

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2019

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2019, at the Education Support Center. The following members were present: Mrs. Elizabeth Galligan, President; Mrs. Jenny Higbie, Vice-President; Mrs. Elaine Murphy, Secretary; Mr. Joseph L. Brown, Member; Mrs. Donna Corbett, Member; Mrs. Rebecca Gardenour, Member; and Mrs. Lee Ann Wiseheart, 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. Galligan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**C. RECOGNITIONS:**

**Recognize New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation for Outstanding Community Service;**

Dr. Snyder recognized the NAFC Education Foundation for recently raising over \$140,000 at their recent Education Celebration for students and staff of our school community. He thanked members of the Board for sharing their time, treasure, and talent for our kids -- job well done! Mr. Tyler Bliss, Executive Director of the Foundation, echoed his thanks and gratitude to the Board members. He also thanked the Board of School Trustees for supporting the work of the Education Foundation.

**Recognize NAFCEA as Recipient of the Quality Local Award from ISTA;**

Mr. Keith Gamble, Vice-President of the Indiana State Teachers Association, recognized both the NAFC Education Association and NAFC Bus Drivers Association for earning the distinction of Quality Local with the ISTA. In order to be a recipient, the local must increase membership or maintain a membership of 75% or more; seat at least 50% of their delegates to the ISTA representative assembly; have dues submitted in accordance to bylaws; regular communication with their membership; and update their constitution and bylaws as needed. In addition, they must also attend and conduct regular discussion with Administration, conduct a Back-to-School or new hire program; activities to promote community support for public education; support lobbying efforts; and participate in the NEA representative assembly and district council meetings.

This is proof of their dedication to not only their members and colleagues but to this district, this community, and most importantly, the children they serve. Both groups were congratulated by Administration and Board members.

**Recognize NAFCEA for Results of Fourth Annual NAFCEA Blessings in a Backpack Fundraiser;**

Mrs. Joy Lohmeyer, President of the NAFC Education Association, shared that four years ago, the NAFC Education Association began a drive to support Blessings in a Backpack. The drive begins February 15 and leads up to Read Across America. In the first year, they raised approximately \$4,000 and since then have raised between \$6,000-\$6,800 each year. This year, they raised \$6,500. They also have a fundraiser challenge in each school, and for the fourth consecutive year, Georgetown Elementary has been the school that has raised the most per capita.

**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. Lisa McIntyre, 3827 Homestead Drive, New Albany, and Vice-President of the NAFC Education Association, asked the Board to consider voting yes in support of the proposed school calendar. The majority of teachers support the two-week fall and spring breaks. The two-week Fall Break helps with ELL program, it helps prevent the "summer slide", gives time for 8th grade Washington, DC trip, helps provide for SAT and ACT prep, and provides time for college visits.

Mr. Danny Emmert, Hedden Park, New Albany, addressed the Board regarding teacher pay. Indiana is the lowest ranking within neighboring states in the entire country. Let's not lose men and women who want to teach because of low pay. These people are not factory workers; they have a desire to do something. They have motivation. It is a calling.

Floyd County deserves the best and most qualified people we can get. They are the ones who will mold, guide, and educate our children.

Mrs. Joy Lohmeyer, 1801 Klerner Lane, New Albany, spoke on behalf of the educators of NAFC Public Schools. She said there is a teacher shortage in Indiana because people are not going in to or remaining in education because while educating all students has never been an easy job, in the last several years public schools have become much more than places to educate future productive citizens. The daily job of educators has expanded and many have left the profession for the private sector or never entered it at all being discouraged. The second reason we have a teacher shortage in Indiana is wages. Wages for educators in Indiana over the last two decades have failed to keep up. Deep cuts to public education followed by years of inadequate increases in revenue as well as sharing of state education revenue with charter schools and for private school vouchers have taken their toll on local budgets. Our current average salaries are the lowest in the region. Forbes Magazine published an article ranking Indiana last in average increases for teacher wages over the last 15 years. The current increases being proposed in the Legislature are not sufficient for a decent raise. The final reason is lack of respect for the profession. Frequently elected officials do not seek teachers' expertise or worse, ignore their recommendations to improve education for students. She asked Board members' support for teachers by leading by example; do everything in their power to model respect for public educators; seek out and use their expertise for decision-making; draft a resolution to the Legislature requesting that Indiana increase on-going revenue to public schools; call upon legislators to create a plan for increases in revenue that are not one-time money nor money that has been diverted from other sources. The need for increased revenue affects our entire education team. She encouraged board members to advocate for public education.

