

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

**Administration Center
110 W. North St.
Greenfield, IN
December 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Retta Livengood, President
Mr. Ray Kerkhof, First Vice President
Mr. Dan Leary, Secretary
Mr. Dan Strahl, School Board Attorney

Administration Present: Dr. Harold Olin, Superintendent
Mrs. Ann Vail, Associate Superintendent
Dr. Christy Hilton, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Tony Zurwell, Business Manager
Ms. Donieta Ross, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Unable to Attend: Ms. Kathy Dowling, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Steve Menser, Second Vice President

Others signing in as: Jobie Whitaker, Greg Thompson, Dan Jack, Jim Bever, Jared Manning, Steve Bryant, Susie Coleman, David Beal, Marti Dudley, Ashley Arnold, Bill Redmon, Brent Oliver, Caidyn Spivey, Brianna Jack, Brayton Leswing, Darren Turner, Chris Rapp, Rob Young, Julie Young, Kathy Clark, Shane Bryant, Matt Davis, Brian Jack, Alison Stine, Kelly Swain-Leswing, Ashley Glant, Sarah Greulich, Jan Kehrt, Candace Sexton and Rick Lister

I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the December 8, 2014, School Board Meeting to order.

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

B. Maxwell Intermediate Principal Jobie Whitaker introduced Ashley Glant to present the spotlight topic. Mrs. Gland shared that she had partnered with Mrs. Marti Dudley to start a family book club to read “The Rule”. Fifth grade student Caidyn Spivey read a synopsis to the board members about the book. Brayton Leswing told the board that the club worked from a reading calendar and said that this was a special time he shared with his mom. Brianna Jack stated that the club had a family photo booth night. In closing, Mrs. Kelly Swain-Leswing gave the perspective of the club from a parent’s point of view.

- II. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2014; the Executive Session of November 10, 2014 and the Special Session of November 29, 2014. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the December claim docket for review in the amount \$9,894,113.10. The Board had received all dockets in advance for review. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell presented reports comparing budget information for each of the taxing funds for months ending October 2013 and October 2014. Revenue for both months compare closely and taxing fund at months' end for both years had positive ending cash balances. In a second matter, the two General Obligation (GO) Bonds received bids and Mr. Zurwell shared the details of the sale. Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation received their assessed valuation for 2015. The rate was up 3.74%.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented for second reading the proposed 2015-16 course offerings for Greenfield-Central High School and Junior High School. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

Mrs. Vail introduced Dean of Students Brent Oliver who presented a request to conduct the 2015 Indiana Youth Survey which evaluates the school's drug prevention program. Mrs. Livengood asked if there was a cost associated with the survey and Mrs. Vail responded no. Mr. Leary asked if additional questions could be added to the survey. Mrs. Vail stated that the survey is very comprehensive and no additional questions have been added. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- VI. Dr. Olin presented his findings on the Board's request to investigate the option of providing special education services to Greenfield-Central students. He had spoken to several school corporations the same size or smaller than Greenfield-Central who have been successful in providing services to meet the needs of special education students. He reported that Greenfield-Central could financially support the hiring of staff and give students similar services to those provided by Hancock Madison Shelby Educational Services (HMSES). Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to give Dr. Olin authorization to begin the withdrawal process from the HMSES inter-local organization. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- VII. Dr. Olin provided for second reading the school improvement plans for Board approval. Mrs. Livengood expressed gratitude to all the administrators in preparing this working document for each building. Mr. Leary shared his appreciation to parents who were involved in this process from the beginning and all through the year. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- VIII. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the Digital Learning Initiative toward the purchase of MacBook Air laptops for teachers and Tier IV students with the Applecare Agreement.

