

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

October 10, 2013

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern High School. Board members in attendance included Bryan Alexander, Todd Moser and Jonathan Underwood, with Ted Merrell and Steve Jones absent. Also in attendance were Ryan Snoddy, Harold Seamon, Mindy Hughes, and 38 interested parties. President Bryan Alexander called the meeting to order and Todd Moser opened with prayer. The minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Jonathan Underwood and seconded by Todd Moser. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Todd Moser and second by Jonathan Underwood.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

- Howard Elementary School – **Tina Harris**, daughter of Allen and Sheila Harris. Tina is a fourth-grader in Ms. Romak's class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Samuel Craig**, son of Mike and Kassie Craig. Samuel is a first-grader in Mrs. Collins' classroom.
- Northwestern Middle School - **Maci Weeks**, daughter of Tim and Randi Weeks. Maci is an eighth-grader at the middle school.
- Northwestern High School - SEPT: **Brandi Harmon**, daughter of Brian and Shellee Harmon. Brandi is a senior at the high school.
OCT: **Caitlyn Perkins**, daughter of Scott and Carrie Perkins. Caitlyn is a senior at the high school.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Recognition of Staff:** Mrs. Kim Cunningham, Northwestern Elementary Teacher was recognized for recently being named by the American Legion as 5th District Educator of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Cunningham for this outstanding achievement.
- B. Report from AdvancEd:** Kristen Bilkey reported to the board with regard to the evaluation final review. The team gave a very positive review and Mr. Snoddy praised the staff and students.
- C. Report from ISBA Fall Conference:** Mr. Snoddy recently attended ISBA's Fall Conference and gave a brief report of conference activities, and thanked the board for allowing him to attend.
- D. Digital Learning Initiative Update:** Mr. Simmons addressed the board with an update on implementation of our one-to-one initiative. Also speaking were Bryan Alexander, DelRoy Ortmann, Pam Miller, Blake Betzner, Kathie Layton, and Darvenia Smith. Mr. Simmons thanked his department – Jim Hunt, Todd Miller and Judy McCracken for their long hours this past summer in preparation to implement the project. Todd Moser commended teachers on their creativity in using technology.

II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Claims in the amount of \$388,183.94 and 2 payroll claim listings totaling \$634,035.819 were approved for payment on a motion from Jonathan Underwood and a second from Todd Moser.

III. PERSONNEL

Todd Moser made the motion to approve the following personnel recommendations. Jonathan Underwood seconded, and the board approved the following:

- A.** Grant the request of **Beth Schulte** for 4 days unpaid personal leave on October 15-18, 2013.
- B.** Grant the request of **Alyssa Richey** for continuance of maternity leave through the end of first semester of the current school year.

- C. Grant the request of **Katelyn Smith** for maternity leave from Oct. 29, 2013 through May 2, 2014.
- D. Grant the request of **Cyndie Hughes** for maternity leave from Dec 13, 2013 through Feb. 28, 2014.
- E. Grant the request of **Lindsey Bollhoefer** for maternity leave beginning approximately January 21, 2014 through the end of the current school year.
- F. Approve the employment of **Kyle Beachy** on temporary assignment per the Master Agreement during the maternity leave of Katie Smith.
- G. Accept the resignation of **Rachele Temme** as extra-curricular Academic Coach.
- H. Approve coaching recommendations submitted by Mr. Armstrong, and per Appendix B to include: Adjustment to assignments earlier approved including **Dave Wise** – from Co-JV Girls Basketball to 9th Girls Basketball @.08 and **Haley Hewitt** from Co-JV Girls Basketball to JV Girls Basketball @.11, **Shawn Russell** from 9th Boys Basketball to 7th Boys Basketball @.06 and 8th Boys Basketball @.06; and **Joe Smith** to 9th Boys Basketball @.08. Also, approve **Kyle Beachy** as Head Baseball coach @ .15 and Todd G. Miller as 8th Girls Girls Basketball @.06.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING REFUNDING OF 2004 BONDS

Mr. Jim Elizondo of City Securities addressed the Board with regard to potential re-funding of the Series 2004 Bonds. Options were presented and will be considered at a future meeting.