**E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019, Executive Session and Regular Session;
2. Approval of Claims;
3. Approval of Payroll;
4. Approval of Monthly Transfer from Monthly Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund;
5. Approval of Staffing Report;
6. Acceptance of Donation to New Albany High School;
7. Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request from Floyd Central High School;
8. Acceptance of Grant from Duke Energy for Green Valley Elementary School;
9. Approval of Elementary Textbook Adoption and Rental Fees;
10. Approval of Agreement with Floyd County Sheriff Department to Use CANA Kitchen During Construction;
11. Approval to Declare Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus;
12. Acceptance of Copy Machine Replacements;
13. Approval of Referendum Change Orders;
14. Approval of Donation of Surplus School Bus to Georgetown Fire Department to Use in Training.

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. Mrs. Wiseheart asked to remove the Approval of Agreement with Floyd County Sheriff Department to Use CANA Kitchen During Construction and discuss separately. Mrs. Wiseheart then made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented including additional field trip request from FCHS that was presented tonight. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gardenour and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

- Minutes of March 11, 2019, Executive Session and Regular Session as presented.
- Claims beginning check #16331 through and including check #16672 and EFT #9134 through and including #9277 in the total amount of \$12,988,295.25 as presented.
- Payroll of 3/15/19 in the amount of \$2,595,924.83 and 3/29/19 in the amount of \$3,006,352.98 as presented.
- Monthly Transfer from Monthly Transfer from Education Fund to Operations Fund as presented.
- Staffing Report as presented.
- Acceptance of Donation to New Albany High School as presented.
- Overnight Field Trip Requests from Floyd Central High School as presented.
- Acceptance of Grant from Duke Energy for Green Valley Elementary School as presented.
- Elementary Textbook Adoption and Rental Fees as presented.
- Declare Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus as presented.

- Acceptance of Copy Machine Replacements as presented.
- Referendum Change Orders as presented.
- Donation of Surplus School Bus to Georgetown Fire Department to Use in Training as presented.

In regard to Approval of Agreement of Floyd County Sheriff Department to Use CANA Kitchen During Construction, Mrs. Wiseheart asked if there was an agreement in the packet. Dr. Snyder said there was not an agreement provided; the agenda item was mis-titled. Mr. Street explained they provided an insurance agreement, which he received today. That information has been forwarded to our insurance company and attorney. There is no charge for this. Mrs. Wiseheart said she is very appreciative of what the schools are doing. This is one more example of what we are doing to work with other entities in our community. Mrs. Wiseheart then made a motion to approve the collaboration with the Floyd County Sheriff Department to use the CANA kitchen during construction. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Corbett and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

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

##### **Consider Highland Hills Middle School Principal:**

Dr. Griffin said there were over 20 candidates who applied for the position and eight of individuals were interviewed. He recommended the appointment of Mrs. Wendy Ivey as Principal of Highland Hills Middle School. Mrs. Ivey is a student-centered educator who has devoted her 26 year career to meeting the needs of faculty, staff, and students at Scribner, Floyds Knobs, Fairmont, and Greenville Schools as a teacher, administrative intern, assistant principal, and principal.

Upon motion by Mrs. Galligan, second by Mrs. Higbie, approval was given to the appointment of Mrs. Wendy Ivey as Principal of Highland Hills Middle School as presented and recommended. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Mrs. Ivey thanked the Board and Superintendent for this opportunity to be the learning leader at Highland Hills Middle School. She is going to miss her elementary family dearly but she is ready to serve the staff, students, and parents at Highland Hills and continue the excellence that has come before her. She introduced her family and thanked them for their support.

