SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

President Juergens called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present.

Board members and members of the public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence, and the Corporation Vision Statement.

Mr. Harpe made a recommendation to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item VII.A.4 SHS News, VIII.C Permission to Accept Early Intervention Grant Addition Allocation, and IX.F New Classes at SHS for 2020-2021 School Year. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve the changes and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Tormoehlen moved and Mrs. Franke seconded a motion approving the consent agenda which included the minutes of the January 14 Reorganization, Board of Finance, and regular meetings, January 28 work session minutes, monthly reconciliation summary, claims and payroll, fund report, monthly appropriation report, student enrollment update, personnel recommendations, professional leave requests, and SHS Baseball overnight trip to Richmond.

The personnel report included the following:

**Retirements:**

Cecily Niebank Noelker Elementary Teacher Redding May 22, 2020

**Resignations:**

Diana Vance Title 1 Instructional Assistant Jackson January 31, 2020

Craig Montgomery Head 8th Grade Volleyball Coach SMS January 29, 2020

Lindsey Kilgas Head Cheer Coach SMS January 29, 2020

Jorge Ortiz Translator Corporation February 21, 2020

Kimberly Breeden Special Ed Instructional Assistant SMS February 21, 2020

Paul Carpenter Part-Time Evening Custodian Cortland May 21, 2020

**Appointments:**

Frances Lopez Full-Time Kindergarten IA Brown January 20, 2020

Berna Jones Homebound Instructor SMS 01/29/20 – 05/2020

Tom Lucas Homebound Instructor SMS 01/29/20 – 05/2020

Ignacio Reyna Part-Time Evening Custodian SHS February 10, 2020

Kathleen Deaton Special Ed Instructional Assistant SMS February 10, 2020

Lauren Morris Special Ed Instructional Assistant Emerson February 12, 2020

Haley Riordan Title 1 Instructional Assistant Jackson February 12, 2020

Beth Hamilton Part-Time Cook Brown February 12, 2020

Victoria Shelton Part-Time Cook 6thGC February 12, 2020

Jon Claycamp Full-Time Bus Driver Transportation February 12, 2020

Robert Kaufman Substitute Bus Driver Transportation February 12, 2020

Leigha Charles Special Ed Instructional Assistant Emerson February 18, 2020

Jill Baurle Assistant Girls Tennis Coach SHS 2019-2020 Season

Margaret Brown Head Girls Track Coach SMS 2019-2020 Season

Gretchen Booher Assistant Girls Track Coach SMS 2019-2020 Season

Gary Jackson Volunteer Swim Coach SMS 2019-2020 Season

Jeremy Richey Dean of Students SHS 2020-2021 School Year

**Transfers**

Karen Corcoran PT Day to FT Day Custodian Redding January 6, 2020

Sandra Reed Day Custodian to Head Custodian Admin/Annex/Ag January 6, 2020

Kelli Moore Kindergarten IA to Librarian Brown January 20, 2020

Kellie Coffman PT to FT Special Ed IA/Bus Asst. Brown January 20, 2020

Jill Purkhiser Day Custodian to Head Custodian SHS Gym-Main January 27, 2020

Drew Purkhiser FT Evening to FT Day Custodian SHS Gym February 11, 2020

Rickey Carter FT Evening(Tu-S) to (M-F) Custodian SHS Gym February 11, 2020

Luke Champ PT to FT Evening Custodian (Tu-S) SHS Gym February 11, 2020

Grace Kruse Special Ed to General IA 6GC-Cortland February 2020

Brittany Davis Special Ed IA SMS – Redding February 2020

**Leave of Absence:**

Dennis Maxie Bus Driver/Mechanic Transportation 01/06/20 – 05/04/20

Sharon Barnett Special Ed Instructional Assistant 6th Grade Center 02/04/20 – 02/10/20

Robin Scales Instructional Assistant Jackson 02/07/20 – 02/24/20

Natasha Lewis Elementary Teacher Jackson 02/06/20 – 02/17/20

**Contracted Service:**

Steve Klink Administrative Consultant

**Permission to Post/Hire/Transfer prior to the March 10, 2020.**

Motion carried; 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Ferguson provided an update on Goal #2 Achievement and Growth. The committee has developed an evidence collection sheet, studied strategic plans from other schools, and are looking to replace the current system with a standards based grading approach.

