

# NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 14, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School. All Board members were in attendance, as well as Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon, Scott Simmons, Mindy Hughes, and 42 interested parties. President Bryan Alexander called the meeting to order and Ted Merrell opened with prayer. The minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Ted Merrell and seconded by Todd Moser. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Todd Moser and second by Steve Jones.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized as March Students of the Month:

- Howard Elementary School – **Makayla Calvert** daughter of James and Jessica Calvert. Makayla is a second-grader in Mrs. Taylor's class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Savanah Lipinski** daughter of Jake and Amber Lipinski. Savanah is a kindergarten student at NES in Mrs. Gasaway's classroom.
- Northwestern Middle School - **Kennedy Priday** daughter of Brad and Jennifer Priday. Kennedy is an eighth-grader at the middle school.
- Northwestern High School - **Weston Cockrell**, son of Darrell and Tonda Cockrell. Weston is a senior at the high school.

### I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Recognition of Students:** The FFA Crops Judging team was recognized for their participation and 12<sup>th</sup> place finish in the state meet. Congratulations to Emily Fernung, Garrett Hite, Billy Parslow, Austin Nolder, Joey Mast, and sponsors Roger Berry and Roy Cooper.
- B. Discussion regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)** – Mr. Snoddy reported to the board with regard to the federal health care program that will go into effect in 2014 and its impact on the corporation.
- C. Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame** – Mr. Snoddy reported that the committee has met and selected 3 individuals for induction. Induction will be on September 13, 2013.

### II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of \$20,581.67, \$224,421.84 and \$35,821.84 and payroll claim listings of \$322,967.21 and \$337,189.25 were unanimously approved for payment on a motion from Jonathan Underwood and a second from Ted Merrell.

### III. PERSONNEL

Ted Merrell made the motion to approve the following personnel recommendations Todd Moser seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following:

- A.** Accept resignations of Amy Boring from the food service department, effective March 15, 2013, and from Debbie Meehan, technology assistant, effective March 28, 2013. Also, accept the resignation of Chris Bishop from the custodial staff, effective March 1, 2013.
- B.** Accept the letter of intent to retire from Mary Long, technology assistant, effective May 31, 2013.
- C.** Approve the request of Kerrie Kucholick for maternity leave beginning approximately May 8, 2013 through the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2013-14 school year.
- D.** Approve requests for unpaid personal leave from Lisa Newman for 3 days on Feb. 21-22 and May 24, 2013, from Jennifer Priday for 1 day on March 28, and from Blake Betzner for ¼ day on March 25, 2013.
- E.** Approve Kacy Slee and Natalie Guest as homebound instructors for 2.5 hours each through March 15, 2013, per the Master Agreement.

- F. Approve Michael Carmain as elementary Robotics sponsor for the 2012-13 school year, at .01 index per Appendix B.
- G. Approve coaching recommendations submitted by Mr. Armstrong to include: Shawn Russell-MS Baseball at .04; Jon Rodgers – MS Assist Baseball at .02; Ben Catt – Boys’ Track Assistant at .02; Alex Pier – MS Girls’ Track at .04 and Aubrey Sherman – JV Softball Asst. Coach @ .02.

**V. DISCUSSION WITH REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**

Mr. Simmons updated the Board and led discussion with regard to the proposed technology project. A proposal will be presented at the April meeting for approval. Al Remaly and Jane King shared comments supporting the one-to-one project. Patty Zeck expressed concern with regard to textbooks available on I-pads, and Steve Jones expressed concern initiating at all grade levels. Also speaking were Ted Merrell, Ron Owings, Jim Hunt, Jonathan Underwood, Ryan Snoddy, Jeaniene Garrison and Bryan Alexander.

**VI. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO A TUITION TRANSFER APPLICATION(S)**

Principals submitted tuition transfer applications for the board’s approval. Several were from students currently attending, but who have moved from the district and wish to continue at Northwestern. Most applications presented were for enrollment beginning the 2013-14 school year. Todd Moser made the motion, Jonathan Underwood seconded the board unanimously approved applications presented.

**VII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Mr. Snoddy presented a memorandum of understanding for board action for certified employees. The agreement with the Teacher’s Association provides a retirement incentive of \$21, 000 (\$7,000 per year for three years), to be paid either to the teacher’s insurance premiums or to their 403b account. Teachers must submit a letter by April 8, 2013 to take advantage of the early retirement incentive. The board unanimously approved the agreement following a motion from Todd Moser and second from Ted Merrell.

**VIII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS**

Principals submitted recommendations for summer school course offerings and staffing needs to offer courses. All recommendations are contingent upon a minimum enrollment to meet state reimbursement requirements. The board unanimously approved summer school recommendations on following a motion from Ted Merrell and second from Steve Jones.

**IX. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO AN OVERNIGHT & OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

Mr. Remaly requested permission for two out-of-state and overnight field trips for the Robotics team for competitions on March 20-24 in Milwaukee, WI and April 3-7 in Chicago. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve. The motion was unanimously approved after a second from Todd Moser.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**XI. BOARD COMMENTS –** Steve Jones commented with regard to recent successes of science fair students and commended Mrs. Zeck for her dedication and hard work toward the program.

There being no further business Steve Jones made the motion to adjourn. Jonathan Underwood seconded and the board adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Next Meeting – April 11, 2013– Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.