##### **Consider Approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar:**

Mr. Briscoe shared the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar and recommended approval. This is very similar to what we have had in the past. A one-question survey was conducted with teachers and parents in the fall asking if they preferred a one-week or two-week fall break. The staff voted for the two weeks 61.9% to 38.1%. Parents voted for two weeks 55.3% to 44.7%. Individuals who were both parents and staff voted 61.8% to 38.2% in favor of the two weeks.

Highlights include:

- 185 teacher days and 180 student days
- July 27 - Teachers officially begin
- July 29 - Students begin
- October 5-9 - Fall intersession
- October 12-16 - Fall break
- November 3 - No school - Election day - parent conferences K-6/professional development 7-12
- November 25-27 - Thanksgiving break
- December 21- January 3 - Winter break
- January 4 - Teacher work day - no students
- January 5 - First student day of second semester
- January 18 - MLK Day - no school
- February 15 - We WILL have school on President's Day
- March 22-26 - Spring intersession (snow make-up days)
- March 29-April 2 - Spring break
- May 27 - Last student day
- May 28 - Last teacher day
- May 31 - Memorial day
- 88 student days in the first semester and 92 days in the second semester

Mrs. Wiseheart made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented and recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Corbett. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Higbie read the following into the record, “honestly I have struggled with the calendar for months and I do take it very seriously how I am voting tonight. Multiple teachers and parents have reached out to me over the past year, and even before that, sharing how the balanced calendar affects students and their children. Many teachers have shared that the cognitive and physical brain breaks are extremely beneficial to students and the shorter summers actually decrease the “summer slide” in learning. Some parents praise the two week breaks as they allow time to refuel with their families and an opportunity to travel; others have expressed frustration as their work schedules don’t allow for additional time off to spend with their children. It has also been mentioned that securing childcare was an on-going struggle for some. We recently had one local professor additionally point out about how valuable learning often happens through live experiences beyond the classroom. For example, probably many of us remember summer camps, jobs during the summer, etc. that extend into August. But the one commonality among most of these messages is that numerous people miss having a longer summer or, and I want to stress this, at least one that extends to the very beginning of August. So, just maybe in the future going forward, I’d love to see personally just a compromise regarding the calendar that’s minimal. Perhaps one that would allow our corporation to extend at least into that first day of August while retaining periodic breaks. I wanted to mention I did some research. The addition of E-learning days rather than snow days - just a discussion about this might be one route to help free up some time and establish an August 1st or perhaps a little longer start date. And this is actually currently happening in many exemplary school districts across the State and these schools also have a variety of socio-economic make-ups because I realize the limitations with not all children having a computer.”

Mrs. Gardenour added that her complaints have been from other school systems that send students to Prosser because students miss school. Greater Clark is now going back to our calendar, reluctantly, and others may also.

Following this discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider 2020 School Board Meeting Dates;**

Dr. Snyder said we have had a model of 16 meetings – 12 regular and 4 work sessions for quite some time and in his opinion this model works very well. However, there has been informal discussion with the Board to increase that to 24 or more. He is recommending the continuation of the 16 meeting model and provided the following rationale:

- Meetings require significant expenditure of administrative time and effort. Thus, if the administration has to prepare for more meetings, then less time is available to support students, teachers, and essential work functions. Time expenditure is net-sum, if meeting preparation increases the something else has to decrease.
- With two meetings every month, the administration is either preparing for a meeting or following up from a meeting. It leaves little time for core work.
- In addition to sacrifice of additional Board member time, additional meetings require more time sacrifice by the administrative team, media and other interested parties who must give up family and personal time.
- More is not always better. Quality over quantity. The focus should be on making team time expenditures worthwhile, more efficient, and effective.
- NAFC has successfully used the 16 meeting model for the last nine years. The essential work which needs to get done has been getting done.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the recommended 16 meeting model dates provided. Mrs. Higbie seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Wiseheart said she has had the privilege of serving on boards for three different superintendents so she has the experience to know what it looks like to have two business meetings per month as opposed to how we have done it the past nine years. She feels as a Board they governed better, were more in tune and up-to-speed with what was going on. And, time to serve on the Board is a privilege, not a burden, so she will never complain about the about of time spent preparing for meetings or length of meetings. Because everyone is busy, in her opinion, it is better to have two meetings on the schedule and take one off it is not needed. She supports two meetings per month with one being a work session.

Mrs. Corbett added that we are one of the very few school districts our size that do not have two meetings per month. She suggested adding sub-committees to bring things forward to the School Board. Dialogue can continue in the those sub-committees and information can be brought to the School Board to make more efficient use of time.

Mrs. Gardenour said for the last eight years it has been the administration telling the School Board how often meetings will be held. It should be the Board discussing when and how often. She also has worked with three different

superintendents and she feels they operate better when there are two meetings. She feels they should be scheduled and cancelled if not needed. Work sessions are an excellent time for Board members to bring forward discussion items they are passionate about.

Mr. Brown commented that being new on the Board and not having gone through it a year, he feels once a month is reasonable with four work sessions. He has never been on a Board where they have met more than once a month. After going through for a year, he may re-evaluate next year.

Following this discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion to accept the recommendation carried with four votes in favor and three votes against. Mrs. Higbie, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Brown, and Mrs. Galligan voted in favor. Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Gardenour, and Mrs. Wiseheart voted against.

**Consider Voluntary Annexation Petition with City of New Albany of Grant Line Elementary;**

Mr. Wiseheart shared that some weeks ago the school corporation was approached by the city of New Albany about considering a voluntary annexation for Grant Line Elementary School. If the Board approves, the City then must take to the City Council for their approval. The City of New Albany has control of Grant Line Road in front of Grant Line Elementary, and they have plans to make road improvements in front of Blackberry Ridge and those plans will move forward regardless of what happens tonight. However, he has been told, they would also like to do work in front of Grant Line Elementary, and it would be easier to move forward with that work if it were a city school versus a county school. He has spoken with county officials to see if they have any plans for the area and they do not. Also, this will have no bearing on future annexations by the city around the area.

Mrs. Galligan confirmed that whether Grant Line Elementary gets annexed or not has no impact on future annexations in that area according to their 2036 plan that is published. Mr. Wiseheart said, yes that is correct. That plan is available to view and shows future potential annexation areas.

Mrs. Higbie made a motion to move forward with the voluntary annexation with the City of New Albany of Grant Line Elementary and Mrs. Murphy seconded. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Higbie said it is her understanding if the Board moves forward with this the road improvements in front of the school will be taken care of in a more expediated way. Mr. Wiseheart said it is his understanding they want to make improvements but he has not seen the plans. She has had a student at the school for ten years and there have been traffic issues for a very long time. She is excited that this will be addressed for safety reasons.

Mrs. Wiseheart said she agrees with Mrs. Higbie; it is a nightmare safety issue. She said we did not go to the City asking for this, they approached us, which means we didn't have a need. Dr. Snyder also provided verification in the history of schools we never had any safety compromises with first responders to our schools. The road improvements are going to get done anyway. She really doesn't want to get in the political situation of a decision she believes the City can do with or without this annexation.

Mrs. Gardenour said she agrees the Board is getting pulled in to a political situation. It bothers her because the road improvements in front of the school should have been addressed when they got the money from the State.

Mr. Brown said he doesn't know a lot about annexation and he has spoken to a lot people trying to find a down side to the school doing this and no one has told him a down side as to why it's bad for the school to be part of the city. We do need the road improvements.

Mrs. Murphy added if it expedites the process by a week that is one less week we have the dangerous situation.

With no further discussion, a roll call was taken. The motion carried five votes in favor and two votes against. Mrs. Higbie, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Corbett, and Mrs. Galligan voted in favor and Mrs. Gardenour and Mrs. Wiseheart voted against.

**Consider Approval of Replacement Policies 3213 and 4213 "Student Supervision and Welfare";**

These policies were brought to the Board for first reading in March. The most notable change in the policy is that when employees communicate with students from a personal device, another adult must be included in the conversation. Another change was made since the last meeting with discussion with the Board and that is professional staff members shall not transport students in a private vehicle without the approval of principal or administrator. Parents will be informed and permission obtained whenever possible. Mr. Briscoe recommended approval.

