

**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 11, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Retta Livengood, President
Mr. Ray Kerkhof, First Vice President
Mr. Dan Leary, Secretary
Ms. Kathy Dowling, Assistant 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: Mr. Steve Menser, Second Vice President

Others Present: Susie Coleman, Jared Manning, Ellen Jones, Pam Johnson, Devon Marine, Stephen Burt, Trish Winn, Jobie Whitaker, Julie Young, Kristen Lee-Oliver, Dan Jack, Jenise Lawrence, Brent Oliver, Ashley Arnold, Krista Halter, Liz Kuhn, Ashley Ralph, Julie Rogers, Emily Weaver, Andrea Espich, Joey Johnson, David Beal, Joanna Riemer, Hannah Edwards, Pat Molinder, Valerie Richardson, Betsy Bandy, Jodi Haywood, Emily Crider, Jessie Olson, Jim Bever, Laura Morris, Deb Byers, Gail Everhart-Hoffman, Beth Forthofer, Matt Davis, Michael Foster, Erin Jeffries, Candy Short, Jan Kehrt, Shane Bryant, Angie Brown, Shelley Rogers, Janeen Gill, Cathy Clements, Erin Kile,

- I. Board President Retta 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. Greenfield-Central High School Neighbors Against Substance Abuse (N.A.S.A.) students shared with Board Members the activities that took

place during the past school year. N.A.S.A. representatives come from all four schools in the county. Students Hannah Edwards, Erin Jeffries, and Ethan Stump are part of the youth council that mentors younger students and provide education on underage drinking. The students also discussed conducting a survey in the communities on drinking and drug use. They also showed the N.A.S.A. commercial

Due to the large number of staff being introduced during the Board Meeting, Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

A. Certified recommendations: Andrea Arms, elementary teacher; Betsy Bandy, resource teacher; Deena Batton, resource teacher; Laura Becker, kindergarten teacher; Megan Bledsoe, resource teacher; Deb Byers, orthopedic impairment and resource teacher; Emily Crider, resource teacher; Andrea Espich, interpreter; Shelley Finet, speech teacher; Anna Findley, functional academics teacher; Beth Forthofer, functional academics teacher; Michael Foster, resource teacher; Samantha Gable, kindergarten teacher; Anessa Gross, elementary teacher; Krista Halter, functional academics teacher; Erin Harmon, Title I teacher; Jodi Haywood, deaf and hard of hearing teacher; Christine Heller, part-time related arts teacher; Gail Hoffman-Everhart, alternative school teacher; Ellen Jones, resource teacher; D.Dawn Joslin, resource teacher; Liz Kuhn, speech teacher; Jenise Lawrence, speech teacher; Kristen Lee-Oliver, resource teacher; Megan Long, kindergarten teacher; Hannah Maynard, kindergarten teacher, Pat Molinder, interpreter; Laura Morris, resource teacher; Michelle Muckerheide, school psychologist; Lori Olin, Title I teacher; Jessie Olson, preschool teacher; Monica Pagac, speech teacher; Ashley Ralph, resource teacher; Valerie Richardson, resource teacher; Joanna Riemer, speech teacher; Shantel Robinson, speech teacher; Amanda Rogers, kindergarten teacher; Julie Rogers, preschool teacher; Shelley Rogers, resource teacher; Susan Russell, resource teacher; Susie Steckler, speech teacher; Julie Stoeffler, resource teacher; Amy Swick, Title I teacher; Michelle Takach, kindergarten teacher; Michael Turpin, elementary teacher; Lee Vaughn, resource teacher; Emily Weaver, functional academics teacher; Renee Wickham, Title I teacher; Trish Winn, preschool teacher; Jamie Wolski, related arts teacher; and Julie Young, resource teacher.

B. Certified resignations: Sydney Herman, kindergarten teacher; Renee Hodge, elementary teacher; Alayna Pierce, elementary teacher; Kathleen Nicholson, elementary teacher and Cory Schewe, elementary teacher.

- C. Certified retirement: Mary Lawler, physical education teacher.
- D. ECA recommendations: Deena Batton, head volleyball coach; Robyn Couch, 7th grade cheerleading coach; Allie Dickman, freshman cheerleading coach; Ashley Ralph, 8th grade volleyball co-coach; Jena Robinson, junior varsity cheerleading coach; and Lauren Sangiorgio, 8th grade volleyball co-coach.
- E. Supplemental contract recommendations for Summer Session 2015 included the following: Amanda Bradford, IREAD-3 teacher; Phillip Cohen, guard director; Dalton Dale, music/visual tech; Megan Frantz, algebra; Evan Fyffe, music/visual tech; 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; Alissa Solchik, IREAD-3 teacher; Ron Stryzinski, precalculus; Jeremy Turner, music/visual tech; Mark Vail, driver's education; Paul Venckus, physical education; Sean Widmer, percussion; Russell Wiley, physical education, and Chris Wing, director of bands.

