

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023**

Members of the Board of School Trustees met in executive session at 6:00 p.m. on this date in the Seymour Central Service Center Executive Board Room pursuant to Indiana's Open Meetings Law for the purpose of discussion 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; discussion of the assessment, design and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems; the assessment, design, and discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. No topics were discussed other than those listed on the public meeting notice. All members were present.

Judge Poynter officiated the Oath of Office for board members John Kelley, Max Klosterman, and Joe Tormoehlen.

Members of the Board of School Trustees met for Reorganization at 7:02 pm on this date in the Seymour Central Service Center Board Room. All members were present.

Superintendent, Brandon Harpe, conducted the Reorganization Meeting and opened the nominations for President. Mr. Browning nominated Mr. Art Juergens. Mr. Kelley seconded the nomination. Mr. Art Juergens was elected President by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Kelley nominated Mr. Kenny Browning for Vice-President and Mr. Klosterman seconded the nomination. Mr. Kenny Browning was elected by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Mr. Tormoehlen nominated Mr. John Kelley for Secretary and Mr. Browning seconded the nomination. Mr. John Kelley was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

President Juergens announced the committee appointments:

- Indiana School Board Legislative Liaison – Kenny Browning
- Indiana School Board Policy Liaison – Kenny Browning
- Board of Finance - Art Juergens, Kenny Browning, John Kelley
- Board Development and Training – Joe Tormoehlen
- School Farm and Vocational Advisory Board - Max Klosterman
- School Athletic Council – Joe Tormoehlen
- School Corporation Transportation - Kenny Browning, John Kelley
- Public and Community Relations – Holly Coates
- Seymour Parks and Recreation Board - Art Juergens
- Seymour Redevelopment Commission – John Kelley

Mr. Browning motioned to approve and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

President Juergens announced the corporation appointments:

- Corporation Treasurer – Steve Nauman
- Corporation Deputy Treasurer – Patty Mullis
- 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 Brandon Harpe

Mr. Klosterman moved and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded the motion to accept these appointments. Motion carried; 6-0.

Mr. Nauman said the 2023 School Board member compensation would remain the same by state statute.

Mr. Juergens provided a copy of the 2023 Board Meeting Dates and times.

Mr. Browning moved to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried.

President Juergens called to order the Board of Finance meeting at 7:10 p.m. All members were present.

Mr. Juergens, President; Mr. Browning, Vice-President, and Mr. Kelley, Secretary were voted officers for the Board of Finance. Mr. Nauman reviewed the 2022 Investment report, Corporation Investment Policy, and the Fiscal and Qualitative Indicators report. Mrs. Coates made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting and was seconded by Mr. Browning. There was no discussion and the motion carried; 6-0. The Board of Finance meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

President Juergens called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:15 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. Mr. Browning motioned to approve and Mrs. Coates seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

Mr. Browning moved and Mrs. Coates seconded a motion approving the consent agenda which included the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting, monthly reconciliation summary, claims and payroll, fund report, monthly appropriation report and end of year update, student enrollment update, personnel recommendations, and professional leave requests.

The personnel report included the following:

Resignations:

Joshua Shipley	FT Special Ed Instructional Asst. – Lifeskills	SMS	November 15, 2022
Melody Russell	Deaf Hard Hearing Teacher	SCSC	December 20, 2022
Tammy Dunlap	Full-Time Cook	SHS	December 20, 2022
Luke Champ	Part-Time Evening Custodian	SHS Gym	December 30, 2022
Katharine Penix	Part-Time Title 1 Instructional Asst.	Redding	January 1, 2023
Chanel Martinez	Part-Time Title 1 Instructional Asst.	Redding	January 1, 2023
Ryan Chandler	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	SHS	January 4, 2023
Erin Phillips	Bus Assistant	Transportation	January 8, 2023
Odalis Iraheta	Part-Time Title I EL Instructional Assistant	Brown	January 20, 2023
Ashley Moore	Full-Time Cook	Redding	January 20, 2023
Gracie Lewis	Special Education Teacher – SOAR	Emerson	January 20, 2023
Hanna Kratoska	Library Assistant	Redding	January 23, 2023
Kyle Hawkins	Technology Specialist	SCSC	January 27, 2023
Lacey Money	Corporation ECA Treasurer	SCSC	February 3, 2023

Appointments:

Matt McCarthy	Temporary Elementary Teacher	Brown	01/06/23 – 01/16/23
Martha Juarez	Full-Time Special Ed Lifeskills IA	SHS	January 9, 2023
Sarah Kaufman	Part-Time Special Ed Instructional Assistant	Emerson	January 9, 2023
Max Claycamp	Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	January 9, 2023
Audra Lorey	PT District Hearing Impairment Teacher	SCSC	January 9, 2023
Mary Modesty	Bus Driver	Transportation	January 9, 2023
Chad Browning	Bus Driver	Transportation	January 9, 2023
Mindy Lasater	Homebound Teacher	Redding	01/09/23 – 05/26/23
Abigale Wiggam	SOAR Lifeskills Student Teacher (stipend)	Emerson	January 9, 2023
Nikita Baker	Part-Time PBIS Instructional Assistant	Brown	January 13, 2023
Melanie Cockerham	Full-Time Cook	SHS	January 19, 2023

Leave of Absence:

Deanna Stainbrook	Food Service	SHS	12/14/22 – 12/20/22
Christina Franklin	Elementary Teacher	Brown	01/06/23 – 01/16/23
Scott Miller	Social Studies Teacher	SHS	01/13/23 – 02/03/23
Melissa Otte	Special Ed Instructional Assistant	SMS	02/07/23 – 04/04/23

Transfers

Donald Kirk	Bus Driver to Sub Bus Driver	Transportation	January 1, 2023
Randall McCoy	Bus Driver to Sub Bus Driver	Transportation	January 20, 2023

Contracted Services

Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Permission to Post/Hire/Transfer prior to the next board meeting.

