

**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 12, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

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
Dr. Christy Hilton, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Tony Zurwell, Business Manager
Ms. Donieta Ross, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Others Present: Jan Burt, Nancy Nickels, Emily Nickels, Harold Olin, Greg Thompson, David Beal, Joey Johnson, Candy Short, Susie Coleman, Noelle Steele, Rick Lister, Stephen Burt, Brent Oliver, Jared Manning, Dan Jack, Myra Bleill

- I. 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 Indy 500 Festival Princess Emily Nickels who spoke to the Board about her appreciation for the education received at Greenfield-Central High School and how that foundation helped prepare her for college as well as many other positive experiences.
 - C. Dr. Gellert introduced Greenfield Central School Foundation Executive Director Myra Bleill who shared the achievements of the Foundation over the past year and the upcoming Red Gala Event scheduled for September 27, 2014.
- II. Mrs. Livengood called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2014, the Executive Sessions of April 14, 2014 and April 23, 2014 and the Special Session of April 29, 2014. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the May claim docket for review in the amount \$3,003,584.78. After consideration, Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Dr. Hilton shared an update on the Innovation Planning Grant 2014. She shared that a team of educators completed the 8-week MOOC-Ed (Massive Open Online Course for Educators) course to gain ideas for implementing a 1:1 program in late 2015. Dr. Hilton also shared that a Technology Instructional Coach position has been created and an eLearning Conference is planned for July 2014.

Mr. Zurwell presented reports for the months ending March 2013 and 2014. He shared that most funds ended the month positively with the Pension Fund receiving no revenue due to no tax rate received to help generate funding. That shortfall was covered with the General Fund dollars on April's docket. Mr. Kerkhof asked if the summer projects are part of a wish list or if they will be included on the summer schedule. Mr. Zurwell confirmed that all summer projects are underway. Mr. Menser asked if some preventative work has been done at Maxwell to prevent additional problems with freezing pipes. Mr. Zurwell shared that extreme weather was a major factor and hopefully this has been corrected for the future winter weather.

- V. Mrs. Vail reported on the 2014-15 Kindergarten Roundup sessions held in April. The Roundup process identifies and pre-registers approximately 68–80% of incoming kindergarten students. The remaining students will be registered several days before the start of school. Mrs. Vail shared a summary of the enrollments over the past ten years which reflected an average of 340 kindergarteners per year.

In addition, Mrs. Vail reported that 93.3% of Greenfield-Central third graders successfully passed the first IREAD3 attempt. The corporation will provide a three-week intensive program for students still working to pass IREAD3 this summer.

- VI. Dr. Gellert shared a few changes since the first reading of Student Handbooks, and presented for second reading the recommended language for each tier level student handbook. Mr. Leary made a motion to accept the recommendations. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VII. Dr. Gellert presented for second reading NEOLA by-laws and policies 0151.1, 1630.01, 3430.01, 4430.01, 1662, 2510, 5630.01, and 6151. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VIII. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept a donation in the amount of \$1979.66. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the donation with appreciation, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell reported that Smith Projects received the bid for the Maxwell Intermediate School Traffic Reconfiguration Project. The main components of the Project involve razing of the Support Services Building and rerouting parents from 500 North. Mr. Leary asked if

the north tree line will be removed along the reconstruction route, and asked that new trees should be planted in that green space. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approval the bid for Smith Projects for the Maxwell Traffic Reconfiguration Project. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- IX. Dr. Gellert presented a letter of retirement from Joey Johnson as Eden Elementary Principal. After expressing the Board's gratitude for exemplary service, Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5– 0.
- A. Dr. Hilton presented for approval the School Resource Officer Agreements with the City of Greenfield Police and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve for Dr. Gellert to sign both Agreements on behalf of the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- B. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Leary made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
1. Certified personnel recommendations: Kathleen Nicholson, Lori Olin and Kimberly D. Phillips, leaves of absence; Sydney Herman, temporary to full teacher contract recommendation; Kate Judy and Cara Olson, resignations; and Helene Andrews, retirement.
 2. ECA recommendations for the 2014 -15 sports season: Elizabeth Ratliff, 8th grade cheer coach, Marla Shockley, 7th grade cheer coach, and Aaron Smith, head men's cross country coach. Aaron Smith was introduced by Jared Manning, future Athletic Director, 2014-15.
 3. ECA resignation for the 2013-14 sports season: Hunter White, head men's cross country coach.
 4. Supplemental contract recommendations for Summer Session 2014 included the following: Amanda Bradford, IREAD-3 teacher; Phillip Cohen, guard director; Dalton Dale, music/visual tech; Marti Dudley, IREAD-3 teacher; Josh Holden, physical education; Sonja Jagers, government; Jacob Kalemba, music/visual tech; Emily Logan, physical education; Robert Long, music/visual tech; Nicole Parsons, English; Ron Paul, driver's education; David Pressley, driver's education; Stephanie Smekens, music/visual tech; Aaron Smith, algebra; Ron Stryzinski, precalculus; Jeremy Turner, music/visual tech; Mark Vail, driver's education; Paul Venkus, physical education; Chris Walsh, music/visual tech; Sean Widmer, percussion; Russell Wiley, physical education, and Chris Wing, director of bands.

- C. Dr. Hilton presented recommended changes to the Administrator Retirement and Severance Pay. The updates reflect current practices regarding retirement accounts, the removal of outdated language for who is eligible to participate, and the alignment of Medicare Bridge Benefits with the Severance Pay timeline. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendations and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- D. Dr. Hilton submitted for second reading the winter 2015 out-of-unit recommendations. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- X. Ms. Dowling made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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