

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION

APRIL 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
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The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017. All board members were in attendance (Ted Merrell via Skype), as well as Ryan Snoddy, Blake Betzner, Jamie Shepherd-Bryant, and Michele Short, and 72 interested parties. Janet Lovelace opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were presented and unanimously approved following a motion made by Jonathan Underwood and seconded by Steve Jones. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Steve Jones and second by Janet Lovelace.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized as Student of the Month:

- Howard Elem School – **Olivia Beach**, daughter of Jeremy and Shaia Beach. Olivia is in Mrs. Dye's first-grade class.
- Northwestern Elementary - **Hailey Jordan**, daughter of Paul and Jennifer Jordan. Hailey is Mrs. Priday's 3rd grade class.
- Northwestern Middle School- Feb: **Chloie Roth**, daughter of Jill Roth and Michael Roth. Chloie is a seventh grader.
- Mar: **Austin Huskey**, son of Dwayne and Angela Huskey. Austin is an eighth-grader.
- Apr: **Brenna Morrow**. A 7th grader, Brenna is the daughter of Samuel and Denise Morrow.
- Northwestern High School Apr: **Jaimy LaLonde** – daughter of Doug and Dawn LaLonde. Jaimy is a sophomore at the high school.
- Feb: **Samantha Pepka** – daughter of Paul and Angela Pepka. Samantha is a senior at the high school.

TOP TIGER

Scott Simmons – Director of Curriculum, Technology & Assessments

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Science Fair:** Science Fair students were recognized for their success in recent competition, including Amanda Wilson, Levi Hrabos, Brayden Chou, Austin O'Neal and Alex Light, and Mrs. Linda Wilson, Science Fair Coordinator.
- B. **ISSMA** –Choir students who competed in the ISSMA State-level contest in February were recognized. Congratulations to: Julia Murphy, Chris Garrison, Joseph Lupine, Averie Stone, Grace Guerre, Rachel Morrow, Joe Bedoy, Chaese Butzin, Logan Brittain, Tanner Davis, Remi Lovegrove, Nathanael Fivecoate, Drew Sullivan, Sam Hartman, Clayton Castleberry, Rachel Smith, Joseph Lupini, Jada McDaniel, Kaylee Riese, Brook Simms, Samantha Pepka, Lauren Miller, Hallie Davis, Taylor Hunt, Tessa Weidbutzner, Rachel Smith, Riley Garner, Mackenzie Fraker, Taylor Ruddell, Mia Owens.
- C. **Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Shepherd submitted for the Board's review February reports, including Appropriations Summary report and Fund Report.
- D. **ISBA Spring Region Meetings:** The Region 5 meeting is the same night as the regular Board meeting on May 11. The Board may want to consider attending the Region 4 meeting on May 15 in Lafayette. If anyone is interested, let Mrs. Lamb know to make reservations.
- E. **Staff Appreciation Dinner:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 5:30 pm at Elite Banquet Center in Kokomo.

II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL

Janet Lovelace made the motion to approve claims in the amount of \$824,767.61 and 3 payroll claim listings totaling \$1,081,724.01. Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion passed unanimously.

III. PERSONNEL

Steve Jones made the motion to approve personnel recommendations. Janet Lovelace seconded and the Board unanimously approved the following:

- a. Dan Soard, high school English, effective at the end of the current year;
- b. Katelyn Smith – NES, effective at the end of the current year;
- c. Frederick Acord, custodial, effective March 10, 2017;
- B.** Grant the request of **Susan Puett** for 4 days unpaid personal leave on March 15-20, 2017, and of **Jennifer Morrow** for ½ day unpaid leave on 5/8/17.
- C.** Approve recommendations for employment submitted by Mr. Betzner for the custodial & maintenance departments to include:
 - a. **Matt Gray** – Maintenance/Bus Mechanic, beginning May 1, 2017 and at 15 years experience on the benefits and salary schedule.
 - b. **Scott Russell** – ‘B’ Custodian, effective April 17, 2017, and at 10 years experience on the current salary and benefits schedule.
 - c. **Kurt Goerges** – Maintenance/Grounds, beginning April 17, 2017 and at 7 years experience on the current salary and benefits schedule.
- D.** Approve 2017 summer school instructors, per the Master Agreement and contingent on minimum enrollment requirements to include: Alex Pier-Algebra, DelRoy Ortman and Mike Brazel-Trigonometry, Pete Schroer-Government, Lisa Pritchard-English 9-10, and Roger Berry-SAE.
- E.** Approve Mrs. Bilkey's recommendation to add 1 science teaching position at the high school, beginning the 2017-18 school year.
- F.** Approve the request of **Cindy Ireland** for one day unpaid personal leave on April 10, 2017.
- G.** Approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2016-17 year: Dakota LaMott, Stanley Rybolt, Ashley Wentz

