

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

**Administration Center  
110 W. North Street  
Greenfield, IN  
February 10, 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  
Mr. Dan Strahl, School Board Attorney

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

Others Present: Candy Short, Joey Johnson, David Beal, Harold Olin, Michael Jenkins, Kathy Clark, Jim Bever, Noelle Steele, Kevin Horrigan, Steve Burt, Jan Kehrt, Dan Jack, Melia Hammons, Tatem Adams, Rusty Jenkins, Maddox Martin and Gabrielle Skene

- I. Mrs. Livengood led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the February Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
  - A. Mrs. Livengood presented the Character Trait of the Month – Obedience.
  - B. J. B. Stephens Elementary Principal Candy Short introduced Melia Hammons and four of her second grade students who presented Flat Stanley projects. Ms. Hammons briefly told how this project connected with the curriculum. Students shared letters they had received from mailing Flat Stanley to another person and what happened at that location. Students Tatem Adams, Rusty Jenkins, Maddox Martin, and Gabrielle Skene participated in the presentation.
- II. Mrs. Livengood called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2014; the Executive Sessions of January 13, 2014, January 17, 2014, and the Special Session of January 17, 2014. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendations and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the February claim docket for review in the amount \$2,792,916.57. Mr. Leary asked how we have kept up with the extraordinary snow removal. Mr. Zurwell

pointed to the effects of the unseasonable bad weather at all buildings with costs totaling over \$100,000. After review, Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented including the mileage claim from a superintendent candidate. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- IV. Mr. Zurwell presented reports for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. Mr. Zurwell shared several documents that explained the various Greenfield-Central Funds, including the General, Debt Service, Pension, Capital Projects, Bus Replacement and Transportation. All Funds ended the year positively. Mr. Zurwell reported that we have received our Budget Order from the DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance), which establishes the authority to spend for 2014. His report explained how the cash reserves have shored up budget shortfalls throughout the year, and how cost containment efforts have kept the financial situation solid.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented the instruction report on the 2013 Corporation and School A-F Accountability as indicated by the Indiana Department of Education. Mrs. Vail reported that all Greenfield-Central schools earned an A or B rating and the school corporation as a whole earned an A. She also reported on the results of the SAT and ACT scores from the 2012-13 school year, indicating that Greenfield-Central students scored higher in the areas of critical reading and writing than State and National scores, and scored higher in Math than the State level. Mrs. Vail noted the report showed that students who scored high were also involved in fine and performing arts. Mrs. Livengood complimented the staff for their hard work in preparing students for assessments.
  - A. Mrs. Vail also shared a report of the most recent Determination under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), indicating that Greenfield-Central has met the requirements for compliance.
  - B. Mrs. Vail introduced Assistant Principal Dan Jack who presented a request for participation in the On-Time Graduation Project. The project includes a free pilot software program to identify freshman and sophomores who indicate early signs of risk for dropping out. This two-year pilot study will give Greenfield-Central High School detailed reports and suggest professional development opportunities for staff. The results may also suggest early interventions for underclassmen on behavior patterns, attendance, test scores, and course grades in core academic subjects. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve participation in the project. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VI. Mr. Zurwell presented donations for this month's report in the amount of \$600.00. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the donations with gratitude and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
  - A. Mr. Zurwell presented for approval the Resolution for 2013 Budget Appropriation Transfers. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kerkhof to approve the Resolution for the 2013 Budget Appropriation Transfers in the General, Debt Service, Pensions, Capital Projects and Transportation Funds. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- B. Mr. Zurwell brought before the Board a waiver to remove work requirements for certain employee groups due to closing of school during the two severe weather days on January 6, 2014, and January 7, 2014. Ms. Dowling made a motion to designate the two waived days as holidays for hourly staff. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0. Mr. Leary abstained from voting.
- VII. Dr. Gellert presented NEOLA by-laws and policies for first reading: 0164.4, 0165, 0165.3, 0165.6, 5515.01, 8390, 9160, and 8750. Dr. Gellert also provided additional information on GC Athletic Codes of Conduct. She noted that Mr. Kerkhof and Ms. Dowling served on a committee led by Athletic Director Mr. Horrigan. Codes of Conduct recommendations will be addressed in Student Handbooks.
- VIII. Dr. Gellert introduced for first reading the 2015-16 School Calendar. The draft calendar closely resembles the previously approved balanced calendar, with extended two week breaks in October, December and March.
- IX. Dr. Gellert recommended approval for students of the Greenfield-Central High School Winter Guard to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 15-16, 2014, and G-C Marching Band to attend competitions in Dayton, Ohio, on September 27, 2014. She also recommended approval for Greenfield-Central High School Project Lead the Way (PLTW) students to attend the 2014 NASA Rover Challenge in Huntsville, Alabama, on April 9-12, 2014. Mr. Menser made a motion to support all of these trips. Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- X. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- A. Certified personnel recommendations: Kara Martinez, leave of absence; Kathleen Nicholson, leave of absence; Ruthann Monaghan, retirement; and Alice Snellenberger, retirement.
- B. ECA recommendation for the 2013-14 sports season: Jonathan Bishop, volunteer junior high track coach; LaRea Cruz, Co-Head girls junior high basketball coach; Nick Uhl, boys assistant junior high track coach.
- C. ECA resignation for the 2013-14 sports season: Kaleigh Cruz, junior high cheer coach; and Dusty Neal, boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach.
- XI. Mr. Livengood announced that the Board made their decision to offer Dr. Harold Olin the superintendent position effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Menser made a motion to schedule a public hearing as required by Indiana Code on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Offices. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- XII. Ms. Dowling made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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