NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

October 8, 2009

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 and Michele Short, and 28 interested parties. President Steve Long called the meeting to order and Lois Hartman opened with prayer. The minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Lois Hartman and seconded by Howard Eller. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Howard Eller and seconded by Lois Hartman.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

Howard Elementary School –	**Michael Burton**, son of Jeremy and Courtney Burton. Michael is in Mrs. Stites' first-grade class.
Northwestern Elementary -	**Thomas Lunsford,** son of Scott and Jennifer DeFabritis and Thomas Lunsford. Thomas is a first grader at NES in Mrs. Collins' classroom.
Northwestern Middle School -	**Graham Ortmann**, son of DelRoy and Donna Ortmann. Graham is an eighth-grader.
Northwestern High School -	**Kaylee Woolever**, daughter of Daniel and Joetta Woolever. Kaylee is a senior at the high school.

I. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER AND APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER TO COMPLETE TERM

Howard Eller made the motion to accept the resignation of board member, Tim Daily. Lois Hartman seconded, and the board approved unanimously. Steve Long then nominated Mr. Greg Finley to fulfill Mr. Daily's term and assume his committee duties. Howard Eller seconded; Mr. Finley was unanimously approved. Mr. Snoddy then issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Finley.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. ISBA Fall Conference: Board members shared brief reports from their attendance at last week's ISBA Fall Conference.

III. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of $167,734.06, $180,293.72 and $$39,156.68 and payroll claim listings of $350,427.52 and $323,605.24 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Howard Eller and a second from Lois Hartman.

IV. PERSONNEL

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

B. Approve the employment of **Jean Ann Romack** as half-time Special Education teacher at Howard Elementary, per the Master Agreement.

C. Approve the employment of food service employees per the current support staff salary & fringe benefit schedule to include **Kelly Moore –** 2 ½ hrs per day, and **Carol Harbaugh** – 3 ½ hrs per day.

D. Approve **Amanda Leazenby-Bruce** as Auditorium Sound & Light Technician for the 2009-10 school year, per Appendix B.

E. Accept the resignations from coaching duties from **Kelly Wright** and **Trent Fine**.

F. Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2009-10 school year: Todd Robertson, Fred Kukral, Frank rush, Robyn Helm, Sherry Roe, Sherri Schweitzer, Misty Hartke, Mark Beahrs, Rhaeanna Gibson, and Erin Bowers.

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IV. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)

The high school choir received donations totaling $844 from various parent groups. Howard Eller made the motion to graciously accept these donations; Lois Hartman seconded, and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

V. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO AN OUT-OF-STATE TRIP REQUEST

Lois Hartman made a motion to approve Mr. Willman's request for the 6th grade class at Howard to go on a field trip to Chicago, Illinois on APRIL 23, 2010. The board unanimously approved following a second from Howard Eller.

X. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE ON FIRST READING NEW/REVISED/REPLACEMENT NEOLA POLICIES

Several new and revised NEOLA policies were presented for the board's approval on first reading. Mr. Snoddy summarized the proposed changes, to reflect recent legislative action. Howard Eller made the motion to approve the policies on first reading. They will be presented at the November meeting for adoption on 2nd reading. Greg Finley seconded and motion carried unanimously.

XI. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED WIND POWER PROJECT

Mr. Seamon addressed the board and provided information with regard to the wind power project, design build option and possible timeline for the project. The board will consider action on the proposal at the November 12th meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Steve Long, on behalf of the board, thanked the community for the opportunity to attend the ISBA Conference.

Greg Finley thanked the board for his selection to serve on the board and stated that he is looking forward to serving the school and community.

There being no further business, Lois Hartman made the motion, Howard Eller seconded and the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: **November 12, 2009** –Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.

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