

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 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:**

Dr. Snyder introduced the four newly elected School Board members - Mrs. Donna Corbett and Mrs. Lee Ann Wiseheart won re-election. Mr. Joe Brown and Mrs. Elaine Murphy will be sworn in and joining the Board in January.

**Recognize Retiring School Board and Holding Corporation Member Service;**

Mr. Lee Cotner and Mrs. Jan Anderson were recognized for their service on the School Board and Mr. Joe Marguet for his service on the School Holding Corporation. Mr. Cotner served on the Board from 2002-2006, 2010-2012 and 2017-2018. Mrs. Anderson served as a teacher, elementary principal, and served on the Board from 2010-2018. Mr. Joe Marguet began his service on the School Holding Corporation Board in 1984. Dr. Snyder presented each of them with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Corporation.

Mrs. Anderson thanked her former co-workers and former students for their support and encouragement during her time on the School Board and, although she is moving to Texas, she looks forward to coming back to visit everyone.

**Recognize National Merit Semi-Finalists from NAHS & FCHS;**

Dr. Willman, Principal at FCHS, introduced the three National Merit Semi-Finalists from FCHS - Peter Didelot, Mason Stocke, and Jeret McCoy and Dr. Ginkins, Principal at NAHS, introduced students from NAHS - Ian Kimbell, Vijay Chirumamilla, Madison Bierly, and Marley Wells. 1.6 million juniors in nearly 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT exam in the summer of 2017. A nationwide pool of semi-finalists representing less than 1% of high school seniors continue the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million offered this spring. Many students receive full-ride scholarships and some employers offer scholarships to employees whose children make it to this level automatically; UPS is one example.

Dr. Snyder and Board members congratulated each of the students for this outstanding accomplishment.

**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.

Mrs. Sara Dickman Glass, 3822 Dalebrook Drive, New Albany, thanked the Board members who are leaving for their time and to support the Board tonight on their decision on the soccer facility for Hazelwood, Scribner and New Albany. She has been a supporter of the NAHS soccer program since it began and she was a former teacher at Green Valley. She understands change. She knows the Board has taken this matter to heart and has gone over the facts and will do what's best for the children and community.

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

- Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2018, Executive Session and Regular Session; and November 13, 2018, Executive Session; and November 26, 2018, Executive Session and Work Session;

- Approval of Claims;
- Approval of Payroll;
- Approval of Staffing Report;
- Approval of Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School and New Albany High School;
- Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal;
- Approval of Referendum Change Orders;
- Approval of ESSA Resolution;
- Approval of Mental Health Provider Contracts for Second Semester;

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. Mrs. Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

- Minutes of November 12, 2018, Executive Session and Regular Session; and November 13, 2018, Executive Session; and November 26, 2018, Executive Session and Work Session as submitted.
- Claims beginning #84207 through and including #84581 and payroll of 11-23-18 in the total amount of \$6,149,605.93 as submitted.
- Payroll of 11-23-18 in the amount of \$2,586,821.03 as submitted.
- Staffing Report as submitted.
- Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School and New Albany High School as submitted.
- Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal as submitted.
- Referendum Change Orders as submitted.
- ESSA Resolution as submitted.
- Mental Health Provider Contracts for Second Semester as submitted.

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

##### **Consider Attendance Boundary Changes for 2019-2020;**

Dr. Snyder recommended to alter attendance boundary zones at Grant Line, Mt. Tabor, and Slate Run. This will help alleviate some of the overcrowding at Grant Line by moving some of those students to Mt. Tabor and then bring some of the Mt. Tabor enrollment over to Slate Run. These changes will also affect the Hazelwood and Scribner middle school attendance boundaries. He also recommended S. E. Jones boundary lines be changed so all students feed into the same middle school rather than two middle schools. The changes were discussed with Board members in detail at the meeting in November and a meeting was held with interested parents.

Mrs. Wiseheart commended the administration on the incredible job of informing parents and Board members of these changes. Parents who wish for their child to remain at their current school can request a transfer. Mrs. Gardenour added she appreciates Dr. Snyder and the staff for the excellent, well thought out proposal.

Upon motion by Mrs. Gardenour, second by Mr. Cotner, approval was given to the attendance boundary changes for 2019-2020 as presented and recommended. The motion unanimously carried following a roll call vote.

##### **Consider Soccer Facility for Hazelwood, Scribner, and NAHS;**

Dr. Snyder said, approximately a year ago, administration came to the Board about expanding the scope of the referendum projects at Greenville and Green Valley Elementary Schools which would include the movement of a soccer field. We took a facility and we need to replace. We want full, modern, comprehensive facilities for our student athletes.

Mr. Wiseheart reviewed the recommendation which includes awarding of soccer bids in the amount of \$2,663,085 for bid categories 1 through 3 and includes alternates 1, 2b, and 5. He also recommended the approval of change order #1 in the amount of \$220,703. This will bring the project total to \$2,883,788 which is under our budget of \$3,000,000. The project will include the soccer field, bleachers, press box, restroom/concessions/dressing room building and \$116,212 for contingencies. The project is scheduled for completion summer of 2019.

Mrs. Corbett asked about a sidewalk/walking path around the field for public use. Mr. Wiseheart said that is still included in the project and it does connect with the walkways around Green Valley Elementary School as well.

Mrs. Gardenour asked for individual costs of press box, concession building, and turf field. Mr. Wiseheart said press box will be approximately \$100,000, approximately \$175,000 for concession building, and \$654,000 for turf field. She then asked if there was discussion about having press box on bleachers instead of stand alone. Mr. Wiseheart said they did look at that, but there wasn't a significant cost difference and construction is simpler with present location.