IV. CONSIDER ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 1704-1 TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATION

Mrs. Shepherd submitted a resolution to transfer \$2000 within the General Fund. The board unanimously approved the Resolution following a motion from Steve Jones and second from Jonathan Underwood.

V. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)

Mr. Armstrong received several donations designated to the Hall of Fame from the following donors: Richard Hemmerly-\$100, Joseph & Linda Klein-\$160, Dan Robinson-\$100, Randy Lindgren-\$250, Gary & Nancy Mumaw-\$250, Dayton Merrell-\$50, Wilda Rodibaugh-\$100, Bill Keaffaber-\$200, and \$100 from an anonymous donor. Also, two donations were received designated to the Volleyball program from Tony & Linda Schuler- \$1000, and \$1000 from Women's Professional Manufacturing & Maintenance Technologies, Inc. Janet Lovelace made the motion to graciously accept these generous donations. Steve Jones seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO AN OVERNIGHT AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mrs. Garrison requested permission for Howard Elementary 6th graders to travel to Chicago to the Science and Industry Museum on May 10, 2017. Also, Mr. Owings submitted a request for members of the Elem. Robotics club to travel to the World Championship meet in Louisville, KY on April 23-26, 2017. Jonathan Underwood made a motion to approve both requests; Janet Lovelace seconded and motion passed unanimously.

VII. CONSIDER ACTION TO APPROVE 2017-18 AGREEMENT WITH BONA VISTA FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

An agreement with Bona Vista for preschool services was presented for the Board's approval for the 2017-18 school year. Following discussion, the Board tabled this item until the May meeting.

IV. RECEIVE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-18

Mr. Snoddy recommended the following openings be advertised for tuition transfer for the 2017-18 school year:

Gr.	NES	HES	GR.	
K	58 combined between schools		7	6
1	0	9	8	0
2	0	4	9	9
3	0	4	10	0
4	0	14	11	0
5	0	9	12	0
6	0	0		

Mr. Snoddy reported that at the elementary level, all applications received thus far can be accommodated at Howard Elementary and a lottery drawing will not be necessary. Jonathan Underwood made the motion, Janet Lovelace seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

IV. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO 2017 SUMMER TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Mr. Simmons submitted a recommendation for the update of 1:1 Digital Learning devices. The total project includes replacement of student and staff iPads at a cost of \$1,294,168.00. He further recommends the 1:1 Digital Learning Fees be increased beginning 2017-18 to \$85 for grades K-6 and \$95 for grades 7-12. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve the purchase recommendation and to grant the Superintendent authority to execute the lease documents. Steve Jones seconded; motion unanimously passed.

XII. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT AND AWARD BIDS FOR RENOVATION AT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Mr. Snoddy reported that 5 proposals were submitted for the renovation project. Two proposals were immediately rejected for failure to comply with specs and submission requirements. Steve Jones made a motion to accept the other 3 proposals from ATG Global, Byrne and Jones, and Sprint. The Board unanimously approved following a second from Janet Lovelace. A comparison of bids, a summary of the committee's discussion and their recommendation to award the contract was then presented. Steve Jones made a motion to award the contract to Sprint Turf as recommended and that the field design be brought to the board for approval before finalized. Janet Lovelace seconded and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Snoddy acknowledged the work of Dan Rawlins, Dan Armstrong, Blake Betzner and Greg Smith in developing this project and recommendation.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Dawn Johnston, high school teacher commended Scott Simmons for his research on iPad replacement and keeping up with technology, making sure we offer students all options.

Rebecca Leonard, 3914 West 1400 South commented with regard to lottery process for tuition transfer.

IV. BOARD COMMENTS.

Janet Lovelace thanked Mr. Simmons for his hard work on the technology project.

Ted Lovelace thanked the other board members for allowing him to participate via Skype.

There being no further business, Steve Jones made a motion to adjourn. Jonathan Underwood seconded the motion and the board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Next Meeting – May 11, 2017 – Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.