- II. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2015; the Executive Sessions of April 13, 2015, and April 21, 2015; and the Special Session of May 4, 2015. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the May 2015 claim docket for review in the amount of \$2,849,940.41. The docket was distributed in advance for the Board to review. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell shared that the March 2014 and March 2015 taxing funds for both years compared relatively close. Expenses exceeded income in those periods of time. Mr. Zurwell shared the list of 2015 summer projects and a new summer lunch program. He also reported that we will be joining a food service co-operative and will be looking at new software. Mr. Leary asked on where are meals compared to labor costs. Mr. Zurwell stated that with our scratch cooking Greenfield-Central is averaging about 12 meals per labor hour. Mr. Kerkhof asked if Mr. Zurwell could visualize the mandates on nutritional standards lightening up. Mr. Zurwell stated that with a change in administration we could see a change. All funds at months' end for both years had a positive ending cash balance.

- V. Mrs. Vail's instruction report began with a presentation from Greenfield-Central High School teacher Janeen Gill on the Mentor Protégé Program. This is a partnership of businesses with K-12 High Ability students to help high school seniors develop networks in their field of interest. High School Senior Erin Kile shared her experience of working with a mentor from Elanco. High School teachers Mrs. Susie Schoeff and Mrs. Cathy Clements also assists in coordinating this program.

Mrs. Vail proposed a new addition of instrumental strings to the Tier III music education course offerings. We would contract with Suzuki Strings to add this course in the 2015-16 school year. Mrs. Livengood asked Mr. Jack if he thought there would be any trouble recruiting students and Mr. Leary asked if the junior high school has room to offer this course. Mr. Jack confirmed that there was interest in the strings program and a classroom was available to offer this course. Mr. Leary made a recommendation to implement an Instrumental Strings program at Greenfield Central Junior High School. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

The next section of the instruction report focused on the 2015 IREAD-3 Report for third graders. Greenfield-Central Schools will offer a three-week intensive summer program to help students who did not pass the test on the first attempt. Eighteen students will participate in this summer school opportunity.

Mrs. Vail made a recommendation to approve the 2015 Elementary Reading Plans for Tier 1 & 2. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

- VI. Dr. Olin shared an update on the athletic facilities. He introduced associate principal David Beal to discuss interest in funding an artificial turf project from community members. Mr. Beal stated that one member was willing to do in-kind work on the football field but no one has stepped up financially. He stated that he would like to have a committee meeting to decide on how to proceed. Athletic director Jared Manning shared that a donor structure needed to be established. He also stated that we did receive some quotes from vendors to repair our current surface. Mr. Kerkhof expressed his appreciation and even though we have not received an initial investment, he still believes that improving the field would make this area more of an instructional space.
- VII. Dr. Olin gave an update on negotiations to the severance agreement with Hancock Madison Shelby Education Services. The administrative staff is still filling staffing needs within the Greenfield-Central buildings. Plans are moving forward to purchase property for an alternative school for the 2015-16 school year.

- VIII. Dr. Olin presented for second reading the recommended language for the 2015 Student Handbooks for Tiers I, II, III, and IV. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IX. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the Athletic Code Handbooks for Greenfield Central Junior High and High School. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- X. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the Digital Learning Technology Handbook for Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Mrs. Ashley Arnold assembled the handbook and was present to answer questions. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XI. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$727.80. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the donations with appreciation, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XII. Greenfield-Central High School Principal Steve Bryant made a recommendation of June 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. for commencement next school year. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XIII. Dr. Olin shared the recent recognition by the Indiana Department of Education of two schools within Greenfield-Central Corporation. Eden Elementary and J.B. Stephens Elementary Schools performed in the upper 25th percentile in multiple categories. Performance on ISTEP+, ECA state exams and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) are all factors used. This achievement earned a Four Star School award. Dr. Olin acknowledged retired principals Joey Johnson and Candy Short for achieving this honor during the 2013-2014 school year.
- XIV. Dr. Olin made a recommendation to the Board to continue our participation in the Title I Federal Program. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the participation in the Title I Program for the 2015-2016 school year and authorize Dr. Harold Olin to be the representative. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XV. Dr. Olin recommended approval for four out-of-state field trips. Greenfield-Central High School Principal Steve Bryant requested approval for the Family Consumer Science CLA Chapter to attend the National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. on July 4 – 10, 2015. Greenfield-Central High School Boy's Basketball Coach Michael Lewis requested permission for teams

to travel on June 19-21, 2015 to the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois; June 26-28, 2015 to Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana; and July 10-12, 2015 to Indiana Wesleyan University with the 7th and 8th grade players. These field trips come at no expense to the school corporation. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trips and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

XVI. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the winter 2015 out-of-unit coaching recommendations for board approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

XI. 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

Absent

Second Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary