## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2017

Members of the Board of School Trustees met in executive session at 6:30 p.m. on this date at the Central Office pursuant to Indiana's Open Meetings Law for the purpose of discussion of strategy with respect to: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor. No topics were discussed other than those listed on the public meeting notice. All members were present.

President Juergens called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All members were present.

Board members and members of the public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Hooker made a recommendation to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Joray moved and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Joray moved and Mr. Silver seconded a motion approving the consent agenda which included the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting, claims and payroll, fund report, monthly reconciliation summary, monthly appropriation report, student enrollment update, personnel recommendations, professional leave requests, Architectural Services Contract, Staff Appreciation Grant Monies, and permission to pre-write claims and make transfers with Board review in January.

The personnel report included the following:

## Resignations

Sarah McKenzie	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	November 17, 2017
Cheyenne Trejo	ESL Instructional Assistant	Jackson	November 21, 2017
Craig Schwipps	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	November 21, 2017
Kaneesha Chappell	ESL Teacher	SHS	December 1, 2017
Holly Birdsong	Varsity Volleyball Coach	SHS	December 8, 2017
Cara Schepman	Assistant Volleyball Coach	6GC	December 12, 2017
Elisa Ortega	ESL Instructional Assistant	6GC	December 19, 2017
Lauren Mellencamp	Part-time Nurse	Emerson	December 19, 2017
Tammy Bess	Kindergarten Instructional Assistant	Jackson	December 19, 2017
David Urbanski	ECA Supervisor	SHS	May 25, 2018

# **Appointments**

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Joy Stuckwisch	Homebound Instructor (1 hr/wk)	Homebound Instructor (1 hr/wk) SHS	
Brice Darling	Homebound Instructor (1 hr/wk)	SHS	11/2717 - 05/25/18
Karen Brigdon	Homebound Instructor (2 hrs/wk)	SHS	12/11/17 - TBD
Elaine Castetter	Part-time Custodian	SMS	January 3, 2018
Gildo Acevedo	Part-time Custodian	Emerson	January 3, 2018
Danel Graham	EL Instructional Assistant	Jackson	January 4, 2018
Olivia Cain	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	January 4, 2018
Cam Cockerham	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	January 4, 2018
Grant Graves	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	January 4, 2018
Katie Penix	Kindergarten Instructional Assistant	Redding	January 4, 2018
David Steckel	Special Ed Instructional Assistant Brown		January 4, 2018
Ericia Jackson	Kindergarten Instructional Assistant Brown Jan		January 4, 2018
Chata Toppe	Temporary Elementary Teacher Emerson 03		03/01/18 - 05/25/18
Lacey Money Color Guard/Pom Pom Director		SHS	2017-2018 SY

## **Leave of Absence**

LouAnn Hoevener	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/05/17 - 03/05/18
Lisa Thias	Kindergarten Teacher	Redding	12/11/17 - 12/15/17
Hannah Erwin	Title 1 Instructional Assistant	Redding	01/04/18 - 05/25/18

Debbie Carroll	Band Assistant	SHS	01/04/18 - 01/15/18
Robert Brock	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/22/18 - 02/12/18
Jennifer Short	4th Grade Teacher	Emerson	03/01/18 - 05/25/18
Kim Sullivan	Elementary Teacher	Jackson	04/02/18 - 05/25/18
Alexandra Zaring	Elementary Teacher	Jackson	08/07/18 - 09/04/18

**Transfers** 

Erin Moore KDG IA to Library Assistant RE - EM January 3, 2018

## **Jackson County Public Library Board of Trustees**

Dr. Robert Schmielau January 1, 2018- December 31, 2021

### **Permission to Post**

Speech & Language Pathologist (2 days/week)

Non-English Speaking Grant Certified Contracted Service Instructor

SHS

Motion carried; 7-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

#### SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Mrs. Ahlbrand introduced Mrs. Sabrina LaSpina, a Special Needs Teacher at Jackson, as this year's recipient of the ARC Teacher of the Year award. She has been teaching for 13 years and has been a great advocate and resource for both special needs students and teachers. Mr. Brown offered congratulations from the Jackson Elementary staff. Mrs. LaSpina thanked Mrs. Ahlbrand, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hooker, and the Board for their support of her as a special needs teacher at Jackson. She thanked her fellow Jackson Elementary teachers for being great collaborators.

Mrs. DuBois said the high school was approached by Overdose Lifeline, Inc. to offer a Preventure program to Freshman students. They will take a 5 minute paper questionnaire on their personality and life habits. Based on the evaluation results, eligible students will be invited to take part in two 90 minute group workshops. The hope is it will help prevent or reduce alcohol misuse, drug use, and mental health issues. The participants would be offered the questionnaire again as a sophomore.

Mr. Nauman reported the bonds were sold locally to Jackson County Bank at an interest rates of 1.45%.

