

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

**Greenfield-Central High School  
810 North Broadway Street  
Greenfield, IN  
April 14, 2014**

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

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

Unable to attend: Mr. Dan Strahl, School Board Attorney

Others Present: Jan Burt, Melissa May, Amy Presslor, Melisa Zorne, Donald Sandlin Albrolet, Anita Turner, Bob Rogers, Norma Rogers, William Weldon, Jon Polster, Michelle Arrowood, Ron Posey, Jan Kehrt, Lori Olin, April Manning, Todd Reynolds, Melissa Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds, Ron Byers, Veronica Byers, Dawn Hanson, Dan Jack, Glenn Churchill, Kim Bryant, Jason Silvers, Judy Fedorchak, Karan Bell, Brian Arrowood, Tammy Beechboard, Dale Beechboard, Michelle Gates, Tina Sherman, Joey Johnson, Candy Short, Jobie Whitaker, Kevin Horrigan, Lori Yeager, Jenni Saunders, Tracy Cool, Robin Gibson, Kim Kile, Warren Petry, Cheyanne Petry, Robert Davis, JoAnn Davis, Cheryl Rumpf, Joanie Gann, Austin Gossett, Chris Phillips, Greg Thompson, Dean Jackley, Theresa Jackley, Mark Kelly, Kathy Clark, Jared Manning, Maddi Bowman, Ginay Bowman, Lance Cole, Ranay Keller, Debra Pennington, Barbie Kamminga, Michael Hilton, Vickie Langenberger, David Schrank, Michelle Kleckner, Marlin Rumpf, Chase Walden, Kathy Locke, Bobbie Posey, Ron Posey, Courtney Kent, Larie Fletcher, Brent Oliver, Donna Patterson, Jeff Sincroft, Tom Galyean, Mrs. Galyean, Carissa Denny, Alli Bowman, Rose Finney, Bill Blake, Tangelino Blake, Kristen Freulich, Aaron Freulich, Dennis Yost, Ginnette Yost, Wade Dingman, Amy Dingman, Paul Fedorchak, Aaron Riley, June Cyr, Mike Hale, Noelle Steele, Rob Young, Darla Gibson, Janice Johnston, Rick Johnston, Mark Gibson, Cathy Gibson, Norm Baker, Michelle Milliken, Lynn Oakes, Erika Galyean, Mike Manning, Sarah Greulich, Stephen Burt, Susanna Coleman

- I. Mrs. Livengood led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the April Regular Meeting to order.

- A. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Tolerance.
- B. Mrs. Livengood read the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation Celebrate Excellence Proclamation. Mrs. Vail recognized 200 students and staff for awards in instrument/vocal/dance, sports and academic/co-curricular. Pictures were taken and mementos were handed out after each honoree was congratulated by Board Members.
- C. Mrs. Vail introduced Greenfield-Central High School Principal Steve Bryant who introduced science teacher Danny Naegeli for the presentation. Mr. Naegeli had students demonstrate the use of Chromebooks, Moodle and Google Drive to Board Members. This is all part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology that teachers can use in the curriculum and is part of the one-on-one classroom concept.

- II. Mrs. Livengood called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014, and the Executive Session of March 10, 2014. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the April claim docket for review in the amount \$3,960,566.78. After review, Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell presented reports for the months ending February 2013 and 2014. We did not receive tax rates to generate funding to cover shortfalls. Mr. Zurwell shared that most funds ended the month positively.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented Literacy Early Invention Grant results. This grant program provides funds to public schools to establish early literacy intervention programs for students in kindergarten through second grade. Each of the four elementary schools will receive *Read Well* materials and professional development for the implementation of this program. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VI. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept a donation in the amount of \$1501.00. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the donation with gratitude, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell presented the recommendation for reconfiguration of the Maxwell Intermediate School's traffic project. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the Maxwell Intermediate School Drive Improvements Project. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- VII. Dawn Hanson, Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation Nurse, presented the annual school health report. Mrs. Hanson reported the focus this year has been on the immunization status of the corporation. She reported that the number of medications distributed to students at the clinics have seen a significant reduction. Mr. Leary asked about data reflecting that fifty percent of students who have a "medical condition." Mrs.

Hanson stated the percentage includes students with chronic illnesses such as allergies, asthma or juvenile diabetes. Dr. Gellert also reported that athletic school physicals will be cancelled because of the Hancock Regional Hospital's inability to provide a medical support team.

- VIII. Dr. Gellert presented the first reading of recommended language changes for each of the four tier student handbooks. Joey Johnson, Sarah Greulich, Jeff Sincroft, and Susanna Coleman presented the changes for their respective tier levels. The proposed handbook language includes changes for bullying, cyberbullying, restraint and seclusion, student parking, discipline, attendance, metal detectors and dress code.
- IX. Dr. Gellert presented for first reading NEOLA by-laws and policies 0151.1, 1630.01, 3430.01, 4430.01, 1662, 2510, 5630.01, and 6151. The policies will be shared with teachers during the discussion process, and brought to the Board for approval in May.
- X. Dr. Gellert presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement from the Greenfield Central School Foundation. The MOU identifies and defines the working relationship and commitment between the school corporation and the School Foundation. The Greenfield Central School Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) and can receive donations to build an endowment for Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XI. Dr. Gellert presented school capacity estimates for the 2014-15 school year. She reported that enrollment growth last year was zero percent, and anticipates a similar growth pattern for next year, with no teacher reductions in staff. Dr. Hilton provided a spreadsheet to show grade level projections that will guide principals on reassigning teachers and support staff to grade levels and buildings next year.
- XII. Dr. Hilton presented the proposal for Greenfield-Central's After School Childcare Provider. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis as the After School Childcare Provider for 2014-2016. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0. Mr. Menser abstained from voting.
- XIII. Dr. Gellert presented a letter of retirement from Mr. Kevin Horrigan. Mr. Steve Bryant shared the accomplishments of Mr. Horrigan during his tenure as the athletic director for Greenfield-Central. After expression of gratitude, Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0. After discussion, Dr. Gellert presented the recommendation of Mr. Jared Manning as the new athletic director of Greenfield-Central High School effective July 1, 2014. Ms. Dowling made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations. Mr. Leary made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- A. Certified personnel recommendations: Jenny Bielefeld, resignation; Doug Apple, Della Benefiel, Jeff Bertsch, David Hines, and Susan Nichter, retirements;
- B. ECA recommendation for the 2013-14 sports season: Travis Denny, volunteer softball coach, and Robert Oliver, freshman baseball coach.
- C. ECA resignations for the 2013-14 sports season: Laura Forsman, assistant varsity cheer coach, and Josh Johnson, head varsity basketball coach.
- D. Dr. Hilton furnished the junior high and high school coaching summaries for the first reading of the winter 2014 out-of-unit recommendations.

XV. Mr. Kerkhof asked members of the Board to explore the concept of installing turf at the high school football field. He believes this improvement will increase student participation in football, track and band, making our high school more competitive with other schools. Mr. Kerkhof made a recommendation to form a committee to explore the practical and financial implications of installing turf without compromising education. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. Mrs. Livengood shared that she is concerned about fundraising for this project when so many other organizations are also fundraising. The motion was approved, 5 – 0. Dr. Gellert stated that because the Board formed the Turf Committee, the committee meetings are subject to Public Access Law and must be advertised accordingly.

XVI. Ms. Dowling made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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