Motion carried; 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Mrs. Wessel, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Plumlee shared pictures of students enjoying the new gym and cafeteria spaces as well as the flexible classrooms and STEM classroom at the Sixth Grade Center. They gifted members of the board a Seymour Intermediate School t-shirt.

Mrs. Wessel and Mrs. Plumlee said they assisted the Cummins Product Team with pantry and meal delivery for sixth grade center students and families. The delivered eighteen meals at Thanksgiving and twenty meals at Christmas. They have delivered one hundred sixty meals in the last four years.

Mr. Harpe announced a special school board meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to review applications for the vacant school board position.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Kelley welcomed Mr. Prange back to work. He also welcomed Mrs. Coates to the school board. Mr. Klosterman seconded the sentiment.

Mr. Juergens also said it was great to have Mr. Prange back. He welcomed Mrs. Coates to her first school board meeting.

Mr. Browning thanked the Sixth Grade Center/Seymour Intermediate School ladies for the t-shirt. He said Mr. Prange was missed and they are happy to have him back. He welcomed Mrs. Coates. He added it’s the care and concern for the school and community that they are looking for in a board member and they are happy to have her on board.

Mr. Tormoehlen said it’s great to have Mr. Prange back. He also stated it is good to have Mrs. Coates on the board.

Mrs. Coates shared her thanks for everyone being so welcoming. She is excited to get started.

DONATIONS & GRANTS

Mrs. Leitzman requested permission to accept the 2022-2024 Title IIA Grant of \$126,227.09 and the 2022 Title IV Grant of \$53,722.57. Mr. Klosterman moved and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. Reasoner provided updates on the current building projects.

Mr. Nauman made a recommendation to approve the following contract claims and applications for payment:

VPS Architecture	Ag-Science Building	Invoice 19	\$1,822.60
Skillman Corp	Ag-Science Building (reimbursable cost)	Invoice 220200R1	\$1,512.00
VPS Architecture	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Invoice 27	\$6,481.55
Skillman Corp	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Invoice 202005.6R10	\$4,925.80
VPS Architecture	Ag Science Greenhouse	Invoice 12	\$1,950.00
VPS Architecture	High School Building	Invoice 26	\$12,299.71
Skillman Corp	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Invoice 2020C18	\$71,500.00
Skillman Corp	High School Building	Invoice 2020C18	\$71,000.00
Skillman Corp	High School Building (reimbursable cost)	Invoice 20200R9	\$1,734.38
Biancofiore Masonry Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #11	\$10,865.00
Boyle Construction Management	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #15	\$626,727.27
Carpet Decorators, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #9	\$16,187.90
Euronique, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #2	\$87,593.45
Gibson-Lewis of Indianapolis	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #15	\$34,256.30
Integrity Fire Protection, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #7	\$12,833.00
Heflin Industries, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #13	\$110,171.75
James Babcock, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #15	\$58,018.00
J.L. Walter & Associates, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #10	\$9,240.00

Kenny Glass, Inc.	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #8	\$27,107.40
ShepCo Commercial Finishes	5 th /6 th Grade Building	Application #9	\$13,741.80
Lawyer Excavation	High School Building	Application #9	\$50,907.64
Burns-Gutzwiller, Inc.	High School Building	Application #12	\$149,033.00
Complete Masonry	High School Building	Application #12	\$77,140.00
B&L Sheet Metal	High School Building	Application #4	\$47,600.00
Hoosier Glass	High School Building	Application #7	\$69,580.50
Performance Contracting	High School Building	Application #8	\$287,322.00
ShepCo	High School Building	Application #3	\$9,725.30
Integrity Fire Protection	High School Building	Application #7	\$5,475.00
G.B.M.C., Inc.	High School Building	Application #11	\$213,349.65
James Babcock, Inc	High School Building	Application #11	\$171,200.00

Mr. Kelley motioned to approve the contract claims and applications for payment and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Rodman made a recommendation to select CDWG to complete the network replacement project for \$606,245.60. E-rate funds will pay for 80% of the project with the remaining 20% covered by the common school loan. Mr. Browning motioned to approve and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

Mr. Prange requested approval of the following additional courses at Seymour High School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. They include:

- 7154 Principles of Entrepreneurship
- 7148 New Venture Development
- 7147 Small Business Operations
- 7201 Business Management Capstone
- 1060 Etymology
- 1024 Biographies

Mr. Klosterman motioned to approve and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

Mr. Reasoner made a recommendation to award the contract for the construction of the greenhouse at the Ag Science Center to T & G Construction for the total of \$637,898.00. Mr. Klosterman motioned to approve and Mr. Browning seconded. Motion carried; 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READ ITEMS

Mr. Reasoner provided a proposal from School Bus Logistics. A consultant would work with the transportation department to review current routes and make updates needed to increase the efficiency of getting students to and from school beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 🗓 No School – MLK Jr. Day – Monday, January 17, 2022
- 🗓 Regular School Board Meeting – February 8, 2022
- 🗓 Regular School Board Meeting – March 8, 2022
- 🗓 Spring Break – March 21-25, 2021

Mr. Klosterman moved and Mrs. Coates 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.

_____ President _____

_____ Vice President _____

_____ Secretary _____
