

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

**Administration Center
110 West North Street
Greenfield, IN
December 14, 2015
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
Ms. Kathy Dowling, Assistant 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

Others Present: Greg Thompson, Dave Beal, Rick Lister, Dan Jack, Sarah Greulich, Dawn Hanson, Jobie Whitaker, Dave Walker, Jan Kehrt, Jeff Sincroft, Brent Oliver, Devon Marine, Kim Kile, Marcus Redick, Michael Turpin, Jim Bever, Lisa Leliaert, Laura Deom, Gabi Skene, Max Ray, Ryley O'Brien, Kylie Thompson, Lynsey Kojima, Carson Borden, Ruby Loftus, Zach Gilliate, and Gary Henderson

- I. Board President Retta Livengood called the December Regular Meeting to order and led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - A. Mrs. Livengood read the Character Trait of the Month – Discernment
 - B. Principal Jobie Whitaker introduced Maxwell Intermediate teachers Lisa Leliaert and Laura Deom to describe the digital resources used for enrichment in their small groups. Students participating in the demonstration were Gabi Skene, Max Ray, Ryley O'Brien, Kylie Thompson, Lynsey Kojima, Carson Borden, Ruby Loftus, Zach Gilliate, and Gary Henderson.

- II. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2015; and the Executive Session of November 9, 2015. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- III. Mr. Zurwell presented the claim docket in the amount of \$9,779,976.19. The Board reviewed the claims prior to the meeting. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the total amount of claims for payment and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- IV. Mr. Zurwell shared the financials for the months of October 2014 and 2015. Both months showed a very close comparison in amounts as expected funds were received from State support and Property Tax Replacement Credit (PTRC). All our taxing funds at these months' end for both years had positive ending cash balances.
- V. Mrs. Vail presented for second reading the revised 2016-17 Greenfield-Central High School course offerings which included the following: Information Communications and Technology, Advanced Life Science: Foods, Pre-AP Biology, Radio/TV Sports Broadcasting, Instrumental Ensemble and ACP Chemistry 106/126 – Advanced Science College Credit. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mrs. Vail presented for second reading the 2016 high school summer school courses for June 6 to July 1, 2016. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mrs. Vail also presented for second reading the End-of-Course Assessment Credit Equivalent Standard proposal. This revised proposal described the Indiana State Board of Education resolution regarding the Graduation Examination (ECA) policy which states that “Students who meet the requirement related to the ECA CCRA in Spring 2015, but have not yet passed the ECA, will no longer need to participate in, and pass, the ECA retest.” This new policy affects students who will no longer need to retest in English 10 or Algebra 1. Mr. Kerkhof asked how many students this might affect. High school counselor Kim Kile stated that approximately twenty-six students would be affected. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4 votes to 1 opposed vote by Ms. Dowling.

- VI. Dr. Olin presented details of the digital learning initiative over the past year and made a recommendation to approve the addition of MacBook Air laptops for all junior high school students in August 2016. Mr. Kerkhof asked where the money would be generated from to purchase these laptops. Dr. Olin

stated that the devices would follow the same lease plan that is in place with the high school. The textbook fees would be adjusted, assessing the 7th and 8th grade students for a majority of the costs and the remainder of the costs would come from reserves generated in the textbook rental account. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Dr. Christy Hilton gave an update on the eLearning Grant and identifying a learning management system (LMS) for all Greenfield-Central teachers to utilize. A survey for the corporation teachers, conducted by the Technology Council, resulted that Google Classroom will be the primary Learning Management System and Moodle will be the enhancement system for Greenfield-Central teachers beginning the spring 2016 semester. Mr. Leary asked how many teachers participated in the survey. Dr. Hilton stated that 139 teachers took the survey out of approximately 325 teachers. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

In addition, Dr. Hilton made a recommendation that the board give Dr. Olin permission to sign the 2016 Summer of eLearning Grant agreement on behalf of the Greenfield-Central CSC. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- VII. Dr. Olin presented an update on the improvement of the football field at the high school. Dr. Olin and Mr. Zurwell held a phone conference with Brian Bohlender, Barton Coe Vilamaa, to discuss what the process would be to rebuild a natural turf field or install an artificial turf field. Dr. Olin stated that at this point, input from the board members is needed to decide if a financial investment needs to be made to survey the land, conduct a site analysis, take soil bore samples and assess the drainage of the existing stadium area. Mr. Kerkhof shared that the present condition of the field is in poor condition and has safety issues. He stated that by improving the field it would increase the usage of that area for many groups. Mr. Leary asked if the study would have an expiration if a decision is not made right away. Mrs. Livengood stated that the corporation should try and consider investigating what needs to be done to improve the field. Dr. Olin shared that costs related to acquiring this service would be in the range of \$50,000. Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- VIII. Dr. Hilton presented an adjustment to the classified handbook for board approval. The adjustment would propose an addition to the “Other Rates” section in the Classified Handbook to set a nominal fee of \$35 per ticket-taking event. This addition would not affect non-exempt Greenfield-Central CSC

employees who are classified as cashiers, treasurers and/or are bonded because their job duties are too similar to those of ticket-taking duties to be eligible to volunteer. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- IX. School board attorney Dan Strahl shared with the board that notice was received from Smith Projects to request an adjustment to their initial easement of the land purchased in the Maxwell area. The previous surveyor presented incorrect drawings for drainage on that property and they would need to make adjustments to those documents. Mr. Strahl recommended that the board give Smith Projects approval to obtain proper easement and assume all costs to this project. In addition, appoint Dr. Olin as the selling agent of this property. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.
- X. Mr. Zurwell presented donations in the amount of \$10,745.06. Mr. Leary made a motion to accept the donations with gratitude. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell shared that Weston Elementary requests permission to purchase a printer from their ECA (Extra-Curricular Accounts) funds. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell made a recommendation that the board allow a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Kerkhof made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

Mr. Zurwell made a recommendation that the board approve purchasing 3 buses from Midwest Transit and 3 mid-buses from StarCraft. The school corporation uses the Educational Service Centers bid specifications and conducts the bid process through that resource. The total cost will be an investment of \$542,282 for all 6 buses. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Menser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

- XI. Dr. Olin presented for first reading board policy 8510 – wellness. School nurse Dawn Hanson assembled a committee to review this policy. Mrs. Hanson described to the board how the group addressed changes to simplify the goals that this policy was trying to achieve.
- XII. Dr. Olin presented a request for an out-of-state field trip. Greenfield-Central high school Blue Fusion dance team coach Brittany Nigh requested

permission to take students and chaperones to Louisville, Kentucky on February 6 - 7, 2016. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kerkhof seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

XIII. Dr. Christy Hilton presented the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Safety grant for FY2016. She reported that Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation will request funds for securing a second School Resource Office (SRO); SRO training for the most recent SRO team members; and equipment for security and safety issues around the corporation. Dr. Hilton made a recommendation that the board give Dr. Olin permission to sign the FY2016 Secured School Safety Grant agreement on behalf of the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation. Ms. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

XIV. Dr. Hilton presented the personnel recommendations for approval. Ms. Dowling made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

A. Leaves of Absence: Natalie Ahonen, kindergarten teacher; Jaime Jacquemin, third grade teacher; and Melanie Magdalinos, junior high science teacher.

B. ECA recommendations: John Atwood, 7th grade baseball coach; John Brown, 8th grade baseball coach; Benjamin Felver, volunteer high school swim coach; Daniel Miller, volunteer high school wrestling coach; Jacob Miller, volunteer high school wrestling coach; Kelly Plank, head junior high softball coach; David Thaxton, volunteer high school wrestling coach; and Michael Turpin, head varsity tennis coach.

C. Dr. Hilton presented for second reading the Fall 2016 Out-of-Unit Coaching Recommendations for the Board's consideration. Mr. Menser made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Leary seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

XII. Mr. Leary made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 5 – 0.

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