Upon motion by Mr. Cotner, second by Mrs. Galligan, approval was given to the bid award, alternates 1, 2b, and 5, and change order #1 for the soccer facility for Hazelwood, Scribner, and NAHS as presented and recommended. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried with 5 votes in favor and 2 votes against. Mrs. Galligan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Corbett, Mr. Cotner, and Mrs. Higbie voted in favor and Mrs. Wiseheart and Mrs. Gardenour voted against.

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

### **Referendum Construction Update;**

Mr. Meyer will Skillman Corporation shared the following updates on the construction projects:

#### Prosser Career Education Center

- Work Progress Last 3 Months
  - Completed Culinary Kitchen
  - Completed Student Commons
  - Continued Welding Shop Renovations
  - Continued Renovations in Old Auto Shop
- Work Planned for Next Quarter
  - Continue Corridor Finishes
  - Complete Cosmetology Classrooms
  - Complete Renovation in Old Auto Shop
  - Complete Welding Shop Renovation

#### Slate Run Elementary School

- Work Progress Last 3 Months
  - Continued Window Installation
  - Continued Hanging Drywall
  - Continued Painting Classroom Wings
  - Continued Facebrick
- Work Planned for Next Quarter
  - Complete Window Installation
  - Complete Hanging Drywall
  - Begin Ceiling Installations
  - Complete Overhead Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical
  - Sitework (Weather Permitting)

#### New Albany High School

- Work Progress Last 3 Months
  - Completed Millwork
  - Completed Flooring
  - Completed Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical Work
  - Completed Framing Walls & Bulkheads
- Work Planned for This Month
  - Complete Concessions Area
  - Complete Punchlist and Final Cleaning

#### Floyds Knobs Elementary School

- Work Progress Last 3 Months
  - Completed Kitchen Equipment Installation
  - Completed Kitchen Finishes
- Work Planned for This Month
  - Complete Punchlist

#### Greenville Elementary School

- Work Progress Last 2 Months
  - Awarded Contracts November 12, 2018
  - Working on Shop Drawings and Material Deliveries
- Work Planned for Next Quarter
  - Install Temporary Fencing
  - Begin Site Demolition
  - Begin Site Utilities
  - Begin Footing & Foundation Walls

#### Green Valley Elementary Demolition

- Work Progress Last 2 Months
  - Continued Demolition
- Work Planned for This Month
  - Complete Demolition

#### Green Valley Soccer Field

- Work Progress Last 2 Months
  - Received Bids October 23, 2018
  - Working on Value Engineering Items
- Work Planned for Next Quarter (Pending Approval)
  - Install Temporary Fencing
  - Begin Sitework

#### **Report on ISBA Policy Meeting:**

Mr. Briscoe shared the Board currently uses Neola to help with policies as does most of the State of Indiana. Neola does have some redundancies and is sometimes slow at getting to us, but overall has served us well. He recently attended a meeting and ISBA is going to begin providing service for policy updates this summer. Mr. Briscoe said it would be hard to recommend to the Superintendent changing from Neola to ISBA as the first district in the State since the program has served us well, but two or three years down the road, it would be nice to look in to it and at other school districts that have moved in that direction to see how successful it has been. He feels it would be good for the Board to “audit” some of our sections and add or update as needed in the future.

Mrs. Gardenour had information she received on Friday from ISBA and will share with Board members and Mr. Briscoe.

#### **School Bus Specifications:**

With school starting in July each year, Mrs. Gardenour asked about cost and pros and cons of air conditioning on school buses. Mr. Reid, Director of Transportation, shared that on a new bus the cost is \$7800-\$8500 per bus. To retrofit a bus, the cost is approximately \$15,000 per bus. This is something administration can consider when purchasing the new buses. They are typically bid in January.

Mrs. Higbie asked how common it is to have this among the other school corporations across the State. Mr. Reid said he isn't aware of districts in the southern part of the State that have it in their entire fleet; most of their special needs buses are air conditioned. And, he added, our special needs and mini-buses are air conditioned.

Mrs. Wisheart said she would like to see monies spent on mental health in our schools. She suggested using grant monies or “one time” monies such as school safety referendum to purchase buses with air conditioning.

Mrs. Corbett added it would be interesting to get pricing on buses with and without air conditioning when requesting bids.

Mrs. Galligan asked about up-keep costs. Mr. Corwin, Transportation Shop Supervisor, said the district he worked at prior to coming here had all buses fully equipped with air conditioning. They purchased the first buses in 2008 and did not see any dramatic repair costs until year seven or eight. The repairs ranged from \$500-\$1,000.

#### **H. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mrs. Corbett would like to see the Board have discussion about potentially lining the soccer field for lacrosse. She had the opportunity to speak with the representative from GeoServices and most of the soccer fields they are installing are lined for both soccer and lacrosse. Since it is a growing sport and while we have the opportunity, it seems to make sense. Mr. Wiseheart said an option is to line permanently with "tick marks" and the cost is minimal. Mrs. Gardenour said she feels it is a very good suggestion. We missed out on using the football fields for soccer. Mrs. Higbie added she is fine with adding the "tick marks." Mr. Cotner said, in his opinion, we could save the money and do "tick marks" down the road if a lacrosse team is developed.

The Prosser Open House will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The School Board Work Session previously scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019 has been rescheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

With no further information to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schindler, Recording Secretary