**BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2019, with the following members present:  Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Gard, Mr. Littlejohn, and Mr. Macke.  Superintendent Mr. Ross and administrator Mr. Ritchey were present along with Mr. Engerski.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  Mrs. Rayhel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Pastor Rex Goble offered a prayer.

In the absence of Mrs. Hendrix, Mr. Crews was as appointed secretary.

Mr. Engerski reported to the Board that a state inspection had taken place.  The inspector took 2 buses out of service and gave a warning for 3 other buses.  Misty Wieland has been employed as a sub driver.  Mr. Engerski thanked Debbie Mullen for getting the new sub drivers through their testing and getting them ready to get certified.  Mr. Engerski also told the Board that one of the boilers went down.  It will be quite an expensive fix.  There are 2 boilers and they are alternated each week.

Mr. Ross discussed with the Board:  progress with the website and app development; progress with the selection of payroll and accounting software, legislation including the 3% salary cap; potential legislation for $40,000 minimum teacher salary; potential legislation for $15.00 minimum wage; and the property tax relief grant was applied for was not granted.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and the bills from the month of January.  On roll call the vote was as follows:  Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

*Approved minutes, treasurer's report and bills*

Mrs. Delana Parker and Mr. Bob Abernathy of the Edgar-Clark Exploration and Leadership Academy (ECCEL) brought some students to talk to the Board about this program.  This is the first year for the program.  The students told the Board about the experiences they've had and what they are learning.  They are taught soft skills and leadership.  The students have done research, gone on business visits, and have listened to business leaders regarding the many employment opportunities that are available in this area.

*ECCEL representatives present to talk about the program*

The annual Board Retreat scheduled for February 20 at 5:00 p.m. will be re-scheduled.

*Board retreat to be re-scheduled*

The Athletic Committee met before tonight's Board meeting.  Items discussed were:  clarification of academic career in the athletic code, baseball officials pay proposal; uniform rotation; potential for district paid cross country, Jr. High baseball, Jr. High softball; facilities update; and track renovation.

*Athletic committee items discussed*

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the following field trips:  5th grade classes to Vincennes, Indiana to the George Rogers Clark Memorial; and the 2nd grade classes to the Indianapolis Zoo.  All present voted aye.

*Approved 5 grades to Vincennes; 2nd grades to Indy Zoo*

Mr. Littlejohn offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel).  On roll call the vote was as follows:  Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

*Closed Session*

The Board went into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

    The Board returned to open session at 7:08 p.m.

    Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to employ Katie Goekler as a high school science teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.  All present voted aye.

    Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to transfer Trecia Bishop from third grade to kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.  All present voted aye.

    Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to adjourn.  All present voted aye.  The Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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