Upon motion by Mrs. Higbie, second by Mrs. Corbett, approval was given to Replacement Policies 3213 and 4213 "Student Supervision and Welfare" as presented and recommended. The motion carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**Consider Approval of Student Rights and Responsibilities;**

Mr. Briscoe recommended approval of the "Student Rights and Responsibilities" document that was shared with the Board prior to the meeting. This document is included in each of the schools' student handbooks/planners. The proposed document was reviewed by legal counsel.

Mrs. Murphy made a motion to approve the "Student Rights and Responsibilities" document as presented and recommended. The motion was second by Mr. Brown. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Gardenour asked about changing the word "will" to "may" when referring to section on expulsions. Mr. Briscoe explained that, because of Board input, Administration tries really hard to help the student by getting them services or counseling rather than always expulsion.

Mrs. Corbett asked why married students need to inform Administration. Mr. Briscoe said we ask that they do because in some cases there will be a name change and also the student information and emergency contacts could change. We do not treat them any differently; they have the same rights and responsibilities as any other student.

Following discussion, a roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Sales Agreement with New Albany Little League;**

Dr. Snyder shared that in 2014, the School Board engaged in a lease agreement regarding the Mt. Tabor property with the New Albany Little League. There was an arrangement made that we would build two fields for the boys and the second field for the boys could be used by the New Albany Little League. As time went on, New Albany High School had a different vision for the property and wished to convert to turf fields and convert second field from a boys field to a girls softball field. For the past few months, discussion has been held with the Board and currently, the agreement is to try to mitigate that lease. He shared the following:

Public School Land Sale:

- To private – appraised value
- To fellow government – negotiated or free
- To 501(c)3 – negotiated or free

Appraisals of this property:

- \$40,000
- \$42,500
- If were a private sale – would ask \$41,250 (average of two appraisals)

He is recommending the property be sold to the Little League for \$31,000 based on the following rationale:

- Mitigate the lease against the Mt. Tabor property
- Gain control over the Mt. Tabor property
- Honor the relationship with the New Albany Little League
- Improve the recreational needs for youth in our community
- Improve the baseball field condition for NAHS boys
- Build a better and more appropriate field for our NAHS girls
- Honor working arrangement with New Albany Little League in last few months
- Unknown response or terms by any other buyer
- If we lose the deal with New Albany Little League what solution do we consider?

Mrs. Wiseheart asked the amount of acreage needed by the Little League. Dr. Snyder said he did not know specifically. The total partial is 15 acres and majority is flood plain.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the contract to sell the property to the New Albany Little League as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Higbie. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Wiseheart said she asked the above question because she feels this Board has been put in a position to make right and make good on a previous Administration and Board's decision. She does feel the Board has to do what is right with the Little League, these are our kids. With that being said, if there is a way they do not need as much, is there a way the

Board could just give them what they need and they can take the \$31,000 to develop the land. However, if it is the way it is and it really is the entire 15 acres, in good conscience, she cannot justify giving away 15 acres of the taxpayers grounds for no money.

Mrs. Gardenour added this has been very difficult. The appraisals of the property are \$10,000 more than what the recommended selling price is to the Little League. She feels as a School Board member they need to sell for \$41,000 because it is appraised for that and the Board represents the taxpayers.

Mrs. Corbett said, all things considered, this is a good working solution. Her only concern is that there are other little leagues in the county that feel that they need support as well. She doesn't feel it is the role of the school corporation to supply little league fields to everyone. It is her hope that the Parks Department, city, county would help the little leagues and invest more in the kids.

Mrs. Galligan said she is glad to see two appraisals were taken and glad to see some consideration was given for their lease. She feels this is the right thing to do and the fair thing to do.

Mrs. Wiseheart asked if the Board approves this tonight and the Little League would agree to less acreage, can the lease agreement be amended. Dr. Snyder said it is his understanding through both attorneys they have agreed to the current terms. The recommendation is to approve the sales agreement which New Albany Little League has consented to.

Following the discussion, a roll call was taken and motion carried with six votes in favor and one vote against. Mrs. Higbie, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Wiseheart, and Mrs. Galligan voted in favor and Mrs. Gardenour voted against.

