

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2018

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 12, 2018, at the Education Support Center. The following members were present: Mrs. Jenny Higbie, President; Mrs. Elizabeth Galligan, Vice-President; Mrs. Lee Ann Wiseheart, Secretary; Mrs. Jan Anderson, Member; Mrs. Donna Corbett, Member; Mr. K. Lee Cotner, Member; and Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour, Member. Also present were the following administrators: Dr. Brad Snyder, Superintendent; and Mr. Bill Briscoe, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Operations.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

B. RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

C. RECOGNITIONS:

Recognize Floyd Central High School's Final Four Tennis Team;

The FCHS Boys Tennis Team was recognized for making it to the State Final Four. In addition, the team was also Hoosier Hills Conference Champions, Sectional Champions, Regional Champions, and Semi-State Champions. For the first time in FCHS history, they had four tennis players make the All-State team. Team members were introduced and congratulated.

Recognize Floyd Central High School's State Qualifying Cross Country Teams;

The Boys Cross Country Team was Hoosier Hills Conference Runner-Up; Sectional Champions, Regional Champions, and State Finalists. One team member, Mason Stock, was named Academic All-State.

The Girls Cross Country Team's accomplishments include Hoosier Hills Conference Champions, Sectional Champions, Regional Champions, Semi-State Runner-Up, and finished 11th in the State. This is the 7th year in a row the girls have won the conference and the sectional and the 6th year out of the past seven they have been regional champions. One student athlete, Sidney Little, made All-State and two others, Carly Conway and Lillian Pierce, were Academic All-State.

Team members were introduced and congratulated on these accomplishments.

Recognize NAFC Dyslexia Team;

The NAFC Schools was recognized by the International Dyslexia Association, Indiana Branch, for providing outstanding services to students with dyslexia. Our district was only one of two recipients with the State of Indiana to receive the award. This was a coordinated effort between the curriculum department, special education department, and our literacy coaches. Teachers were introduced and congratulated.

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.

Ms. Maureen Lewis, 5791 Smith Road, Floyds Knobs, addressed the Board regarding concerns with the monies that were voted upon by the taxpayers for the referendum projects and the redirection of the "leftover" monies for a soccer project. Her concern is has every step been taken to ensure those monies are being used for the good of all students. It's not about the soccer project. Her concern is the taxpayers voted for specific projects and this project is not within it.

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (NOTE: Any Board member may remove any item for further discussion)

- Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2018, Executive Session and Regular Session;
- Approval of Claims;
- Approval of Payroll;
- Approval of Staffing Report;
- Approval of Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School;

- Acceptance of Donations to Hazelwood Middle School;
- Approval to Declare Buses Surplus;
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Placement Sites Working with Community Action of Southern Indiana;

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 any items be removed, Mrs. Gardenour made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as submitted. Mr. Cotner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

- Minutes of October 22, 2018, Executive Session and Regular Session as presented.
- Claims beginning #83907 through and including #84206 and payrolls of 10-26-18 and 11-9-18 in the total amount of \$9,554,313.41. as presented.
- Payroll of 10-26-18 in the amount of \$2,483,504.00 and payroll of 11-9-18 in the amount of \$2,628,615.38 as presented.
- Staffing Report as presented.
- Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School as presented.
- Acceptance of Donations to Hazelwood Middle School as presented.
- Declared Buses Surplus as presented.
- Memorandum of Understanding for Placement Sites Working with Community Action of Southern Indiana as presented.

F. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bus Safety Update:

In the aftermath of the bus accident that recently occurred in northern Indiana, community members have asked what we are doing as a school corporation to ensure the safety of our children. Mr. Eric Reid, Director of Transportation, shared information on what is taking place in our corporation. The State of Indiana does not allow retrofitting of school busses. We currently do a lot of “door-side” pick-ups especially in high-traffic areas. Mr. Reid shared data on statewide stop arm violations and data on when traffic is to stop for bus on multi-lane paved roads and divided highways. Most of the stop arms are LED lighting now and tend to bring more awareness than incandescent lighting.

Mrs. Gardenour asked about having cameras on the stop arms. Mr. Reid and bus drivers are proponents of having cameras. They have looked into this and have an estimate of the cost to add them to all busses. Currently, what they typically do is when a driver has a stop arm violation, they complete a form and send to the State Police. However, recently Mr. Reid met with Floyd County Sheriff Frank Loop and they have decided to send the forms to his office instead and he will have an officer go to the person’s home. Unfortunately, in the State in the Indiana, running the stop arm is not a prosecutorial offense.

Mr. Reid and Board members thanked all the bus drivers for all they do to keep our children safe each day.

Receive Information Regarding Proposed Attendance Boundary Changes for 2019-2020 Year:

Dr. Snyder shared that parents whose students are affected by these proposed attendance boundary changes received a letter from the district and a meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19th to meet with them and explain the proposed changes and answer any questions. He will come back to the Board on December 10th for final approval.

