

**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 30, 2013**

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
Mr. Dan Strahl, School Board Attorney

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: Marti Dudley, Steve Mougeotte, Janeane Mongoette, Joseph Calvert, Dorothy Calvert, Ryan Hornaday, Jon Anderson, Stephen Burt, Kathy Clark, Terry Miller, Joey Johnson, Candy Short, David Beal, Kevin Horrigan, Noelle Steele, Janet Smith, Bonnie Fisher, J.R. Gilstad, Dan Jack, Rick Johnston, Harold Olin, Jobie Whitaker, Kevin Whitaker, Amanda Bradford, Mary Beuoy, Jalean Addington, Jack Calvert, Kelsey Gibson, Tyler Hornaday, Evan Brow, Kaitlin Martin and Sarah Hanson

- I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the October Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Livengood read the Character Trait of the Month – Truthfulness

Principal Jim Bever introduced the corporation's Tier 2 music teachers Mary Beuoy and Jalean Addington as the spotlight activity for this month. Sixth grade students Jack Calvert, Kelsey Gibson, Tyler Hornaday, Evan Brown, Kaitlin Martin and Sarah Hanson shared their enthusiasm for learning music through new guitars purchased for the performing arts program at the intermediate level.

- II. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013, and the Executive Session of September 9, 2013. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- III. Mr. Zurwell presented claim dockets for review in the amount of \$2,762,470.65. 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, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell shared revenue for August 2012 and August 2013 fiscal years. Expenses exceeded revenues for both months of each year, so reserves depleted. This is a common pattern for the month of August. All taxing funds for both years had positive ending cash balances.
- V. After a brief review of the 2014 Budgets, Mr. Zurwell made the following recommendations:
 - Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve and sign the 2014 Budgets as presented, including the adoption of Budget Form 4, Ordinance of Appropriations and the Resolution of Tax Rates. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve all the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
 - Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve the 2014-2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan, and asked for permission to publish the Notice of Adoption. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
 - Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve the 2014-2025 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
 - Mr. Zurwell requested that the Board approve the 2014 Budget (Line 2) Resolution which grants the Greenfield-Central Community Schools Business Manager, Anthony M. Zurwell, the authority to reduce Line 2 on Forms 4B for the 2014 Budgets. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
 - Mr. Zurwell recommended adopting the 2014 Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund Neutrality Resolution. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
 - To conclude, Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve the Expenditure Goal for the 2014 Budget. Ms. Dowling made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VI. Mrs. Vail presented the new by-law from the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) allowing homeschoolers to participate in IHSAA sports at public schools where they legally reside, if they take at least one class at the school. Greenfield-Central High School has one student enrolled in one course. Mr. Kerkhof asked if the

student will continue as a student after the athletic season ends. Mrs. Vail stated she believed that the intention of the student is to remain in the course. Ms. Dowling asked if the school can deny the student from re-entering the next athletic season if they withdraw in mid-year. Mrs. Vail responded she will check. Mr. Menser asked if this student adheres to the drug testing and student codes of conduct. Mr. Horrigan confirmed. Mrs. Vail stated that these students will not be included in the graduation rate, and ISTEP scores will only be applicable to a school's accountability if the student has been enrolled in a course requiring ISTEP or ECA.

- VII. Dr. Gellert presented for second reading the 2013-14 TAF (Teacher Appraisal Framework) model. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VIII. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$6,250.00. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the donations with appreciation. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. Mr. Leary shared a comment from Terry Tillett who was a part of the 109 volunteers that spent the day working on grounds of the Tier I Elementary Schools. He stated that everyone should take ownership in their schools, and Mr. Leary stated that that is extremely important. Mrs. Livengood added that individuals who step up and give of their time is as important as a financial donation. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IX. Dr. Gellert presented new Bullying statute which includes definitions of bullying, and how they apply to our student codes of conduct. Dr. Gellert reported that anti-bully strategies had been presented to the Greenfield-Central Classroom Teachers' Association (CTA) as required by Indiana Code. Mrs. Terry Miller, Social Worker at Weston Elementary, has assumed chair for the corporation's anti-bully committee, and has extended discussion with teachers, administrators, coaches and parent groups in preparation for student handbook policies. After discussion, Dr. Gellert stated that additional bullying training has been required for all staff this school year.
- X. Dr. Hilton presented information on the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant proposal. This fund was created by the General Assembly in 2013, when a \$20 million grant was established. Schools with over 1,000 students can apply for up to \$50,000 per year. After review, Dr. Hilton and co-author Dan Jack recommended approval of the grant proposal for the FY2014 Secured School Safety Grant as presented. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XI. Dr. Gellert reported that the Average Daily Membership (ADM) count took place on September 13, 2013. Greenfield-Central's fall 2013 ADM count appears to be 4397.62. The reconciliation period will close on Friday, October 4. The 2013 Budget Order for Greenfield-Central indicates that State tuition support is approximately \$5158 per student. All kindergarten students count as half ADM and a homeschool student that attends one high school course counts as .12 ADM. It appears that this year's ADM has 48 fewer students than the 2012 Fall ADM. Mr. Kerkhof asked if the second ADM count in February is linked to funding. Dr. Gellert confirmed that the second ADM count scheduled for February 3, 2014, will be linked to school funding.

- XII. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for one out-of-state field trip. Greenfield-Central High Blue Fusion Dance Team will travel to the National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Florida, on February 1-2, 2014. This field trip will be at no expense to the school corporation. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XIII. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Certified temporary teacher contract: Marsha Beal, Social Studies.

ECA recommendations for the 2013-14 sports season: Audrey Smoot, Assistant Track Coach; John Sosnowski, Assistant Track Coach; and Jim Stewart, Freshman Softball Coach.

- XIV. Mr. Leary thanked everyone who attended the Greenfield-Central School Foundation’s Red Gala event. He commended Myra Bleill for her work with the Foundation.

The Greenfield-Central School Board granted a request from Ms. Janet Smith to speak on the subject of Common Core. Ms. Smith submitted several documents about Common Core, and introduced Dr. Bonnie Fisher to share comments.

- XV. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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