central staff will flex November 27, 2013, with the time worked during parent-teacher conferences. Principals have verified this time with Dr. Gellert. School will not be in session.
- XIII. Mr. Menser made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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