Mr. Reasoner and Luke Turner, President of the Dance Marathon committee, announced their 2019 campaign ended in November with a total of $21,600 going to Riley. Since 2014, the Dance Marathon has raised $83,312.14 for Riley Hospital. Mr. Reasoner thanked the Elementary schools for their help in raising funds this year.

Mr. Harpe announced Seymour Community Schools was recognized by Jackson County United Way as a Top 10 company at their annual awards banquet.

Mr. Prange announced he presented a high school diploma to Army Veteran Dennis Dwayne Newkirk. He entered the Army at 17 and never attended high school, but Indiana Code allows veterans to receive a diploma.

Mr. Prange mentioned an article that ran in the Indianapolis Star recently about the U.S Assistant Secretary of Education visiting Whiteland High School. The article bragged about them having two agriculture teachers, a 3D printer, and a program called internships. The headline read they could be a model for the nation. Mr. Prange told his staff if Whiteland is a model, then SHS is a supermodel.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Franke recently spent the day at the Statehouse for Legislative Liaison Day. The legislative action network worked together to inform on governance and policies for K-12 education. They also worked toward increasing an awareness and knowledge of the legislative process at the state level, and to continue to build relationships with state legislators. They have set goals on legislative priorities that include:

1. Increase financial resources to support K-12 students.
2. Continue to enhance teacher recruitment and retention programs.
3. Expand the PreK programs in Indiana.
4. Working for local school board representatives having voting rights in local redevelopment commissions.
5. Capital Referendum language.
6. Deregulation of initiatives towards more local control.
7. Tax Credits for Public School Foundations

Mrs. Franke said she thinks some of these will be addressed in the next four weeks of the short session.

Mr. Juergens said he spoke to three Seymour High School students while they worked at the hospital. He appreciates that we have students representing us out in the community.

Mr. Tormoehlen attended the Archery match. After talking with Coach Purkhiser, he realized there is much more to the program than shooting arrows. The students work on discipline and character development.

**DONATIONS & GRANTS**

Mrs. Altemeyer requested approval of the 2019 IIA Grant allocation of $130,751.35. Mrs. Franke moved and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Kelly made a recommendation to approve the donation of a Buddy Bench from the Estell family. Mr. Estell was a principal at Emerson for 30 years. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve and Mr. Joray seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Altemeyer requested approval for the additional Early Intervention Grant allocation of $1,782.75. Mr. Joray moved and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READ ITEMS**

Mrs. Ferguson announced dates, locations and times for Kindergarten Roundup. She said they were comparable to last year.

Mr. Prange discussed the 2020 summer school programming.

Dr. Mendez presented information on the 2021 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

Mr. Harpe went through each policy update by number and description in Volume 31 #2 and Volume 32 #1.

Mr. Stark presented some options to update the SHS main gym lights LEDs.

Mr. Prange would like to update the FACs classes in order to secure CTE funding and keep students in Seymour. The updates would also include three new pathways with Band, Choir, and Art.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

* **Make-Up Day #1 – President’s Day – Monday, February 17, 2020 – School in Session**
* Seymour Chamber Dinner & Awards – Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. @ Pewter Hall
* Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2020
* Spring Break Week – March 16-20, 2020
* Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2020
* SHS Ag/FFA Banquet – Wednesday, April 15, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. @ The Pines Evergreen Room
* Senior Scholars Dinner – Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. @ The Pines Evergreen Room
* Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2020
* Employee Retirement Celebration & Dinner– Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. @The Pines Evergreen Room

Mr. Klosterman moved and Mr. Joray seconded a motion to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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