

Approved
Warrick County School Corporation
School Board Minutes
January 10, 2022

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. President Tim Mosbey called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of School Board Officers

Mr. Mosbey opened the floor for School Board President nominations. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Brenda Metzger to nominate Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus. With no other nominations and six (6) ayes, Mrs. Wilhelmus was named School Board President.

Mr. Mosbey opened the floor for School Board Vice President nominations. A motion was made by Lydna Glover and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to nominate Mrs. Brenda Metzger. With no other nominations and six (6) ayes, Mrs. Metzger was named School Board Vice President.

Mr. Mosbey opened the floor for School Board Secretary nominations. A motion was made by Tim Mosbey and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to nominate Mrs. Lynda Glover. With no other nominations and six (6) ayes, Mrs. Glover was named School Board Secretary.

Administration of Oath of Office of new Board Officers

Mr. Cliff Whitehead conducted the Oath of Office for the newly elected President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Consider Acceptance of Disclosure Statements from Board Members

Mr. Whitehead advised that he would accept disclosure statements from board members if applicable. Any statements previously submitted do not need to be re-filed.

Patron Concerns

Mr. Jim Post came before the board with comments and/or concerns regarding COVID-19.

Mrs. Cori Meunier came before the board with comments and/or concerns regarding close contacts.

Consideration of Routine Items

A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on December 27, 2021 amended as discussed.
- B. Approve the claims 1-169, dated January 10, 2022, and sign the docket.

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for the Board

- A. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Lynda Glover to add Principles of Computing to the high school course offerings at Tecumseh High School for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jordan Aigner to to approve Resolution 2022-1 regarding the acquisition of the property at 1333 American Way, Boonville, Indiana for the Career and Pathways Center, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a cash donation of \$500.00 at Castle High School from Warrick County Farm Bureau to cover travel and competition expenses for the National FFA Convention, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Brenda Metzger to accept the following donations at Boonville Middle School: 1) \$1,243.00 from Mother Bear Charitable Foundation for resources to support mindful activities and differentiated reading groups, 2) also from Mother Bear Charitable Foundation for standing desks, floor desks, floor seats, group table, anchor charge paper, and novels for a new reading unit valued at \$5,406.00, and 3) \$1,254.00 cash donation from Jann and Ray Allen for library books "Community Foundation Fund," as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Brenda Metzger to accept a cash donation to Oakdale Elementary School for \$8,622.00 from Mother Bear Foundation for new classroom seating, as presented. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Brenda Metzger to accept donations to Tecumseh High School for 1) \$1,000.00 cash from Greer Township Trustee to benefit the Nurses' Fund coded for Needy Kids, 2) \$500.00 cash from Warrick County Farm Bureau Inc to be used to benefit Tecumseh HS FFA, and 3) \$1,000.00 cash from the Town of Lynnville to benefit the Braves Sanctuary. Consider approving donations to Tecumseh High School, as presented. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve a cash donation of \$757.00 to Sharon Elementary School from DonorsChoose for funding of Mrs. Apple's "Building 21st Century Learners, One First-Grader at a Time!" project. The donations included are headsets, a wired mouse pack, and stackable paper trays, as presented. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$1,000.00 donation to John H. Castle Elementary School from the John H. Castle PTO to help fund the new water feature in the courtyard, as presented. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to accept a \$500.00 donation to Boonville High School Principal from Warrick County Farm Bureau to benefit the Boonville High School FFAConsider approving a donation to Boonville High School, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Doug Gresham presented recommendations for employment and requests for leave of absence. Upon his recommendation:

- A. Consider Employment of the following:
 - 1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Lynda Glover to employ the following positions:
Certified Positions:
 - Katelyn Harding Galdamez - Temporary Math Teacher at Boonville High School

Support Staff Positions

- Marissa West - Temporary Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School
- Angela Hilborn - 3.25 hour Cafeteria Position at Loge Elementary School
- Kayla Miller - Temporary Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School
- Whitney Carpenter - Clerical Aide at Castle High School (currently Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School)
- Eddyson Wyatt - 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle High School
- Debra Schoenbaechler - 3 hour Cafeteria Position at Newburgh Elementary School

Motion carried.

