

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

**Administration Center
110 W. North St.
Greenfield, IN
February 9, 2015
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
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

Others Present: Greg Thompson, David Beal, Kim Langston, Christy Harpold, Greg Vogel, Dan Jack, Devon Marine, Matt Davis, Jim Bever, Christine Vallee, Lyndie Metz, Dawn Hanson, Jared Manning, Shane Bryant, Brent Oliver, Samantha Gable, Jobie Whitaker, Jan Kehrt, Rick Lister, Kasey Murphy, Gabriela Marquez and Parker Cupp

- I. Mrs. Livengood led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the February Regular Meeting to order.
 - A. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Creativity.
 - B. J.B. Stephens Elementary Principal Matt Davis introduced kindergarten teacher Samantha Gable who described how they use stability balls in the classroom. These were a gift from the Greenfield Central School Foundation. Kindergarten students participating in the presentation were Gabriela Marquez and Parker Cupp. The students demonstrated improved posture, strengthened core muscles and better handwriting skills. The second spotlight

was presented by J.B. Stephens social worker Christy Harpold and Greg Vogel who explained the Hancock County Purdue Extension Kindergarten 101 program in the summer. This program helps families and students entering kindergarten to understand what happens in a full day at school. Parent Kasey Murphy shared her experience during the one-week program that helped prepare her son for kindergarten. Ms. Harpold and Mr. Vogel stated participation has increased each year and the benefits of preparing these students reduces some of the issues on the first day of kindergarten.

- II. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015, and the Executive Session of January 12, 2015. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the February 2015 claim docket for review in the amount of \$2,999,189.17. The docket was distributed in advance for review by the Board. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell gave a brief summary of year-end activity for each taxing fund in the Greenfield-Central School's budget. All funds ended the year in positive cash balance with the exception of Title programs. Overall the financial state of affairs is positive and encouraging.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented the instruction report on the 2015-2016 related arts course offerings at Greenfield Central Junior High School. Greenfield Central Junior High School Principal Dan Jack shared the changes and additions to courses that included high school credit and world language. Mr. Menser asked if algebra I, would be offered to the 8th graders. Mr. Jack stated that some 7th graders would take algebra, and algebra I will be offered to some 8th grade students so they can then take geometry as freshman. Mr. Jack also reported that entry level Project Lead the Way (PLTW) will be offered at the junior high in grade 8.
- VI. Dr. Olin introduced high school associate principal David Beal to share an update on the athletic facilities. Mr. Beal stated that preliminary findings showed that local vendors could do 30% – 40% percent of the "in-kind" work toward the football field. He stated that base work is half the cost of the football field, but they have not found the 60%-70% funding support to begin a turf project in 2016. Athletic Director Jared Manning will be getting quotes on what it will take to improve the current surface of the field and report his findings at a future board meeting. Mrs. Livengood asked for a quarterly update on the status of financial supporters. Mr. Kerkhof expressed his encouragement by the amount of interest shown and stated

that this type of project takes time. Mrs. Livengood asked for a quarterly update on the status of financial supporters so Dr. Olin stated that the committee would report back in May.

- VII. Dr. Olin reported that the HMSES (Hancock Madison Shelby Education Services) governing board met to discuss the transition plan for Greenfield-Central to withdraw from the inter-local partnership. He stated that nothing was decided but he expected that something will be determined within the next ten days. Dr. Olin stated that we have posted the vacancy for a special education director and plans are moving forward to provide office space in the administration center for that position. We are expected to hire approximately 24 special education teachers to provide services to Greenfield-Central students starting Fall 2015.
- VIII. Dr. Hilton reported that the MacBook Air laptops were delivered to Tier IV teachers and an Apple representative conducted a kick-off session on February 5, 2015, for all Greenfield-Central teachers. Dr. Hilton stated Tier I-III teachers should receive their MacBooks later in February and Technology Coach Ashley Arnold has prepared monthly training sessions. Mrs. Livengood commended the administration for doing the research for providing a good foundation for this initiative.
- XIV. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$1000. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the donations with gratitude, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

It was recommended the Board allow the Greenfield Central Junior High School to purchase music stands and a rack for \$1268.20, from their Band ECA Fund. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the motion and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approve, 4 – 0.

- X. Dr. Olin recommended approval for out-of-state field trips. Junior State of America students are requesting to travel to Washington D.C. on February 11 – 15, 2015, and to Columbus, Ohio, on April 24 – 26, 2015. Greenfield-Central High School Winter Guard and Winter Percussion are requesting to travel to Dayton, Ohio, on April 8-11, 2015, and April 15-18, 2015. The Winter Guard are requesting to attend the Mid-East Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 14 and 15, 2015. The Greenfield Central Junior High School 8th grade students are requesting to travel to Washington D.C. on April 8, returning on April 11, 2015. These field trips come at no expense to the school corporation. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trips and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

- XI. 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, 4 – 0.
- A. Certified personnel leaves of absence for the 2014-15 school year included the following: Amanda Bassler, Elementary; Erica Sincroft, Elementary; and Donna Knecht-Strong, Elementary.
 - B. Certified recommendation: Paul Fedorchak, junior high Science.
 - C. Certified retirement: William J. Stobaugh and Betty Jane Coleman
 - D. ECA recommendations: Justin Dowden, boys' assistant junior high track coach; Sara Garringer, girls' assistant junior high track coach; Katie Sangiorgio, boys' head junior high track coach; and Matt Wickham, volunteer junior high track coach.
 - E. ECA resignation for the 2014-15 sports season: Rebecca Cerqua, head high school cheerleading coach and Nicole Parsons, junior varsity high school cheerleading coach
- XII. Mr. Leary shared an opportunity to donate to the Greenfield-Central School Foundation. He reported that the Hancock County Community Foundation will match \$1.50 for every dollar given. He also commended the staff, bus drivers and students for making it to school without incident during the unpredictable weather conditions.
- XIII. Mr. Leary made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Secretary

Absent

Assistant Secretary