

Minutes for Apr. 16, 2020
WESTVIEW BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting

Time and Place of Meeting:

There was an executive session at 6:30 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. regular meeting held in the Westview Board room

Attendance:

Carrie Schrock, Keith Lambright, Chad Bender, Dave Mehas, and Jim Miller were the board members present. Superintendent Randy Miller, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Michelle Grewe, Director of Finance, Brian Christner, Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds Brian Bills, Coordinator of Technology Randy Sizemore were the central office staff present. Also Sherrie Davis, Director of Special Education and Rich Cory, High School Principal were in attendance.

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to order- Keith Lambright called the regular meeting to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance- Pledge was recited.
- III. Approval of minutes for March -March meeting minutes were approved 5-0 with a motion by Jim Miller and second by Chad Bender.
- IV. Reports-

- A. ISBA- No report was given.
- B. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment- Michelle Grewe covered funding resources available to Westview in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The corporation received additional funding through the Title One grant in the amount of \$511,804.56 as a part of the CARES Act. This money can be spent through 2022 for continued pandemic related expenses. The corporation applied for and received \$5,000 from the LaGrange County Community Foundation to help support needs of students and families. Some money has already been spent to help families in difficult situations because of the Covid closure.

The Board was updated by Sherrie Davis, Michelle Grewe, Randy Sizemore, and Brian Christner on the teams Westview has in place in response to COVID-19 school closure and the behind the scenes work they are doing to support students, families, and staff. From the very start of the school closing, staff have focused on relationships. The corporation teams include a nurses team, a social-emotional team, a communications team, an academic team, a food team, and a professional development team. Westview's Learning Uniquely at Home program will begin Monday, April 27. Student IEP's also have to be followed during this at-home instruction. Rich Cory, principal of Westview High School, presented the new graduation pathways requirements starting with the class of 2023. Also presented was the list of ten pathways options available to students. A thank you was given to Jennifer May and Eric Yordy for all the work they put

into making schedules work to offer all the pathway options. Rich also discussed with the board the new graduation requirements for this year's seniors as they deal with the required school closures due to COVID-19. The state of Indiana has been flexible with those requirements. Mr. Cory is still looking for options for graduation and other opportunities seniors traditionally are involved with while following the ever-changing COVID-19 guidelines.

- C. Policy- NA
- D. Financial- Brian Christner covered the corporation's quarterly fund reports and their balances. Brian also discussed with the board the known financial impacts related to COVID-19 while recognizing there are a lot of unknowns.
- E. Transportation- Brian Bills explained that all Westview buses are going through a very deep clean during the COVID-19 shutdown. Bus drivers will be driving their bus on Monday mornings, beginning April 27, for four weeks, to drop off LUAH packets and pick up library books. Buses will run on the two hour delay schedule. Great care has been done to cover the health of all involved in this process.
- F. Buildings and grounds- Brian Bills announced the track press box is done except for a few finishing details. It has turned out really well. Summer projects are started early due to the school closure, including some cement pouring at the baseball field entrance, removal of dead trees and replanting replacements. A thank you was given by Brian to the custodial staff for all the deep cleaning and hard work that is ongoing.
- G. Technology- Randy Sizemore explained the team involvement with supporting corporation staff as they learn to use Google Hangouts and platforms used by the high school for remote learning. There has been some good growth within the staff. The Learning Links website was created for student use as soon as school was closed and staff continue to add links. The corporation purchased and received Chromebooks for incoming freshmen for the 20-21 school year and new desk tops for the annual rollover for WJSH, WES, and MES computer labs. Randy Sizemore was pleased to have them in possession before the supply chain issues that are currently taking place.
- V. Action Items- Randy Miller read through and discussed the action items below. Items H and I were approved by the board 5-0 with a motion by Carrie Schrock and a second by Dave Mehas.
 - H. Claims-
 - I. Staff recommendations-
 - Certified-
 1. SES teacher retirement (30 yrs.) - Peg Miller
 2. SES 50% teacher resignation - Jessica Horner
 3. SES teacher maternity leave - Julie Rose
 4. WSC school psychologist maternity leave - Abby Ammerman
 5. WJHS 50% math teacher - Melissa Kauffman
 6. WJSHS special education teacher (23 yrs.) - Carrie Custer
 - Classified-
 1. TES instructional assistant - Gloria Knieriem

Extracurricular-

1. WHS boys varsity basketball coach resignation - Rob Yoder
2. WHS girls varsity volleyball coach resignation - Andrea Welsh

Volunteers-

- 1.

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VI. Additional Action Items to be considered- Items K and L were approved 5-0 with a motion by Chad Bender and a second by Dave Mehas. Item M was approved 3-2 with a motion by Jim Miller and a second by Chad Bender.

K. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement approval with the Town of Topeka for the crossing guard position

L. Resolution of the Board of School Trustees of Westview School Corporation approval

M. Spring extracurricular pay recommendation approval for 100% pay for HS and 50% pay for JH spring extracurriculars positions

VII. Superintendent's Report-

N. Staff thank you notes to the board

O. Corporation emergency bags and Parkview LaGrange donation of \$2,500 - Rich Cory highlighted what an emergency bag was and all its' contents. The bags will be located in every room within our corporation. Thanks go to Rich for his initiative and leadership. Tara Watts also worked with Parkview for the grant money. Westview also thanks Parkview LaGrange for supporting us.

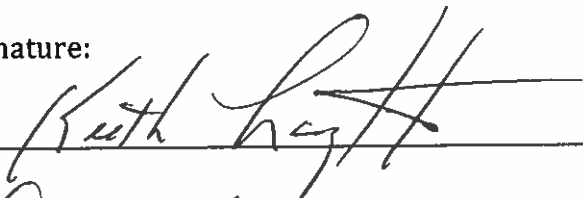
VIII. Other board or administrative concerns-

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IX. Adjourn - The school board meeting was adjourned 5-0 with a motion by Carrie Schrock and second by Dave Mehas.


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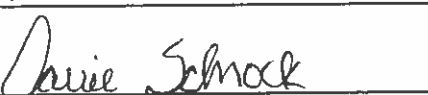
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