Mr. Kerkhof attended the public forum on the digital initiative and appreciated the input and questions from the audience. Mr. Leary stated that the corporation needs to keep up with the technology in education. Mrs. Livengood expressed her appreciation to the staff for all of the time dedicated to the initiative. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

- IX. Dr. Olin presented a second reading of the salary and wage recommendations for Greenfield-Central administrators and classified staff. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the revised document distributed via hard copy by Dr. Olin. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- X. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the 2015 Classified Handbook including the Benefits Addendum. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- XI. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$3500.00. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the donations with appreciation, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - A. Mr. Zurwell asked for approval to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Kerkhof asked how much money could be placed in the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Zurwell responded that a limit on the amount is not quantified but the amount you request to transfer is specified. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - B. Mr. Zurwell presented the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, Inc. This agreement is for the purpose of purchasing equipment and granting the Business Manager signatory rights on required documents. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - C. Dr. Hilton presented the eLearning Conference Grant Agreement for Summer 2015 with Southern Hancock Schools. This grant will fund session presenters in leadership for administrators and technology integration specialists to provide guidance into the digital initiative and day-to-day operations. Dr. Hilton is seeking approval for the Board President to sign the official agreement for the Summer of eLearning Conference Grant Agreement 2015. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- XII. Mr. Zurwell presented the procedure to accept bus bids for 2015. Mr. Zurwell stated by using the Educational Service Center to create the bid specifications and conduct the bus bid process the corporation saved on resources and met all legal requirements. It was recommended Midwest Transit of Whitestown, Indiana, be awarded the bid for three 78 passenger buses and two 14 passenger buses. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

- XIII. Dr. Olin presented a request from Rebecca Schini for the Greenfield-Central High School PLTW (Project Lead the Way) students to travel to Huntsville, Alabama, on April 16 – 19, 2015, for the NASA Rover Challenge. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

Certified personnel leaves of absence for the 2014-15 school year included the following: Julie Hunter, junior high English and Caylan Martin, Elementary.

Certified personnel resignation: Kara Martinez, Elementary

ECA recommendations for the 2014-15 sports season: Bill Batton, 7th grade girls' basketball; Bill Brookfield, volunteer 8th grade girls' basketball coach; Chad Carlton, 8th grade girls' basketball coach; Derek Cullison, volunteer men's track coach; Tom Drake, volunteer wrestling coach; Tom Fielder, volunteer wrestling coach; David Graddy, volunteer 7th grade girls' basketball coach; Aaron Hammons, volunteer baseball coach; Matt Joyce, volunteer wrestling coach; Miranda Liles, assistant girls' basketball coach; Taylor March, volunteer wrestling coach; Joshua Means, volunteer girls' basketball coach; Dan Miller, volunteer wrestling coach; Jack Phelps, volunteer baseball coach; Chad Phillippy, volunteer wrestling coach; and Michael Stanley, junior varsity wrestling coach.

ECA resignation for the 2014-15 sports season: Paul Venckus, head boys junior high track coach.

Dr. Hilton presented for first reading the Fall 2015 Out-of-Unit Coaching Recommendations for the Board's consideration. Dr. Hilton also included the Hoosier Heritage Conference coaching comparison stipends for the Board's review. Dr. Hilton will bring this recommendation back at the January meeting.

- XV. Dr. Olin recognized Principal Jan Kehrt and Weston Elementary Principal Shane Bryant for receiving district principal of the year at the Indiana Association of School Principals' Conference. Mr. Bryant accepted on behalf of his previous employment, New Castle Schools, and Mrs. Kehrt serves at Harris Elementary.

Dr. Olin shared correspondence from the Indiana Coalition to restore Central Time Zone.

Boys and Girls Club Board Member Chris Rapp presented a proposal to request bus transportation for students attending the club. The request was for three buses to transport from their respective Greenfield-Central buildings to the club. Dr. Olin agreed to investigate the options that Greenfield Central had for supporting the Boy and Girls Club in this request, and agreed to communicate with director Darren Turner within a reasonable amount of time.

XVI. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

President

First Vice President

Absent

Second Vice President

Secretary

Absent

Assistant Secretary