

# NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

February 11, 2009  
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 were present including Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon, Michele Short, and approximately 32 interested parties. President Howard Eller called the meeting to order and Tim Daily opened with prayer. The minutes of the January 8 and February 2, 2009 meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Ted Merrell and seconded by Steve Long. Mr. Snoddy requested the addition of one personnel recommendation to the agenda. With that addition, the agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Tim Daily and seconded by Lois Hartman.

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

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

- Howard Elementary School – **Carl Gingerich**, son of Kevin and Chris Gingerich. Carl is in Mrs. Gonzalez' third-grade class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Shawn Schweitzer**, son of Sherri Schweitzer. Shawn is in Mrs. Moore's sixth-grade classroom.
- Northwestern Middle School - **Mary Margaret Canady**, daughter of Sherry Riley and Pat Canady. Mary Margaret is an eighth-grader at the middle school.
- Northwestern High School - **Lyndsey Kellett**, daughter of Travis and Krystal Kellett. Lyndsey is a senior at the high school.

## **I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. STUDENT RECOGNITION –**

1. All-State Honor Choir: Several high school and middle school students were recently selected as IMEA Honor Choir members and performed at the Indiana Music Educator's Association conference at the end of January. Congratulations to Emily Schubert, Laura Alexander, Kevin Cooney, Thomas Cooney, Leah Davis, Allison Leach, Hannah Hartman and Ricky Christensen and director Mrs. Brenda Alexander.
2. FFA Crop Judging Team: The Northwestern team recently competed in the state meet finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in the state. Congratulations to Ashley Solomon, Sammie Burton, Cameron Fugle and Megan Maroney. Mr. Roger Berry is their sponsor.

**B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARCH MEETING DATE/TIME CHANGE;** The March Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**C. NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI HALL OF FAME** Plans are underway for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Induction. The selection committee will be meeting later this month to select inductees. The banquet will be held on Friday, May 29, 2009.

**D.** Mr. Snoddy thanked the technology department for their extra efforts in working with staff and students during the past week following a virus attack on our system.

## **II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL**

Claims in the amount of \$174,724.47, \$369,547.70, and \$284,527.67 and **payroll claim listings** of \$317,023.87 and \$341,898.90 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Steve Long and a second from Tim Daily. An additional claim from a patron was presented; following discussion the board tabled the item until the next meet, and will investigate the claim further and seek legal counsel.

### **III. PERSONNEL**

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

- A.** Accept the resignation of **Jeff Hoover** as high school assistant principal, effective February 1, 2009. We wish Mr. Hoover the best as he moves into his new position as principal at Rossville High School.
- B.** Approve the interim employment of **Al Jackson** as high school assistant principal at a daily rate of \$275, effective February 2, 2009 and until a permanent replacement is hired.
- C.** Accept the resignation of **Jeremy Snyder** from his extra-curricular assignment as auditorium sound & light manager, effective January 26, 2009.
- D.** Approve the request of **Barbara Miller** for 4 days unpaid personal leave on Jan 26-29, 2009.
- E.** Approve the request of **Sue Bour** for 3 ½ days unpaid personal leave on March 10-13, 2009.
- F.** Approve the extra-curricular assignment of **Jeremy Leazenby-Bruce** as auditorium sound & light manager for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year, and as per Appendix B.
- G.** Approve the request of **Amanda Blunt** for FMLA leave of absence for adoption, beginning approximately February 18, 2009 through the end of the 2008-09 school year.
- H.** Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2008-09 school year: Andrew Harbach, Sherry Rhodes, Lindsay Clark, AvaMarie Hobson, Brett Hall, Jamie Beko, Corbit White, Thomas Hooker, Thomas Chou, Caprice Coop, Gregory Wall, and Zachary Davis

### **X. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)**

The high school received several donations, including:

- A donation of \$100 from Bucheri, McCarty & Metz for the Multi-Cultural Club,
- A donation of \$725 from Subway to the Athletic Department, and
- Donation of \$200 from Merrell Brothers, Inc. for the Multi-cultural Club.

Mr. Long expressed gratitude for these generous donations and make the motion to graciously accept; Ted Merrell seconded and motion passed unanimously.

### **V. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO OVERNIGHT AND OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST(s)**

Mrs. Zeck submitted a request for science fair competitors to participate in upcoming out-of-state and overnight competitions. Lois Hartman made the motion to approve; Tim Daily seconded and motion unanimously passed.

### **VI. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

The calendar committee submitted a proposed calendar for the upcoming year for adoption. The school year starts on August 11, includes 2 days of fall break, two days at Thanksgiving, two weeks Christmas vacation, and 3 built-in snow days. Mr. Snoddy thanked Mrs. Zeck and her committee for their work in preparing the calendar. Committee members include Tim Edsell, Harold Seamon, Dan Robinson, Geana Moore, Linda Wilson, Marissa Shrock, Maddalena Nelson, Nancy Neff, Dallas Calloway, Lois Hartman and Jon Willman. The board voted unanimously to adopt the calendar following a motion from Ted Merrell and second from Lois Hartman.

### **IV. CONSIDER ACTION TO ESTABLISH GRADUATION DATE FOR 2009 AND REQUEST A TWO-DAY ATTENDANCE WAIVER FOR SENIORS**

Mr. Edsell submitted a recommendation to schedule 2009 graduation for May 30th at 10:00 a.m. He further recommended that we request a two-day waiver of attendance for seniors in order to have adequate time to grade exams, calculate class ranks, and prepare for graduation ceremonies. Lois Hartman made the motion to approve the date and attendance waiver as requested. Ted Merrell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE SPORTS CAMP REQUEST**

Coach Berryman submitted a request to hold baseball pitching and catching camp on three Saturdays, Feb 21, 28 and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Steve Long made the motion to approve; Ted Merrell seconded and motion unanimously passed.

**IX. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT CORPORATION GOALS FOR 2009**

Mr. Snoddy met with the Leadership Team to develop goals for 2009, and presented them for the board's approval. Mr. Snoddy thanked the board, administration and staff for the time spent in developing these goals. Ted Merrell made the motion to adopt the goals as presented; Tim Daily seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**X. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS TO THE RAINY DAY FUND**

Indiana Code permits a transfer of unexpended appropriation in any fund to be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. Ted Merrell made the motion to adopt Resolutions to transfer \$75,000 from the Transportation Fund and \$25,000 from the Special Education Fund to the Rainy Day fund. Steve Long seconded and motion carried unanimously.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS** - none

There being no further business, Tim Daily made the motion, Lois Hartman seconded and the board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mar 19, 2009 –Northwestern High School Library – 6:00 P.M.

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President

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

All members were present as the board met in executive session. Discussion was limited to the advertised agenda of discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining.

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