

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

**Administration Center
110 West North Street
Greenfield, IN
September 9, 2013**

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

Unable to Attend: Mr. Steve Menser, Second Vice President

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

Others Present: Erin Cain, Marti Dudley, Sam Fralich, Chrissy Keene, Reagan Crouch, Landon Pomeroy, Breanna Pomeroy, Joey Johnson, Rebecca Knox, Susie Coleman, Kathy Clark, Dan Jack, Harold Olin, Candy Short, David Beal, Stephen Burt, Jobie Whitaker, Noelle Steel, Jan Kehrt, Rick Lister

- I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the September Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - A. Mrs. Livengood read the Character Trait of the Month – Responsibility.
 - B. Principal Joey Johnson introduced reading coach Marti Dudley and third grade teacher Erica Cain to present the digital Reading Street program. The program is connected to the Apple TV and students can utilize the application from home and in school. This program enhances reading skills for students and can engage parents with the school corporation Reading series. Third grade students Chrissy Keene, Reagan Crouch, Landon Pomeroy, Breanna Pomeroy, and Sam Fralich presented on behalf of Eden Elementary
- II. Mrs. Livengood suspended the Regular Board Meeting, and called the Public Tax Hearings to order.

Mrs. Livengood declared an open public hearing for the proposed 2014 Budgets, which included the General Fund, Debt Services Fund, Pension Debt Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Operating Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and the Rainy Day Fund. There were no public comments. Mrs. Livengood closed the 2014 Budgets Hearing.

Mrs. Livengood declared an open public hearing for the proposed 2014-2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan, and called for public comments. There were no public comments. Mrs. Livengood closed the Capital Projects Fund Hearing.

Mrs. Livengood called for public comments on the proposed 2014-2025 School Bus Replacement Plan, and called for public comments. There were no public comments. Mrs. Livengood closed the 2014-2025 School Bus Replacement Plan Hearing.

- III. Mrs. Livengood adjourned the Public Tax Hearings and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting.
- IV. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2013, and the Executive Session of August 12, 2013. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- V. Mr. Zurwell presented claim dockets for review in the amount of \$2,982,223.88. The claim docket was presented for review prior to the Board meeting. After discussion, Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the claim docket. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- VI. Mr. Zurwell shared revenue for July 2012 and 2013 fiscal years. Expenses compared similarly for spending patterns. All taxing funds for both years had positive ending cash balances. Mr. Zurwell also discussed the minutes of the Facility Committee which met on August 29, 2013.
- VII. Mrs. Vail reported that ISTEP scores for Grades 3 – 8 have not yet been released, but she anticipated receiving them in the next few weeks. Mrs. Vail presented the latest high school career/college readiness indicators for the high school. Mr. Kerkhof commented how the report compares our students with other students globally and across the United States. Mr. Leary asked if the interest in technology careers is declining. Mrs. Vail stated that the fields of technology are actually expanding, and students are more likely to use technology applications to build careers in engineering and medicine, rather than computer programming or designing.

Mrs. Vail introduced high school principal Steve Bryant to present Board Members with the Hoosier Heritage Conference All Sports trophy for 2012. This is the first time in Greenfield Central's history to receive this prestigious award, representing success of the 10 boys' sport teams of cross country, football, soccer, tennis, basketball, swimming/diving, wrestling, baseball, golf, and track and field.

- VIII. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$20,250.00. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the donations with gratitude, and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- IX. Dr. Gellert introduced Mrs. Rebecca Knox, Director of Food Services, to present school nutrition program offered at Greenfield Central Schools. She described various regulations and guidelines imposed on school lunch menus. Mrs. Livengood commended Mrs. Knox for her work, and extended appreciation to her staff.
- X. Dr. Gellert presented for first reading the 2013-14 TAF (Teacher Appraisal Framework) model. Teachers and administrators are working with teachers through discussion to modify the TAF for compliance with Indiana requirements.
- XI. Dr. Gellert shared that a Tentative Agreement with the Greenfield Central Classroom Teachers' Association had been ratified at 100% support. The Agreement offers a salary increase of \$1460 for eligible teachers as defined by Indiana Code. The Contract will be posted on the district website after Board approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XII. Dr. Hilton presented information on SafeSchools, an online staff training and student emergency and bully system. The SafeSchools program offers a reporting system which allows students, parents and community members to anonymously report emergency related tips and incidents of bullying. Dr. Hilton also shared this alert notice is posted in schools and on the corporation website.
- XIII. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for three out-of-state field trips. Greenfield-Central High School Art Club will travel to Chicago, Illinois, on April 5, 2014; the GCHS Agriculture Class will attend the 2013 Farm Science Review Days in London, Ohio, on September 18, 2013; and the GCHS FFA Chapter will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, November 1 – 2, 2013, for the National FFA Convention. 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.
- XIV. Mr. Leary brought the request from neighbors on Broadway Street across from the high school, who are concerned about the parking for the Greenfield Youth Football League participants. Citizens contend that a fence constructed along the fields would hinder individuals from parking along the street. Mr. Zurwell obtained an estimate of over \$20,000 to construct a fence. Mr. Kerkhof stated that he understands the concerns of the residents and asked if communication from the league could instruct families to park in the high school north parking lot. Kathy Dowling made a motion for Dr. Gellert to ask the commissioner of the GYFL to directly notify the patrons to be respectful of the residents along Broadway and use the parking spaces available at the high school. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

Mr. Kerkhof asked if there was an update on the K-Time procedure with bus drivers. Dr. Hilton stated that Greg Thompson, Director of Technology is looking into writing an

app for the iPad for bus drivers who do not bring their bus back to the garage. This alternative will help with tracking employee attendance and keep transportation fuel costs down.

- XV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendations and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

Certified personnel leaves of absence for the 2013-14 school year included the following: Ashley Arnold, Elementary; Laura Forsman, Social Studies; Lindsay McIntosh, Kindergarten; Cara Olson, Elementary; and Rachel Smith, Elementary.

ECA recommendations for the 2013-14 sports season: Greg Arnold, Junior High Cross Country Coach; Greg Arnold, Assistant Track Coach; Brian Francis, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach; Samantha Gable, Head Girls Track Coach; David Graddy, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach; David Graddy, Junior Varsity Softball Coach; and Dusty Neal, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

- XVI. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

President

First Vice President

Absent

Second Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary