The Board of School Trustees met on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the Education Support Center. The following members were present: Mrs. Jan Anderson, Ms. Donna Corbett, Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour, Mr. George Gauntt, Mr. D. J. Hines, Mrs. Jessica Knable, and Ms. LeeAnn Wiseheart. Also present were the following administrators: Dr. Bruce Hibbard, Superintendent; Dr. Brad Snyder, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Bill Briscoe, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Operations; and Mr. Fred McWhorter, Chief Business Officer.

A. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Hines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. **RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Hines asked everyone to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. John Woodard was present to swear in the four newly members - Mrs. Jan Anderson, Ms. Donna Corbett, Mr. D.J. Hines, and Ms. LeeAnn Wiseheart.

D. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

The public was invited to address the Board on matters of educational importance. Oral complaints regarding specific students and/or personnel will not be heard. School employees are encouraged to contact their immediate supervisor to be heard on specific complaints relating to the terms and status of their employment prior to addressing the Board. Individuals were asked to confine their comments to no more than three minutes. There were sign up sheets near each entrance prior to the start of the meeting.

With no one signing up to speak, Mr. Hines proceeded to the next agenda item.

E. **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Annual Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees:**

The annual reorganization process proceeded as follows:

Mr. Hines opened nominations for the President of the Board of School Trustees for 2015. Mrs. Knable nominated Mrs. Gardenour as President. There were no additional nominations.

Mr. Hines commented that he finds this nomination hard to support because of the animosity that’s existed between the administration and Mrs. Gardenour in the past. He hopes if Mrs. Gardenour earns the votes of everyone that she will make every effort she can to ease those tensions. He hopes this is a step that allows that to start to heal. He feels a lot of that responsibility falls on Mrs. Gardenour and hopes she will shoulder that responsibility.

Following a roll call vote, the nomination of Mrs. Gardenour as President passed with four yes votes and three no votes. Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Gauntt, and Mr. Hines voted against. Ms. Corbett, Mrs. Gardenour, Mrs. Knable, and Ms. Wiseheart voted in favor.

Dr. Hibbard thanked Mr. Hines for serving as Board President for the past two years and presented him with a gavel set.

Mrs. Gardenour then opened nominations for the Vice-President of the Board of School Trustees 2015. Ms. Wiseheart nominated Mrs. Knable as Vice-President. There were no additional nominations. Following a roll call vote, the nomination of Mrs. Knable as Vice-President passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Gardenour opened nominations for the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees 2015. Mr. Hines nominated Mr. Gauntt as Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Following a roll call vote, the nomination of Mr. Gauntt as Secretary passed unanimously.

**Adoption of Reorganizational Meeting Resolution:**

The following reorganizational meeting resolution was presented for adoption:

*Whereas, Indiana Law and the Board’s Bylaws require that certain actions be taken at the Board’s organizational meeting; IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:*

1. That the following persons are authorized to use the safe deposit box: Dr. Bruce Hibbard, Superintendent; Mr. Fred McWhorter II, Chief Business Officer; Dr. Brad Snyder, Deputy Superintendent; Mrs. Donna Taylor, Deputy Treasurer; and Mr. John W. Woodard, Jr., Corporation Attorney.
2. That the bylaws and policies printed and codified in the comprehensive document entitled “Bylaws and Policies of the New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Board” are hereby adopted;
3. That the President of the Board is authorized to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees, or as representatives to various organizations;
4. That the firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, John W. Woodard, Jr., representative, is appointed as this Board’s legal counsel;
5. That _________________ is appointed as legislative liaison to the Indiana School Boards Association;
6. That _________________ is appointed as School Board representative on the Floyd County Redevelopment Commission;
7. That _________________ and _________________ are appointed as School Board representatives on the Joint School Board Subcommittee;
8. That Mr. Fred McWhorter II is appointed as this Corporation’s Treasurer, Mrs. Donna Taylor as Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. Tammy Lamon as Deputy Treasurer of Payroll, and Ms. Pam Schindler as this Board’s Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Gardenour asked for a motion to amend the resolution to add the appointment of a Board member to the New Albany City Redevelopment Commission. Mrs. Knable made a motion to amend the resolution and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Following a roll call vote, the motion to amend the resolution as suggested passed unanimously.

Following Board discussion, the following appointments were recommended:

- Mrs. Jan Anderson is appointed as legislative liaison to the Indiana School Boards Association.
- Mrs. Jan Anderson is appointed as School Board representative on the Floyd County Redevelopment Commission.
- Mr. D.J. Hines and Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour are appointed as School Board representatives on the Joint School Board Subcommittee.
- Mrs. Jessica Knable is appointed as School Board representative on the New Albany City Redevelopment Commission.

Upon motion by Mr. Hines, second by Mr. Gauntt, approval was given to the amended reorganizational meeting resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote. A signed copy of the resolution is attached and herewith becomes a permanent part of these minutes.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Hibbard, Ph.D., Superintendent