

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

**Administration Center  
110 W. North St.  
Greenfield, IN  
September 8, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Others signing in as: Greg Thompson, Dave Beal, Dan Jack, Jim Bever, Devon Marine, Michael Hilton, Amy Stevens, Brent Oliver, Shane Bryant, Robbie Miller, Kathy Clark, Matt Davis, Brian Harmon, Susie Coleman, Jan Kehrt, Bill Redmon, Jobie Whitaker, Steve Bryant and Jared Manning

- I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the September Regular Board Meeting to order.
  - A. Mrs. Livengood read the Character Trait of the Month – Responsibility.
  - B. Principal Devon Marine introduced kindergarten teachers Amy Stevens, Sidney Herman, Michele Takach and student teacher MacKenzie Beisser to present the spotlight for Eden Elementary. The program introduces students to handwriting through song and activity. Kindergarten students Chloe Takach, Demi Muegge, Garrett Jack, Brennan Jack, Nathan Roberts, Grace Brown, Alayna Gustin and Shana Douglass 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 2015 Budgets, which included the General Fund, Debt Services Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Transportation Operating Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and the Rainy Day Fund. There were no public comments. Mrs. Livengood closed the 2015 Budgets Hearing.

Mrs. Livengood declared an open public hearing for the proposed 2015-2017 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 2015-2026 School Bus Replacement Plan, and called for public comments. There were no public comments. Mrs. Livengood closed the 2015-2026 School Bus Replacement Plan Hearing.

- III. Mrs. Livengood adjourned the Public Tax Hearings and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting.
- IV. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2014, and the Executive Session of August 11, 2014. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- V. Mr. Zurwell presented the August claim docket for review in the amount \$3,105,337.84. The Board had received the docket in advance for review. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the claim docket as presented and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- VI. Mr. Zurwell presented reports comparing the taxing funds for months ending July 2013 and 2014. Expenses did exceed revenues for both years, and reserves shrank. Mr. Zurwell noted this a typical trend for July. All our taxing funds at months' end for both years had positive ending cash balances.
- VII. Mrs. Vail presented the instructional report on an update of the ACUITY State Formative Assessment. The state of Indiana has transitioned to the 2014 Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards (INCCR) and it will require a revision in the present assessments. Mrs. Vail demonstrated the online assessment that measures not only the student's understanding of the question but how to prepare them to take the assessment.  
  
The second part of the instructional report focused on the Standards Based Report Card (SBRC) for grades K-3 in Tier 1. The report card will show a student's progress toward mastery of the standard for Reading and Math.
- VIII. Dr. Olin reported that the athletic facilities public meeting was held on September 2, 2014, with a report from David Beal on the committee site visits. The committee plans to invite three vendors to the October 7, 2014 meeting to hear about turf products.

- IX. Dr. Olin reported no significant updates from the Hancock Madison Shelby Educational Services (HMSES), Board meeting on August 20, 2014. Executive Director Karen Neimeier placed the concerns of Greenfield-Central School Board of Trustees on the agenda and there was some discussion. No action was recommended. The next meeting is set for October 22, 2014.
- X. Dr. Hilton presented an update on the digital learning initiative. Technology director Greg Thompson, Technology Coach Ashley Arnold and Dr. Hilton conducted Tech Chats in all eight buildings with teaching staff. Dr. Hilton also reported that the Technology Council met for the first time to introduce a draft survey for parents, teachers and the community to share ideas of digital learning and what tier level is the best to begin the device rollout. Dr. Hilton shared that the Technology Leadership team plans to visit Lebanon High School to learn about their 1:1 student technology program.
- XI. Dr. Olin presented for second reading a request for the use of digital signatures to acquire approval for athletic forms and other forms within the district. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XII. Mr. Zurwell reported no donations that met the policy threshold of \$1001 dollars or more for board action. Mr. Strahl received a call from a local business to purchase the Maxwell farm land to expand their operations. Mr. Strahl is requesting permission to obtain two appraisals for an accurate market value on the property. Mr. Menser asked what the rate of obtaining an appraisal. Mr. Strahl stated that the cost is less than \$500. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to acquire two appraisals. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XIII. Mr. Zurwell requested authorization to publicize two project hearings for obtaining General Obligation (GO) Bonds. The purpose of the bonds is to pay off the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts and financing the blend of digital learning technology into the classrooms. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XIV. Dr. Olin presented for first reading twenty-seven NELOA by-law and policy revisions and/or additions. Those included by-law 0132.1, functions of the Board of School Trustees; 1220, employment of the superintendent; 1240, evaluation of the superintendent; 1241, non-reemployment of the superintendent; 1543, non-renewal of administrative contracts; 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434, smoking; 1617, 3217, 4217, 5772, 7217, weapons; 2461, deletion of suspension of students with disabilities; 2700, annual report; 3124, employment contracts with professional employees; 3131, reduction in force; 5114, foreign exchange students; 5320, immunizations Hepatitis A; 5605, renumbered suspension of students with disabilities; 5630.01, use of seclusion and restraint; 8311, public access to employee contracts; 8432, pesticides expectations; 9210, parent organizations; and 9270, home schooling students. The policies will be shared with teachers during the discussion process, and brought to the Board for approval at a later date. Mr. Kerkhof asked if the campus outside of the buildings are clearly marked for prohibiting of electronic cigarettes. Dr. Olin stated that there are signs

posted inside of the buildings that state no smoking and that additional signs may need to added outside of the facilities prohibiting use of all smoking products.

- XV. Dr. Olin shared the summary for each building's school improvement plan and explained the timeframe for submitting these plans to the Indiana Department of Education. He stated that each principal will work with their school improvement committees over the next few weeks to revise their respective three-year school improvement plans. A copy of each buildings' plans will be shared with Board Members in November.
- XVI. Dr. Olin presented two out-of-state field trip requests. Greenfield-Central High School Art Club students wish to travel to Chicago, Illinois, on April 11, 2015; and FFA Advisor Joe McCain requested permission for Greenfield-Central High School students to travel to the National FFA Convention on October 30 – 31, 2014, in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Leary made a motion at approve the request. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.
- XVII. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

Certified personnel leaves of absence for the 2014-15 school year included the following: Renee Hodge, Elementary and Kimberly Schrank, Elementary.

Certified personnel recommendations: Amanda Bassler, Elementary; Amber Rush, Elementary; Christine Heller, Elementary; and Michael Hilton, personal finance.

ECA recommendations for the 2014-15 sports season: JR Angle, freshman men's basketball coach; Matt Arland, volunteer athletic trainer; Zach Arland, volunteer to the athletic department; Justin Dowden, 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach; Brayden Evans, 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach; Harold Gibson, assistant varsity baseball coach; Lucas Haworth, junior varsity men's basketball coach; Duane Knecht, assistant varsity men's swim coach; Robbie Miller, varsity men's baseball coach; Jeremy Spencer, junior high golf coach; and Jim Stewart, assistant varsity softball coach.

- XVIII. Mr. Menser made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 – 0.

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President

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First Vice President

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Second Vice President

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Secretary

*Absent*

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Assistant Secretary