B. Leave Requests:

1. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Stephanie Gerhardt to approve the following leave requests:
 - Haley Rittenberry, 1st grade Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School, is requesting a maternity leave of absence beginning February 19, 2022 with an anticipated return date of April 4, 2022; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - Haley Rittenberry, 1st grade Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School, is requesting an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning April 4, 2022 with an anticipated return date of May 16, 2022.
 - William Jost, Custodian at Boonville High School, is requesting a medical leave of absence beginning January 6, 2022 with an anticipated return date of February 7, 2022; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - Karen Freeman, Kindergarten Teacher at Sharon Elementary School is requesting an extension to her previously approved medical leave of absence that began November 12, 2021 with an anticipated return date of January 3, 2022. The new anticipated return date will be January 18, 2022; using sick/personal days.
 - Peggy Merriman, Bus Driver, is requesting an extension to her previously approved unpaid medical leave of absence that began September 28, 2021 with an anticipated return date of January 3, 2022. The new anticipated return date will be January 21, 2022.
 - Megan Biehler, Program Assistant at Tecumseh High School, is requesting an extension to her previously approved unpaid personal leave of absence that began August 9, 2021 with an anticipated return date of January 3, 2022. The new anticipated return date is August 10, 2022.
 - Elizabeth Rea, 4.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School, is requesting an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning January 3, 2022 with an anticipated return date of February 4, 2022.
 - Kelli Wilson, 3.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School, is requesting an unpaid medical leave of absence beginning January 6, 2022 with an anticipated return date of March 8, 2022.
 - Serena Gehlhausen, 6.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School, is requesting an extension to her previously approved unpaid medical leave of absence that began November 21, 2021 with an anticipated return date of January 3, 2022. The new anticipated return date will be January 19, 2022.
 - Dane Russell, Math Teacher at Boonville High School, is requesting a medical leave of absence beginning January 3, 2022 with an anticipated return date of May 26, 2022; using sick/personal days and FMLA.

- Glenda Kempf, 3.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Newburgh Elementary School is requesting an unpaid personal leave of absence beginning November 30, 2021 with an anticipated return date of February 10, 2022.

Motion carried.

C. Report of Cafeteria Transfers:

- Marcia Fortune, 3.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at Loge Elementary School to 6.0 hour at Loge Elementary School.
- Rayann Roettger, 4.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Chandler Elementary School to 6.5 hour at Chandler Elementary School.
- Chandra Elliott, 3.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at JH Castle Elementary School to 3.75 hour at Boonville High School.
- Amie Hape, 6.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School to 4.75 hour at Chandler Elementary School.

D. Report of Early Return

- Christina Lawrence, Social Studies Teacher at Castle North Middle School, is returning early from previously approved unpaid leave of absence that began January 3, 2022 with an anticipated return date of March 5, 2022. The new return date will be January 31, 2022.

E. Resignations:

- Jenna Will, Temporary Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School - resignation effective January 2, 2022.
- Jennifer Mogle, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School - resignation effective December 27, 2021.
- Brandi Young, 6.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Chandler Elementary School - resignation effective December 28, 2021.
- Kristine Ayers, Clerical Aide at Chandler Elementary School - resignation effective January 7, 2022.

F. Retirements:

- Sherry Wrinn, Special Education Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School - retirement effective May 25, 2022.
- Cheryl Amos, Secretary at Chandler Elementary School - retirement effective January 21, 2022.

Committee Reports

Personnel - Dr. Doug Gresham reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier in the evening. They discussed the teacher handbook and that it will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting with WCTA. They reviewed COVID data as it pertained to schools. He stated that the semester started with good substitute teacher coverage. Schools are busy collecting and reporting civil rights data to report to the state. Non-violent crisis intervention training will be held two times this year with approximately 200 individuals to be trained. The Safety Committee will be meeting later this month to review safety trends and areas for improvement at the schools.

Construction - Mr. Todd Armstrong reported on construction in the corporation. He mentioned there are ongoing and upcoming projects at many schools, with some work being completed while school is in session and others being scheduled for the summer months.

Special Education and Transportation - Mrs. Tish Wagner reported that the Transportation Department has been able to fill crucial staff positions. Also, Mr. Flowers has been working to close out billing, particularly on items related to escalating fuel costs and students' McKinney-Vento statuses. Warrick Community Funding has generously increased a grant from \$25,000 to \$50,000 in support of student mental health needs. Special Education teachers were able to resume in-person meetings for professional development during the first semester. There were good discussions and collaboration in terms of understanding and meeting the needs of students.

Other Board Business

Construction Committee Meeting

- January 18, 2022, at 7:30am at the Administrative Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville

Special Education and Transportation Committee Meeting

- January 18, 2022, at 8:30am at the Administrative Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville

Career Pathways Committee Meeting

- January 18, 2022, at 8:30am at the Administrative Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville

Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting

- January 24, 2022, at 5:00pm at the Central Services Building, 930 W. Main St, Boonville

Personnel/Food and Nutrition/Custodial Committee Meeting

- February 14, 2022, at 6:00pm at the Central Services Building, 930 W. Main St, Boonville

Committee assignments will be reviewed and voted on at the Board Meeting on January 24, 2022.

The ISBA Annual State House Day will be held on February 15, 2022 in Indianapolis. This is a good meeting to attend if it fits into someone's schedule.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of Trustees on the 24th day of January 2022.

Lynda Glover, Secretary of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees

Attested:

Jane Wilhelmus, President of the Warrick
County Board of School Trustees

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