

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

**Administration Center
110 W. North St.
Greenfield, IN
March 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: Dan Jack, Steve Bryant, Susie Coleman, Peggy Pritzke, Kim Kile, Erin Kile, Eric Kelly, Willie Tutrow, Christine Vallee, Brent Oliver, Jan Kehrt, Jobie Whitaker, Jared Manning, Mechelle Smith, Greg Thompson, David Beal, Trina Griesmeyer, Roy Bentz, Kaleigh Stoner, Bryce Roberts, Tucker Brown, Romie Bennett, Kathy Lee, Shane Bryant, Laken Peal, Matt Davis and Jim Bever

- I. Board President Retta Livengood led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the March Regular Meeting to order.
 - A. Hancock County Community Foundation staff Marie Felver and board members Adam Schultz and Ryan Hammons introduced Lilly Endowment Scholarship finalists Erin Kile and Kaylee Tutrow to school board members. These students are two of the eight finalists in the Lilly Endowment Scholarship program representing Greenfield-Central High School.
 - B. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Dependability.

- C. Weston Elementary Principal Shane Bryant introduced teachers Trina Griesmeyer and Kathy Lee as they described Weston Fit to the board. This is an after-school program in partnership with Anytime Fitness to engage students in physical activity and nutrition education. Roy Bentz, trainer at Anytime Fitness, demonstrated some of the exercises they teach students. Students who participated in the presentation were first graders, Romie Bennett and Tucker Brown; and third graders, Kaleigh Stoner and Bryce Roberts.
- II. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015; the Executive Session of March 9, 2015, and the Special Session of March 20, 2015. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the March 2015 claim docket for review in the amount of \$3,280,186.36. The docket was distributed and reviewed in advance by the Board. Mr. Menser asked about specific work by some of the vendors within the corporation. Mr. Zurwell stated that the corporation outsources maintenance and remodeling when the opportunity arises. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell compared January 2014 and 2015 taxing funds for both years. He reported that revenues were less than expenses for both months and reserves shrank. There was a deposit of reserves into the CD investment portfolio and received an interest rate of 1.0% to 1.35%. All funds at months' end for both years had a positive ending cash balance.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented the instruction report on the 2015 State Assessments. Significant changes have been influenced by the adoption of the 2014 Indiana Academic Standards, Federal education accountability requirements and Indiana legislation. Mrs. Vail provided descriptions of each assessment with the format, testing window, grade level and time involved to take the test. These tests scores will not be available until next fall. Mr. Leary asked if there would be remediation for students this summer. Mrs. Vail stated that I-READ3 remediation will be provided and high school students will receive extra help but there will not be any summer remediation for grades 3 – 8.
- VI. Dr. Olin shared a summary of the activities that have taken place since the last HMSES (Hancock Madison Shelby Education Services) governing board meeting. Greenfield-Central Schools will officially withdrawal from their partnership with the inter-local on July 1, 2015. Dr. Olin and administration held a meeting with the special education professionals who work in our buildings to update them on the transition. Dr. Hilton posted the potential vacancies for the 2015-16 school year on our website. Dr. Olin shared that interviews took place to hire a director of special education and there are plans

to work with the local hospital to potentially fill some itinerant staff positions as we continue to provide services to our students and families. Dr. Olin also reported that the search continues to find a facility to house an alternative education program in Greenfield.

- VII. Dr. Hilton gave an update on the digital learning initiative for Greenfield-Central Schools. All G-C teachers have now been issued a MacBook Air laptop and training sessions are in progress. The technology team continues to plan for the eLearning Conference this summer on June 4 – 5, 2015. Dr. Hilton also reported that Greenfield-Central applied for and was awarded a grant for \$95,700 from the Indiana Department of Education. This grant will assist in professional development and helping our teachers' transition to the MacBook Air laptops. Dr. Hilton made a request for board approval to authorize signature on the final grant in order to receive the funds. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 – 0.
- VIII. Dr. Olin provided information and letters of recommendation to the board for the new special education director candidate. Mr. David Walker will begin employment on April 6, 2015. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. David Walker as the new director of special education for Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IX. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$1730. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the donations with appreciation, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- X. Dr. Olin introduced Peggy Pritzke to give the Hancock County Public Library Annual Report. Mrs. Pritzke has been the school corporation's representative to the library for several years. Mrs. Pritzke shared statistics on circulation, visitors and website usage. She also reported about programming and the goals that have been established for 2015. Mrs. Pritzke has been appointed to represent Greenfield-Central Schools on the library board.
- XI. Dr. Olin presented Greenfield-Central School Foundation Executive Director Myra Bleil, who gave the annual report of the foundation's activities to the board. After her presentation, Mrs. Bleil announced that she would be retiring from the position effective April 30, 2015.
- XII. Dr. Olin shared the athletic trainer agreement with board members, which has been in place since 2010. He also shared a new proposal from Hancock Regional Hospital that will provide the same high level of athletic training services to our students at a fraction of the price. Dr. Olin stated that a formal contract proposal would be submitted at the April board meeting.

- XIII. Dr. Hilton introduced Greenfield-Central High School Dean of Students Brent Oliver who presented a request from the high school and junior high school administrative staff to move to a swab test in the random student drug and alcohol testing. Mr. Oliver summarized several benefits such as cost, testing design and student-friendly technique as a better procedure for our staff and students. This change in testing would require an update in board policy. Mr. Oliver stated that the administrators and school nurse could not see any negatives for the switch to a swab test. Mrs. Livengood asked if this practice would begin next school year and Dr. Hilton stated that it would only apply to the student policy for the upcoming school year.
- XIV. Mrs. Vail presented a recommendation to approve the 2015-2016 Walker Career Center Agreement with Greenfield-Central Schools. She reported that the corporation added a transportation component to the program and the high school has seen an increase in enrollment for the courses offered at the center. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XV. Dr. Olin recommended approval for one out-of-state field trip. Greenfield-Central High School Principal Steve Bryant requested approval for the newly created Greenfield-Central High School Winter Winds to attend the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championship competitions Dayton, Ohio, on April 11-12, 2015. This field trip comes at no expense to the school corporation. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XI. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- A. Certified resignation: Brandon Wood, elementary physical education.
 - B. Certified retirement: Brenda Bryant.
 - C. ECA recommendations: Laken Peal, high school varsity cheerleading coach; Audrey Smoot, volunteer high school track coach; and Jeremy Spencer, men's varsity golf coach.
 - D. ECA resignation for the 2014-15 sports season: Sarah McCall, junior high school dance coach.
- XII. Mr. Menser shared news that G-C graduate Josh Farrell was inducted into the electrical union.

XIII. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Secretary

Absent
Assistant Secretary