Mr. Prange made a recommendation to accept a \$500 donation from the SHS Class of 1967 to the Media Center to purchase the 2018-2019 Eliot Rosewater collection. Mr. Joray moved and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

There were none.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Juergens said the SHS Choir concert was outstanding. He thanked Mr. Harpe, Mr. Manns and Mr. Urbanski for the great Hall of Fame induction. Mr. Juergens thanked the Board. He said they were able to get a lot accomplished in 2017. He also thanked Mr. Hooker, Mr. Nauman, Mr. Harpe and Mrs. Ferguson for their great leadership.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Hooker made a recommendation to approve the SHS Science Department specifications. They will go out for bids in early January. Mr. Schuley, Science Department Chairman, said he is excited about the concept and has appreciated the working relationship with Mr. Link and VPS. Mr. Musser and Mr. Dennis were also present. Mr. Silver motioned to approve the specifications and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Browning motioned to seek bids in 2018 and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Nauman made a recommendation to develop corporation insurance package specifications including commercial auto, commercial package, umbrella policy, and workers compensation. Mr. Silver moved and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Nauman made a recommendation to approve the 2018 Activate Healthcare Clinic Agreement. Mr. Kelley motioned to approve and Mr. Joray seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark made a recommendation to purchase automatic scrubbers for Jackson Elementary, Redding Elementary, Seymour High School and the Ag-Science Building. Mr. Klosterman motioned to approve the purchase and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark make a recommendation to have Kings Trucking complete the additional concrete work at Seymour High School for \$17,345. Mr. Kelley moved and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Hooker made a recommendation to seek quotes/bids for the SHS Ag-Science & Research Farm equipment, casework, and site work. Mr. Browning moved and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Hooker made a recommendation to seek quotes/bids for the Redding Elementary School playground improvements. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark made a recommendation to have Pro Track and Tennis repair the six remaining tennis courts for \$63,730.00. Mrs. Frank moved and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried: 7-0.

Mrs. Lister made a recommendation to have Lee Company update the cabinetry in all six classrooms for \$45,630.00. The update would provide individual cubbies for students to hang their things and give teachers additional storage space. Mr. Klosterman motioned to approve and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark made a recommendation to hire Beck Studios, Inc. to replace the Cortland stage curtains for \$12,365.00. Mrs. Franke moved and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Harpe made a recommendation to approve the 3-year school calendar. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark made a recommendation to approve the following 2018 maintenance three year agreements.

- Best Way Disposal Services
- Better Way Mechanical Services for SHS, Redding, Jackson, and SMS 6GC Chillers
- Culligan Water Softener Product and Equipment Services
- Cummins Crosspoint Emergency Generator Inspection and Maintenance Services
- RWD Kitchen Duct Cleaning
- Weas Engineering (Water Treatment) Services
- Burt's Pest Control Services
- Playworld Midstates and Countryside Play Structures for playground repair/inspection services
- Premier for landscape services at JCLC
- Tru-Green for lawn care services of athletic fields
- Murphy Elevator

Mr. Joray motioned to approve and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark informed that classroom HVAC units at Cortland are creating noise and vibration detrimental to teaching of classes. Attempts were made by school staff and outside contractors to eliminate or reduce the problem with no success. He made a recommendation to have HFI perform the required work for \$40,025.00. Mr. Browning motioned to waive the first read and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Browning motioned to approve HFI completing the work and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Altemeyer made a recommendation to accept the Title IIA Grant (\$129,430.63), Title IV Grant (\$100,000), and High Ability Grant (\$43,996). Mr. Joray moved and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Fosbrink made a recommendation to purchase two conventional lift buses and one activity bus from Midwest Transit for \$270,686.91 and two 90 passenger transit buses from Kerlin Bus Sales for \$246,115.94. Mr. Klosterman moved and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Ferguson requested permission to apply for the Jackson County Bank Greater Seymour Trust Fund grant due on January 15, 2018. Mr. Silver moved and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READ**

Mrs. Ferguson requested permission to apply for round two of the Comprehensive Counseling Initiative through Lilly. Mr. Silver motioned to waive first read and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve the request and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark requested permission to seek and select quotes to install a sidewalk from exit 3 at Cortland Elementary School. Mrs. Franke motioned to waive first read and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Browning motioned to approve the request and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Stark requested permission to seek and select quotes for classroom carpet, wall treatment, and sink replacements at Cortland Elementary. Mrs. Franke motioned to waive first read and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Silver motioned to seek quotes and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Juergens mentioned upcoming events.

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

- Christmas Break Begins Wednesday, December 20, 2017
- Teacher Work Day Wednesday, January 03, 2018
- > Students Return to School Thursday, January 04, 2018
- School Board Reorganization + Board of Finance Meeting
   + Regular January School Board Meeting Tuesday, January 09, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m.
- ➤ Martin Luther King Day Regular School Day Monday, January 15, 2018
- School Board Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- ➤ Presidents' Day Monday, February 19, 2018 Possible Snow Make-up Day #1
- School Board Meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2018
- Spring Break Week Monday, March 19-23, 2018
- ➤ Good Friday Friday, March 30, 2018 Possible Snow Make-up Day #4
- Easter Sunday April 01, 2018
- Easter Monday April 02, 2018 Possible Snow Make-up Day #3
- > School Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018
- Friday, April 27, 2018 Snow Make-up Day #2
- School Board Meeting Tuesday, May 08, 2018
- ➤ SHS Senior Graduation Day @ Sunday, June 03, 2018

Mr. Browning moved and Mr. Kelley seconded a motion to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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