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

##### **Receive Information on Referendum Construction Update;**

Mr. Meyer provided the following update on the referendum construction projects:

##### **Prosser Career Education Center:**

###### Work Progress Last 3 Months

- o Completed Asphalt Paving North Lots
- o Completed Welding Shop Renovations
- o Completed Auditorium Renovations
- o Completed Electronics Lab

###### Work Planned for Next Quarter

- Complete Corridor Finishes
- Complete Building B Classroom Renovations
- Complete EMT/Criminal Justice Lab
- Complete Machine Shop Renovation
- Complete Remaining Sitework

##### **Slate Run Elementary School:**

###### Work Progress Last 3 Months

- Completed Window Installation
- Completed Classroom Casework
- Completed Classroom Ceilings & Flooring
- Completed Facebrick

###### Work Planned for Next Quarter

- Complete Kitchen Equipment
- Complete Ceilings & Flooring in Common Areas
- Furniture Installation
- Complete Gym Floor & Bleachers
- Complete Sitework

**Greenville Elementary School:**

Work Progress Last Quarter:

- Completed Site Demolition
- Completed Site Utilities
- Began Footings & Foundation Walls
- Began Exterior Block on Cafeteria Addition

Work Planned for Next Quarter:

- Complete Footings & Foundation Walls
- Complete Bock Walls
- Complete Steel Joists & Decking
- Begin Existing Classroom Renovations

**Green Valley Soccer Field:**

Work Progress Last Quarter:

- Working on Unsuitable Soil Solutions
- Working on Value Engineering Items

Work Planned for Next Quarter:

- Complete Site Utilities
- Complete Earthwork
- Begin Field Installation

**Receive Update on FCHS Softball Flooding Project:**

Mr. Wiseheart shared that Little Indian Creek routinely floods the FCHS softball field. This flooding causes damage to the field and surrounding areas. The field falls within the floodplain and floodway. Therefore, each time damage occurs, the school corporation “takes a hit” because insurance does not cover with it being in the floodplain and floodway. He has been working with Heritage Engineering regarding the possibility of constructing a berm to protect the softball field from flooding. The representative from Heritage Engineering explained the floodplain mitigation measures that would need to be developed to approve the berm and how this could impact the natural corridor along Indian Creek. He also explained environmental permitting that would have to be obtained and future steps for both the school corporation and Heritage Engineering should the Board decide to move forward.

Mr. Wiseheart they are looking at options. This is more cost-effective than moving a field and FCHS likes having the fields in one central location.

Mrs. Wiseheart asked if they could get insurance on the field after it is bermed. She was told probably not because technically the field will most likely still flood but the berm will protect from direct impact. Dr. Snyder added, we want to be really clear, the field is in the floodplain and floodway. This proposal will mitigate, but will not solve or cure the flooding.

Mrs. Wiseheart said before a proposal is brought to the Board, it would be helpful to know what has been spent in the last ten years on fixing this. Mrs. Corbett said she would also like to know approximately how many man hours it takes to clean up.

Mrs. Higbie asked if the berm would have any affect on the surrounding fields? Mr. Wisheart said it should not affect the football or soccer fields.

**Receive Information Regarding Georgetown Development:**

Mrs. Gardenour said the Georgetown Redevelopment Commission asked the School Corporation to write a letter of support for a Community Block Grant for reconstruction of a retaining wall and sidewalk widening in the town of Georgetown. Mr. Brown made a motion to support the letter written for the Community Block Grant as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Higbie and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

**H. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mrs. Wiseheart shared information regarding Brandon House Walk.

Mrs. Wiseheart asked Dr. Snyder about Indiana Legislature recently passing law that is allowing school coporation’s to have funds for a school safety alert system. He said he was not aware of that but will follow-up.

Mrs. Gardenour said when the Board reorganized in January, a Board member was appointed as a Legislative Liaison to the ISBA. There also should have been a Delegate Representative to the Fall Conference. Mrs. Wiseheart made a motion to appoint Mrs. Higbie as the ISBA Delegate Representative to the Fall Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously following a roll call vote.

Mrs. Wiseheart thanked Mrs. Gardenour for serving on the State team that is meeting about the teacher's pay and she has been an advocate for our teachers, not just here but throughout the State to get more money.

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Brown and a second by Mrs. Higbie.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schindler, Recording Secretary