Mrs. Jensen shared the following specifics:

- Why change attendance zones?
 - Reduce Grant Line enrollment
 - Give more students access to the newest and most technologically advanced facility at a new Slate Run Elementary
 - Honor neighborhood schools and natural boundaries as much as possible
 - Each elementary school will feed directly to a middle school

- Mt. Tabor Predicted Enrollment for 2019-2020
 - Beginning total of 626 +54 from Grant Line -41 to Slate Run = 639 predicted total
- Grant Line Predicted Enrollment for 2019-2020
 - Beginning total of 638 -54 to Mt. Tabor -74 to Slate Run = 510 predicted total
- Slate Run Predicted Enrollment for 2019-2020
 - Beginning total of 291 +74 from Grant Line +41 from Mt. Tabor = 406 predicted total
- Proposed Middle School Change
 - In order to alleviate the issue of students in an elementary school feeding into two different middle schools, we propose that all S. Ellen Jones students feed to Scribner Middle School. All students from SEJ will now attend Scribner. Previously SEJ students attended either Hazelwood or Scribner, depending on address.
 - The proposed change will have three elementary schools feeding into each middle school
 - Hazelwood - Fairmont, Mt. Tabor, Slate Run
 - Scribner - Grant Line, Green Valley, S. Ellen Jones
 - Highland Hills - Floyds Knobs, Georgetown, Greenville
- Hazelwood Predicted Enrollment for 2019-2020
 - Beginning total of 982 +61 from Grant Line (Scribner) -81 to Scribner (from SEJ) = 962 predicted total
- Scribner Predicted Enrollment for 2019-2020
 - Beginning total of 941 -61 from Grant Line (Hazelwood) +81 from Hazelwood (SEJ) = 961 predicted total

Mrs. Wiseheart asked if there is a process to be used for parents who do not want their child to be moved to a different school. Mrs. Jensen said yes, definitely, we will go over the transfer process at the parent meeting. She also asked if there are any schools close to occupancy. Mr. Briscoe said there is occupancy at all schools, but as far as all rooms being used, Grant Line Elementary is at the maximum as far as available classroom space.

Mrs. Galligan asked approximately how many teachers will have to be moved. Mr. Briscoe said with Mt. Tabor's projected enrollment staying about the same, he isn't anticipating a change. At Grant Line with a reduction of approximately 125 students, there will most likely be a reduction of staff. With Slate Run adding students, there will most likely be staff changes from Grant Line to Slate Run. As far as Hazelwood and Scribner, there may be a slight adjustment, but does not anticipate anything major there.

Mrs. Higbie asked how many students the new Slate Run Elementary is designed for. Dr. Snyder said it is designed for 450-475 students. She asked if Grant Line's student-teacher ratios are significantly larger than other schools currently. Mr. Briscoe said he doesn't believe it is a big gap as compared to other schools. It is always a year-to-year thing and depends on a "bubble" going through.

G. ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Approval of Replacement Policy 2221 "Mandatory Curriculum";

Mr. Briscoe shared Replacement Policy 2221 "Mandatory Curriculum" for first reading at the previous meeting and is recommending approval tonight. This policy includes courses of instruction stipulated by Indiana Code.

Upon motion by Mrs. Gardenour, second by Mrs. Corbett, approval was given to Replacement Policy 2221 "Mandatory Curriculum" as presented and recommended. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of New Policy 8401 "Handheld Metal Detector Wand Searches";

Mr. Briscoe shared this policy at the previous meeting for first reading and his recommending approval tonight. The policy includes procedures for metal detector screenings during random checks and language regarding cases of reasonable suspicion. Administration has worked very closely with attorneys using both ISBA language and language from attorney. They have met twice with Sheriff Loop and Chief Bailey and they are supportive of the policy. Since the last Board meeting, training on the use of the wands has been held with the full Administrative Team.

Upon motion by Mr. Cotner, second by Mrs. Galligan, approval was given to New Policy 8401 "Handheld Metal Detector Wand Searches" as presented and recommended. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Consider Bid Award for Greenville Elementary School;

Mr. Wiseheart recommended award of the Greenville bids in the amount of \$4,149,377 for bid categories 1 through 6 and alternates 1, 2, 3, and 4. The bids are under our budget estimate of \$4,622,514. Award of the bids will allow us to proceed with construction as early as December of 2018.

Mrs. Wiseheart asked to confirm is this money part of the project the referendum passed or is this a new project. Mr. Wiseheart said this is an expansion of the project at Greenville.

Upon motion by Mrs. Galligan, second by Mr. Cotner, approval was given bid awards for Greenville Elementary School as presented and recommended. Following a roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.

Consider HEA 1009 Resolutions;

Consider Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund;

Mr. Street recommended approval of four HEA 1009 Resolutions: one is to create the Education and Operations Funds on January 1st, one to fund the Education Fund, one to fund the Operations Fund, and one to make a monthly transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

He also recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund and/or Capital Projects Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Cotner, second by Mrs. Corbett, approval was given to HEA 1009 Resolutions and Resolution to Transfer Funds to Rainy Day Fund as recommended and presented. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

H. MISCELLANEOUS

Grant of Easement for Slate Run Elementary School;

Mr. Wiseheart recommended approval of a Grant of Easement with Duke Energy to provide underground electrical services to Slate Run Elementary School.

Upon motion by Mr. Cotner, second by Mrs. Galligan, approval was given to the Grant to Easement as presented and recommended. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Also under Miscellaneous, Mrs. Wiseheart shared follow-up information on a discussion that was held at a previous meeting regarding when a student transfers in or out of a school they can potentially lose 365 days of their eligibility according to IHSAA guidelines. At that previous meeting, she had asked the Board to consider making a policy saying our Board would not restrict those students either way from losing that year. Some feared that would be a sanction against the IHSAA. She called and spoke with the Assistant Commissioner of the IHSAA, Paul Neidig, and he said the only time a school would be sanctioned by the IHSAA is if we ignore or go against the IHSAA policies. So, if we had a policy saying we would not hold them back, that is not a violation nor is it something they would sanction us on. She asked his opinion on this and he said he sees where this is coming from especially with school choice. The initial spirit of this policy was to make sure that competition. Mrs. Higbie said this is good information and thanked Mrs. Wiseheart for the follow-up. Mrs. Wiseheart said she may ask the Board to put on an upcoming agenda.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schindler, Recording Secretary