

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

**Administration Center
110 West North Street
Greenfield, IN
December 9, 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: Jeff Sincroft, Kevin Horrigan, Devon Marine, Harold Olin, Joey Johnson, Dan Jack, Candy Short, Kathy Clark, Stephen Burt, Susie Coleman, Kim Kile, Bill Redmon, Jan Kehrt, David Beal, Jim Bever, Mary Beuoy, Jalean Addington, Dakota Atkinson, Brent Lithgow, Drew Noah, Bardo Veith, Weston Bishop, Sean Burton, Shane Dupke-Neal, Seth Kirkpatrick, Scott McClure and Steve Bryant

- I. Mrs. Livengood led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the December Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

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

Maxwell Intermediate Assistant Principal Devon Marine introduced music teacher Jalean Addington who explained how drums are incorporated into music. Students Dakota Atkinson, Brent Lithgow, Drew Noah, Bardo Veith, Weston Bishop, Sean Burton, Shane Dupke-Neal, Seth Kirkpatrick and Scott McClure demonstrated the drums.

- II. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2013, Executive Sessions of November 6, 2013; November 9, 2013; November 11, 2013; November 13, 2013; November 14, 2013; November 23, 2013; December 14, 2013; December 27, 2013; December 28, 2013; January

3, 2014; January 4, 2014; and Special Session of November 22, 2013. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- III. Mr. Zurwell presented claim dockets for review in the amount of \$9,739,221.67. 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 October 2012 and October 2013 fiscal years. October 2012 expenditures showed different invoicing patterns than October 2013 so reserves continued to grow. Greenfield-Central Schools received 100% reimbursement for Summer School courses which helped boost revenue. All taxing funds for both years had positive ending cash balances.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented for second reading the 2014-2015 proposed high school courses and the 2014 summer school programming. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve both recommendations and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mrs. Vail presented a proposal on a transportation plan for G-CHS students to participate in the Walker Career Center vocational education programs. Principal Steve Bryant shared that they have experienced a decrease in enrollment perhaps due to lack of transportation. Mrs. Kile stated that the high school conducted a survey that affirmed that students would have considered Walker Career classes if transportation was provided. Mrs. Livengood asked what the down side of this proposal would be. Mr. Bryant stated that it may take at least two years for the program to grow. Mr. Kerkhof asked how students who finished classes early could use their down time at the center. Mrs. Kile reported that Walker has a new tech lab where students could work on homework or online coursework. Mr. Menser stated that he appreciated the career center offerings to the students, and fully supported this opportunity. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to support the proposed transportation plan for a 2-year time frame. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- VI. Mr. Zurwell presented donations in the amount of \$9510.29. 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 recommended the Board approve the transfer of \$1,150,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund to help cover any extenuating circumstances that may arise with unpredictable State funding. Dr. Gellert added that the Rainy Day Fund can also help to cover additional payrolls in the event of delays in State distributions. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell presented the 2013 Bus Bids to purchase two (2) 78-passenger buses and one (1) 66-passenger bus with a wheelchair left. In addition he proposed the

purchase of one (1) mid bus. The amount for the purchase of these buses is \$312,305.00. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell introduced school attorney Mr. Strahl to present the bids on the farmland lease for the property adjacent to Maxwell Intermediate School. Mr. Strahl reported that bids were opened December 9, 2013, and recommended that a bid of \$287 per acre be accepted as the lease. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- VII. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Personnel recommendations included the following: Cynthia Priest, Math Coach, resignation.

ECA recommendations for the 2013-14 sports season: Matt Arland, Volunteer Cheer Manager and Softball Trainer; Bill Cochran, Volunteer 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; Dusty Mayhugh, Volunteer Wrestling Coach; and Anthony Mescall, Volunteer Track Coach.

Dr. Hilton presented for first reading the Fall 2014 Out-of-Unit Coaching Recommendations for the Board's consideration. Dr. Hilton will bring this recommendation back at the January meeting.

Dr. Gellert shared that administrative contracts were reviewed. She recommended a settlement consistent with the teachers and classified at approximately 2.58% raise for the administrative team. She reminded the Board that the principals and assistant principals received a 1% reduction in 2010 to lessen the negative financial impact on GC classrooms during State revenue cuts. She requested a one year restoration of that 1% sacrifice and assured the Board the current budget could withstand that increase. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Dr. Gellert presented a letter of retirement from Mrs. Candy Short. Dr. Gellert shared Mrs. Short's compassion to her students and teachers. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

VIII. Ms. Dowling made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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