

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 12, 2016

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2016, at the Education Support Center. The following members were present: Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour, President; Mrs. Jessica Knable, Vice-President; Mrs. Donna Corbett, Secretary; Mr. George Gauntt, Member; Mr. D. J. Hines, Member; and Ms. LeeAnn Wiseheart, Member. 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. Ms. Jan Anderson, Board Member, was absent.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Gardenour called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mrs. Gardenour asked everyone to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. 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.

Mr. Dale Mann, 2635 Henriott Road, Georgetown, shared concerns with the actual amount of debt the school corporation is carrying. In his opinion, this information was not shared with the public during the referendum.

**D. RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mrs. Jessica Knable and Mr. George Gauntt were recognized for their four years of service on the Board and presented with a token of appreciation.

**E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The following items were presented for approval:

- Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2016, Executive Session and Regular Session;
- Approval of Claims;
- Approval of Staffing Report;
- Approval of Treasurer to Make Necessary Year-End Budget Appropriation Transfers;
- Approval of NAFC Public Library Board Appointment;
- Acceptance of Donation to New Albany High School Athletics, Grant Line Elementary School, Hazelwood Middle School, and Prosser;
- Approval of Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School and New Albany High School;
- Approval of Harritt Group for Upcoming Auction.

Board members have received information regarding each item on the consent agenda; however, any member may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately. With no one requesting that items be removed, Mr. Gauntt made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented and recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Knable and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

- Minutes of November 14, 2016, Executive Session and Regular Session as presented.
- Claims #64612 through and including #65022 and payrolls of 11-18-16 and 12-2-16 in the total amount of \$18,196,049.59.
- Staffing Report as presented.
- Permit Treasurer to Make Necessary Year-End Budget Appropriation Transfers as presented.
- NAFC Public Library Board Appointment of Gabrielle Carr as presented.
- Donations to New Albany High School Athletics, Grant Line Elementary School, Hazelwood Middle School, and Prosser as presented.
- Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School and New Albany High School as presented.
- Harritt Group for Upcoming Auction as presented.

#### **F. ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **Consider Dates for 2017 School Board Meetings:**

Board members were given a recommended schedule for their regular business meeting dates for 2017. The recommendation follows the same pattern utilized the last several years, i.e. 2nd or 3rd Monday of each month.

Upon motion by Mrs. Knable, second by Mr. Gauntt, approval was given to the 2017 School Board Meeting dates as presented and recommended. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

##### **Conduct Lease & Additional Appropriation Hearing for Referendum Construction Projects:**

Dr. Snyder explained that with the successful passage of the recent referendum, we are now ready to take constructive actions to begin to fulfill the plan. Mr. Thomas Peterson of TWPeterson Law Office explained the terms of the lease agreement and the need for an additional appropriation. He explained that Resolution A would approve the building corporation and the execution of the lease agreement to finance the projects and that Resolution B would approve an additional appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds issued to finance the projects. Copies of both resolutions were given to Board members and are attached.

Mrs. Gardenour then opened the public hearing on the lease agreement giving the public and Board the opportunity to comment or ask questions. With no one coming forward, Mrs. Gardenour closed the public hearing on the lease agreement and opened the public hearing on the additional appropriation. Mrs. Gardenour asked if this is in regard to appraisals. Mr. Peterson explained the way a lease financing works is the building corporation owns one of the buildings and all the bond proceeds have to be used for construction projects. As part of the process, you have to appropriate part of the bond proceeds that goes into the construction fund. Without an appropriation, you would have the authority to borrow the money, but wouldn't have the authority to spend it. With no further questions, the public hearing on the additional appropriation was closed.

Upon motion by Mr. Hines, second by Mr. Gauntt, approval was given to the lease agreement and additional appropriation resolutions for the referendum construction projects as presented and recommended. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **G. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **Review Timeline for Future Construction Projects:**

Mr. Bart York with Skillman Corporation, Construction Manager, provided an update on the preliminary schedule for the upcoming construction projects. Meetings have been held to begin discussions on design at

Green Valley, Highland Hills, and Prosser. Bidding and contract administration will begin in February 2017 for the Highland Hills project, in March 2017 for the Green Valley project, and in April 2017 for the Prosser project. Bidding and design discussions at Slate Run, New Albany High School, Floyds Knobs, and Greenville will begin later in 2017. All projects will be completed in 2018 with the exception of Slate Run which will be completed in 2019. Mr. York will provide periodic construction updates to the Board throughout the process.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Hibbard, Ph.D., Superintendent