V. RECEIVE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT

Mr. Seamon gave a summary of mechanical system renovation projects completed in 2008 and 2011. He outlined a proposed "Phase 3" project that includes HVAC upgrades, lighting, and ceiling replacement at NMS and NHS. Alternates for the proposed project included HVAC upgrades to the field house, emergency back-up power, window replacement, insulation, and additional lighting upgrades. He summarized a timeline to do the project in 2014 if the board decided to use proceeds from refunding the Series 2004 Bonds for the project. Additional information will be provided at the November School Board meeting.

VI. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AN OVERNIGHT AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST(s)

- A. **Band Trip** – Mr. Snyder gave a presentation requesting permission to take HS band students on a Disney World trip April 3-8, 2014.
- B. **FCA overnighter** – Mr. Ortman requested permission to hold an FCA New Year's Eve overnight event at the fieldhouse.

Jonathan Underwood made a motion to approve both requests; Todd Moser seconded and the board approved unanimously.

VII. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND, TRANSPORTATION FUND, BUS REPLACEMENT FUND, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, AND DEBT SERVICE FUND

The board was provided a copy of the proposed 2014 budget on August 8, 2013. It was published in the Kokomo Tribune and Kokomo Herald on September 12 and 19, and a public hearing was conducted on Sept. 26, 2013. Todd Moser made the motion to adopt the 2014 general fund, transportation fund, bus replacement fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund budgets as presented. He further recommend that the board adopt a Resolution of Neutrality which provides assurance to the taxpayer the total tax rate will not be increased due to the retirement bond issue. Jonathan Underwood seconded; motion passed unanimously;

VIII. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT NEOLA POLICY UPDATES AND REVISIONS ON SECOND READING

Policies were reviewed and recommended for update to comply with recent legislative action and were approved on first reading at the September board meeting. These updated policies, guidelines and forms are now recommended for adoption on second reading.

IX. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO FOOD SERVICE GRANT

Mrs. Hullinger reported that Howard Elementary food service department recently was awarded a grant of \$1,000 from the "got milk"® campaign. The funds will be used for the school breakfast program.

The board unanimously approved acceptance of this grant following a motion from Todd Moser and second from Jonathan Underwood.

X. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO TITLE II GRANT

Mr. Owings submitted the Title II Grant application for the board's approval. Mr. Snoddy thanked Mr. Owings for his work with this program. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve the Title II Grant; Todd Moser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH KASEC

Todd Moser made the motion to approve a joint services agreement for special education from Kokomo Area Special Education Cooperative (KASEC). Jonathan Underwood seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH IU-KOKOMO FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENT TEACHERS/NURSING INTERNS

An agreement with Indiana University-Kokomo is presented for the board's approval to continue our partnership for the placement of student teachers and nurses. The board unanimously approved the agreement on a motion from Jonathan Underwood and second from Todd Moser.

XIII. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE RAINY DAY FUND AND GENERAL FUND

Todd Moser made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in the Rainy Day Fund and General Fund. Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion unanimously passed.

XIV. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO A RESOLUTION THAT NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION JOIN IN THE STATE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Todd Moser made the motion to join with the Solicitor General of the State of Indiana in a lawsuit that challenges specific aspects of the Affordable Care Act. Jonathan Underwood seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Wilson, 406 Venetian Way, Kokomo IN 46901, commented with regard to the additional appropriation.

IV. BOARD COMMENTS

Todd Moser congratulated and thanked Mrs. Bilkey for her hard work in coordinating the AdvancEd evaluation process.

There being no further business Jonathan Underwood made the motion to adjourn. Todd Moser seconded and the board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Next Meeting – Nov 14, 2013– Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.