

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 9, 2018**

Members of the Board of School Trustees met in executive session at 6:00 p.m. on this date at the Central Office pursuant to Indiana's Open Meetings Law for the purpose of: discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems and 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.

Members of the Board of School Trustees met for Reorganization at 7:00 pm on this date in the Board Room of the Central Office. All members were present.

Superintendent, Robert Hooker, conducted the Reorganization Meeting and opened the nominations for President. Mr. Kelley nominated Mr. Art Juergens. Mr. Joray seconded the nomination. Mr. Joray moved to close the nominations and Mr. Klosterman seconded this motion. Mr. Art Juergens was elected President by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Browning nominated Mr. Stu Silver for Vice-President and Mr. Klosterman seconded the nomination. Mrs. Franke moved to close the nomination and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Mr. Stu Silver was elected by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Browning nominated Mrs. Nancy Franke for Secretary and Mr. Joray seconded the nomination. Mr. Klosterman moved to close the nominations and Mr. Joray seconded. Mrs. Nancy Franke was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

President Juergens announced the committee and corporation appointments:

- Indiana School Board Legislative Liaison – Nancy Franke
- Indiana School Board Policy Liaison – John Kelley
- Board of Finance - Art Juergens, Stu Silver, Nancy Franke
- Board Development and Training - Jeff Joray
- School Farm and Vocational Advisory Board - Max Klosterman
- School Athletic Council - Stu Silver
- School Corporation Transportation - Ken Browning, John Kelley
- Public and Community Relations - Jeff Joray, Nancy Franke
- Seymour Parks and Recreation Board - Art Juergens
- Seymour Redevelopment Commission - Stu Silver
- Corporation Treasurer – Steve Nauman
- Corporation Deputy Treasurer – Becky Reasoner
- Corporation Attorney – Montgomery, Elsner, and Pardieck, LLP
  - Property, Insurance & Personnel - Susan Sparks
- Corporation Attorney - Lorenzo & Bevers
  - Corporation Policies & Guidelines - Susan Bevers
- Corporation Attorneys – Lewis & Kappes
  - Negotiations and Personnel – Michelle Cooper
  - Special Education and Personnel – Susan Traynor
- Corporation Workers Compensation Physician – Family Medical Center
- Board Representative to C4 Columbus Area Career Connection – Superintendent Robert Hooker

Mr. Silver moved and Mrs. Franke seconded to accept these appointments Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Silver motioned to approve the 2018 School Board member compensation and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Joray motioned to approve the 2018 Board Meeting dates and times and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Klosterman moved to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:10 pm and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried.

President Juergens called to order the Board of Finance meeting at 7:10 pm. All members were present. Mr. Juergens, President; Mr. Silver, Vice-President, and Mrs. Franke, Secretary were voted officers for the Board of Finance. Mr. Nauman reported that he would like to invest more in Certificates of Deposit in 2018. He added it could help double the interest rate. Mr. Silver made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting and was seconded by Mr. Joray. There was no discussion and the motion carried; 7-0. The Board of Finance meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

President Juergens called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:13 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. Browning moved and Mr. Joray seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Klosterman moved and Mr. Browning seconded a motion approving the consent agenda which included the minutes of the December 19, 2017 regular meeting, monthly reconciliation summary, claims and payroll, fund report, monthly appropriation report, student enrollment update, personnel recommendations, and professional leave requests.

The personnel report included the following:

**Retirements**

Rebecca Thompson	Physical Education Teacher	SMS	May 25, 2018
------------------	----------------------------	-----	--------------

**Resignations**

Ashley Armstrong	Special Education Instructional Asst.	SMS	January 5, 2018
------------------	---------------------------------------	-----	-----------------

**Appointments**

Miranda Lasher	Pre-K Special Ed Instructional Asst.	Jackson	January 11, 2018
Rebecca Lanier	Contracted Services - EL Support	SHS	January 15, 2018
Angie Lucas	Head Varsity Volleyball Coach	SHS	2018-2019 Season

**Leave of Absence**

Robert Brock	Bus Driver	Transportation	01/04/18 - 01/19/18
Vicki Corne	Kindergarten Instructional Assistant	Brown	02/12/18 - 03/12/18
Emily Armuth	Speech & Language Pathologist	Emerson/SHS	May 4, 2018
Lakin Covey	Head Varsity Girls Golf Coach	SHS	2018 Season

Motion carried; 6-0. Mr. Silver stepped out of the room at the time of the vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ahlbrand shared the results of the December 1 Special Education count. There were increases in three of the four categories. The fourth category stayed consistent with the number in previous years. The total funding increase from 2016-2017 school year was \$142,238. Mrs. Ahlbrand thanked the Special Education staff for their good work with the growing number of special needs students in the corporation.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

Mrs. DuBois reported the high school is offering a Microsoft course to students.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Prange made a recommendation to apply for the Drug Free Council Grant for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Joray moved and Mr. Silver seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Lister made a recommendation to accept the \$250.00 Thrivent Financial donation to purchase library books at Cortland Elementary. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve the donation and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READ ITEMS**

Mr. Hooker presented a draft of the 2018 Corporation Goals.

Mr. Manns and Mr. Kelly reported that approximately 200-250 students utilize the stadium fitness rooms. Physical Education classes, Weight Training classes, and Varsity/Junior Varsity teams use this facility as well. They would like to replace the weight room equipment located in the stadium and redistribute the usable equipment to the middle school and gym weight rooms. Mr. Manns would like to purchase the weight equipment from Sorinex for \$120,637.13 out of Capital Projects Fund. Sorinex was the lowest quote received of the three vendor's quotes. Mr. Browning motioned to waive first read and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Silver motioned to approve the purchase of equipment from Sorinex and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Juergens said our athletics have showed tremendous progress. The Board appreciates all the coaches are doing to make our programs competitive again.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

- 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**

Mr. Browning moved and Mr. Silver seconded a motion to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_