

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

**Greenfield Central Junior High School
1440 North Franklin Street
November 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Retta Livengood, President
Mr. Ray Kerkhof, First 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
Mr. Steve Menser, Second Vice President

Others signing in as: Cori Shambaugh, Gus Diehe, Phillip Kleckner, Matt Davis, Michelle Kleckner, Marilee Gamesam, Kim Kile, Bill Redmon, Christina Vallee, Susie Coleman, Jobie Whitaker, Dan Jack, Brent Oliver, Carol J. Fletcher, Jared Manning, Jim Bever, Ashley Arnold, Jeff Sincroft, Shane Bryant, Samantha Collis, Heaven Collis, Dawn Hanson, Robert Hanson, Greg Brand, Lizan Brand, David Guthrie, David Beal, Devon Marine, George Langston, Dan Tutrow, Lori Tutrow, Erica Bishop, Jan Kehrt, Brian Harmon, Jon Smith, Gary Smith, Rosalie Richardson, Susan Shambaugh, John Stutz, Autumn Fletcher, Bill Fletcher and Kathy Clark

- I. Mrs. Livengood led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the November 10, 2014, School Board Meeting to order.
 - A. Mrs. Livengood read a brief history of Veteran's Day and recognized individuals in the audience who had served in the military.
 - B. Mrs. Livengood delivered the Character Trait of the Month – Punctuality.
 - C. Mrs. Livengood read the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation Celebrate Excellence Proclamation. Mrs. Vail recognized 28 students and staff for various awards in sports and service. Pictures were taken and mementos were handed out after each honoree was congratulated by Board Members and Dr. Olin.

- D. Principal Dan Jack introduced 7th grade social studies teacher Jennifer Stewart to present the spotlight topic. Ms. Stewart introduced Board Members to Nearpod, a computer application that can be customized to enhance curriculum. Ms. Stewart chose an interactive lesson about flags and discussed the advantages of using this app for additional instruction in the classroom or as homework.
- II. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2014, and the Executive Session of September 29, 2014. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the September, October and November claim dockets for review in the amount \$5,237,430.90. The Board had received all dockets in advance for review. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell presented reports comparing budget information for each of the taxing funds for months ending September 2013 and September 2014. Expenses did exceed revenues for both years, and spending patterns were similar to the compared months. All our taxing funds at months' end for both years had positive ending cash balances.
- V. Mrs. Vail introduced Greenfield Central Junior High School Principal Dan Jack to present the proposed course offerings in their related arts programs. Greenfield-Central High School Associate Principal Mr. David Beal presented a collection of high school courses for the 2015-16 school year and noted that implementation of the courses depends upon interest by the students. Mr. Kerkhof ask if any additional computer equipment would be needed with the addition of these courses. Mr. Beal responded that extra equipment would not be needed.
- VI. Dr. Olin presented an update on the athletic facility committee's meetings. Mrs. Livengood asked if the committee had a sense of financial support from the community now that information has been researched about updating the football field. Mr. Kerkhof stated that the committee had not explored any donations. After further discussion, Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to ask the committee to explore opportunities to finance the athletic facilities field with volunteer donations in the range of \$650,000-\$850,000 by the February 2015 board meeting. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, the motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- VII. Dr. Olin reported on the monthly meeting of the Hancock Madison Shelby Educational Services (HMSES). Executive Director Karen Neimeier initiated decisions related to staffing and programming at two other school corporations. Dr. Olin shared a list of the special education teachers who serve the students in Greenfield-Central buildings.
- VIII. Mr. Zurwell presented a request for securing General Obligation (GO) bonds for the digital learning initiative and refinancing the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESG) to remove the obligations from our Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and allow us to take advantage of present lower interest rates.

Mrs. Livengood suspended the Regular Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearings for comments. Two individuals, Mr. George Lyson and Ms. Rosalie Richardson, asked questions and gave comments regarding the bonds. Mr. Zurwell responded. Mrs. Livengood closed the Public Hearings and resumed the Regular Board Meeting.

- A. Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board adopt and approve the project resolution – GO Project. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - B. Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve proofs of publications and posting of the notices for the GO Project and GO Refunding. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - C. Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board approve the GO Project additional appropriation. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - D. Mr. Zurwell requested that the Board approve the appropriation resolution for the GO Refunding Project. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - E. Mr. Zurwell recommended the Board authorize the publication of the Intent to Sell Bonds. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - F. School board attorney Dan Strahl recommended that the Board adopt and approve the final bond resolution for the GO Project Bond. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
 - G. In conclusion, it was recommended the Board approve the final bond resolution for the GO Project Refunding Bond. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.
- IX. Mr. Zurwell recommended that the Board accept donations in the amount of \$1600.00. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the donations with gratitude, and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

Mr. Strahl presented a request from Smith Properties to purchase land near Maxwell Intermediate School to build their headquarters. Mr. Mr. Leary made a motion to appoint Dr. Olin authority to negotiate the sale of the land. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kerkhof. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

- X. Dr. Olin presented for first reading the salary and wage recommendations for administrative staff and classified staff. After review of the 2014 and 2015 school budgets, Dr. Olin recommended that administrative staff receive a \$1240 increase to their base salary. The

same raise the teachers negotiated earlier in the fall. In addition, the classified staff would receive a 2.8% increase in their wages.

- XI. Dr. Hilton presented for first reading the 2015 Classified Handbook including the Benefits Addendum. The benefits addendum has been updated to define those employees who are eligible for health insurance participation as identified through the look back period in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.
- XII. Dr. Olin provided for first reading the school improvement plans from each building within the corporation. Principals presented their annual school improvement plan to the Board including 2014 ISTEP scores, strengths from the accountability data, goals for 2014-2015 and strategies to implement the stated goals.
- XIII. Dr. Hilton gave a digital learning initiative update to Board Members. She shared information that the Technology Leadership team did to learn more about what devices and learning management system will be introduced into the buildings. The Technology Council voted to begin implementation at Tier IV and recommended that the school corporation adopt the Apple MacBook Air for both teachers and students. Technology Director Greg Thompson proceeded with a presentation to the Board on why and how the new devices were chosen. A public forum will be scheduled and advertised to provide information to the community about the devices, the support for staff, students and parents and the long-range plan for Tiers I – III.
- XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

Certified personnel administrative leave: Kara Martinez, Elementary.

Certified personnel retirement: Gary Wynn, Technology teacher at Greenfield-Central High School at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

ECA recommendations for the 2014-15 sports season: Gary Cerqua, volunteer varsity boys' basketball coach; Brock Dodson, freshman football coach; Todd Dodson, volunteer football coach; Austin Early, volunteer wrestling coach; Brian Francis, varsity assistant softball coach; David Graddy, junior varsity softball coach; Jacqueline Negri, volunteer varsity assistant girls' basketball coach; Robert Oliver, freshman baseball coach; Joshua Petry, volunteer baseball coach and Elaina Voss, freshman girls' basketball coach.

- XV. Mr. Kerkhof made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 3 – 0.

President

First Vice President

Absent

Second Vice President

Secretary

Absent

Assistant Secretary