

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

September 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.
Northwestern High School

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School. All board members except Ted Merrell were present including Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon, Sheila Lamb, and approximately 37 interested parties. President Howard Eller called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes of the August 28, 2008 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Steve Long and seconded by Tim Daily. Mr. Snoddy requested the addition of three personnel recommendations to the agenda. With these additions, the agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Tim Daily and seconded by Steve Long.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized as September Student of the Month:

- Howard Elementary School – **Elizabethe O'Donnell**, daughter of Jamey and Terra Brantley. Elizabethe is in Mrs. Davis' sixth-grade class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Chase Moser**, son of Todd and Myra Moser. Chase is a sixth grader at NES.
- Northwestern Middle School - **Nathan Edwards**, an eighth grader at the middle school. Nathan is the son of Scott and Sabrina Edwards.
- Northwestern High School - **Julianne Demoret**, daughter of Brad and Dana Demoret. Julie is a senior at the high school.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Snoddy shared that we have experienced a smooth start to the 2008-09 school year despite a number of construction challenges during the summer. He commended Mr. Seamon and the custodial/maintenance staff and the principals for working together toward a smooth start to the year.

II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of \$90,966.83, \$645,769.63, \$534,726.45, \$300.00, and \$355,363.95 and payroll claim listings of \$365,763.66 and \$330,356.69 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Tim Daily and a second from Steve Long.

III. PERSONNEL

Steve Long made the motion to approve the following personnel items presented. Lois Hartman seconded and the following were approved unanimously:

- A. Accept the resignation of **Sherri Clark** from food service, effective September 6, 2008.
- B. Approve the request of **Tica Rogers** for an unpaid personal leave of absence for up to 10 days from February 16-27, 2009.
- C. Approve the employment of **Jill Patterson** as second-shift custodian, effective August 25, 2008, and as per the current support staff salary and fringe benefit schedule.
- D. Approve the employment of **Chris Bishop** as third-shift custodian, as per the current support staff salary and fringe benefit schedule.
- E. Approve the re-assignment of **Paul Bailey** from "A" Custodial supervisor to "B" custodian.
- F. Accept the resignation of **Megan Dorisse** as instructional assistant at Howard Elementary, effective September 12, 2008.

- G. Approve the employment of **Lisa Newman** as Title 1 Instructional Assistant at Howard Elementary, effective September 9, 2008 and **Jamie Willis** as Primetime Instructional Assistant, effective September 10, 2008. Both shall be paid as per the current support staff salary and fringe benefit schedule.
- H. Approve the extra-curricular assignment of **Jeremy Leazenby-Bruce** as middle school drama director for the 2008-09 school year and as per Appendix B. This motion should also include the acceptance of resignation from **Beth Huston** from this position.
- I. Approve 2000-09 coaching recommendations submitted by Mr. Armstrong as per Appendix B to include: **Susie Gabriel**-Asst Cheerleading Sponsor, .035; **Kristy Parrish**-Fresh Cheer Sponsor, .02; **DelRoy Ortmann**, .05 and **John Hendryx**, .01, Fall Conditioning Coordinators; **Ryan Berryman** -Var Baseball , .15; **Michael Shearer**- Asst Baseball, .08; **Ryan Hisey**- 8th Baseball, .04; **Scott Simmons**-Asst Basketball, .11; **DelRoy Ortmann**-Spec Asst Basketball, .08; **Jason Braden**-MS Basketball, .06; **Amanda Ullmer**-Cross Country Asst, .07; **Matt King**-MS Asst Football, .03; **Cindy Britten**-Var Swimming, .11; **Matt Woods**-Boys Tennis Asst, .04; **Pete Schroer**-Asst Boys Track, .07; **Eric Brehm**-Wrestling Asst, .07 and MS Wrestling, .04; **Shane Goodnight**-JV Wrestling, .04; **Mike Reith**-MS Asst Wrestling, .02; **Marty Britten**-Fresh Girls Basketball, .08; **Kelly Wright**-Var Gymnastics, .12; **Melody Wright**-Asst Gymnastics,.04; **Paul Crook**-Var Girls Soccer, .12; **Nancy Mumaw**-Asst Girls Soccer, .07; **Kacy McMillan**-JV Girls Soccer,.07; **Sarah Waite**-JV Asst Girls Soccer,.02; **Jennifer Liggett**-Asst Girls Tennis, .04; **Melissa Wetekamp**-MS Volleyball Asst., .02; **Todd Miller**-MS Tennis, .04; and **Trent Fine**-MS Golf, .02.

Mr. Armstrong further recommends the board accept the coaching resignations of Blake Betzner and Katy Hinkle.

IV. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)

Shiloh United Methodist Church made a donation of \$125 to the Guidance Hel to assist financially challenged students with basic needs. Tim Daily expressed gratitude and made the motion to accept the donation; Lois Hartman seconded and motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSIDER ACTION TO ENTER JOINT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KOKOMO AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE (KASEC)

Lois Hartman made the motion to continue our relationship with KASEC to receive services for students with disabilities. Steve Long seconded; motion unanimously passed.

VI. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Mr. Edsell recommended the implementation of the NHS Credit Recovery Program for the 2008-2009 school year. Beginning last spring and into the summer the high school administration and guidance staff along with the curriculum and technology director researched different programs to see what would be a good fit for the students of Northwestern. We have selected OdysseyWare to use for this program. Also speaking were Miss Thompson and Mr. Simmons. Lois Hartman made the motion to approve the program; Steve Long seconded and motion carried unanimously.

VII. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE A CASH TUITION TRANSFER APPLICATION

An application has been received for Caitlyn Perkins to attend Northwestern Middle School as a cash tuition transfer student. Lois Hartman made the motion to approve and Tim Daily seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN TAIWAN SISTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Edsell recommended participation in the DOE's Taiwan Sister School Partnership Program. A school principal from Taiwan will visit on October 16 and 17, speaking with staff, students, community, parents and board members. This is a wonderful opportunity to dialogue with an educator from Taiwan as we explore the possibility of adding Chinese/Mandarin language curriculum at the high school level in the future. Tim Daily made the motion to approve participation. Motion carried unanimously following a second from Lois Hartman.

IX. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE OFF ROADWAY LOADING AND UNLOADING

Mr. Seamon submitted a request to designate the following areas for off roadway school bus loading or unloading, as per Indiana Code 20-9.1-5-14. Steve Long made the motion to approve the following locations: 404 Rose Drive, 5697 N 00 EW, 225 W 450 N, and 1013 W 450 N (US 35). Tim Daily seconded and motion passed unanimously.

X. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND, TRANSPORTATION FUND, BUS REPLACEMENT FUND, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, AND PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

The board was provided a copy of the proposed 2009 budget on August 7, 2008. It was published in the Kokomo Tribune and Kokomo Herald on August 14 and August 21, and a public hearing was conducted on August 28, 2008. Mr. Snoddy also presented a Resolution of Neutrality which provides assurance to the taxpayer the total tax rate will not be increased due to the retirement bond issue. He also recommended adoption of a Petition to Appeal for an excess levy appeal in the amount of \$150,163 for the transportation fund. Tim Daily made the motion to adopt the budget and both resolutions. Steve Long seconded and motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VI. BOARD COMMENTS - none

There being no further business, Tim Daily made the motion, Lois Hartman seconded and the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: **October 9, 2008**—Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.

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