

APPROVED
WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
November 22, 2021

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on November 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Central Services Building with all members present except Stephanie Gerhardt. President Tim Mosbey called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

Melanie King came before the Board to comment on Covid19 data and her concerns on mandating masks and virtual learning.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting held on November 9, 2021
 - B. Approve Claims 1-120 dated November 22, 2021 and sign the docket
 - C. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave
- Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the private sale of real property located at 126 Posey Street, Newburgh, IN, Warrick County, sign the real estate contract, and give Mr. Neff permission to move forward in the closing process, as presented. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept the cash donation to Tecumseh High School Choir from the Tecumseh Choral Booster Club, as presented. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to accept a donation of a bandsaw and supplies to Castle North Middle School from the Castle North PTO, as presented. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jeff Baker to accept a donation to Chandler Elementary School of \$1000.00 from the Lochmuellers for student needs, and a donation of \$1900.00 from Deaconess to give each teacher \$50.00, as presented. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to accept the proposal from Three I Design to provide professional services

of design, development, and drawings for the planned Warrick Pathway Career Center, as it is being called at this time, as presented. Motion carried.

- F. Attorney Mark Neff formally announced his retirement as the attorney for the Warrick County School Corporation. He has been the attorney for the corporation for almost forty years. He stated that in its sixty years of existence, the corporation has had only two attorneys. He said that he has attended approximately 950 regular board meetings, hundreds of Executive Sessions, committee meetings, Work Sessions, and conferences. He has worked with seven Superintendents and over fifty Board members. He told the Board that he appreciated the opportunity to know and work with the present Board and Administration as well as the past members. He thanked them for their support of him and his family and said it has been his privilege to join them in their mutual commitment to the best interest of Warrick County patrons and the Warrick County students. He wished Dr. Lambert and new attorney, Clifford Whitehead successful terms at the Warrick County School Corporation. He told the Board members he knows that they will do great things in the future.

Dr. Lambert said that they are eternally grateful for Mr. Neff's service to the Warrick County School Corporation for the past thirty-nine years.

- G. A motion was made by Jeff Baker and seconded by Lynda Glover to approve the attorney contract for Clifford Whitehead of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP for the term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion carried
- H. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to approve the attorney contract for Clifford Whitehead of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP for the interim term of December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, as presented. Motion carried
- I. A motion was made by Jane Wilhelmus and seconded by Jeff Baker to adjust the 2021-2022 school calendar to make December 17, 2021 as the last day of classes before beginning this year's Christmas break, 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. Consideration of Employment.
1. A motion was made by Lynda Glover and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus

to employ the following positions:

- **Todd Kaho**, Temporary Special Education teacher at Tecumseh High School
- **Virginia Morris**, Temporary Part-time Speech Therapist
- **Jamie Knight**, Temporary Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School
- **Tiffany Carter**, Multi-responsibility position (Bus driver and 3.25 hour cafeteria position at JH Castle Elementary School)
- **Stephanie Shofner**, Multi-responsibility position (Bus driver and 3.75 hour cafeteria position at Castle South Middle School)
- **Deniece Morris**, Cafeteria Manager at Sharon Elementary School
- **Edwina Wilkinson**, Temporary Program Assistant at Boonville High School
- **Regina Austill**, Temporary Program Assistant at Castle North Middle School

Motion carried.

B. Leave Requests:

1. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jane Wilhelmus to approved the following leave requests:
 - **Mark Postin**, Custodian at Loge Elementary School, a medical leave of absence beginning November 17, 2021 with an anticipated return date of December 2, 2021; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Heather Morris**, Math teacher at Boonville High School, a maternity leave of absence beginning April 26, 2022 with an anticipated return date of August 8, 2022; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Kurt Krodel**, Assistant Principal at Boonville Middle School, a medical leave of absence beginning November 9, 2021 with an anticipated return date of December 1, 2021; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Katie Sargeant**, 3.5 hour cafeteria employee at Castle South Middle School, an unpaid medical leave of absence beginning November 18, 2021 with an anticipated return date of November 30, 2021.
 - **Joni Miller**, Visual Arts teacher at Castle South Middle School, an extension to her previously approved medical leave of absence that began October 18, 2021 with an anticipated return date of November 22, 2021. The new anticipated return date is November 29, 2021; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Katlynn Voegel**, 4th Grade teacher at Newburgh Elementary School, a maternity leave of absence beginning March 28, 2022 with an anticipated return date of May 25, 2022; using sick/personal days and FMLA.
 - **Kirby Altstadt**, Special Education Job Coach, a maternity leave of absence beginning February 2, 2022 with an anticipated return date of March 16, 2022; using sick days.

Motion carried.

C. Report of Correction:

- **Shannon Stone** was reported on the November 9, 2021 agenda as a Temporary Program Assistant at Castle High School. She is a Temporary ABS Program Assistant.

D. Resignations:

- **J. Ryan Flener**, Social Studies teacher and Athletic Director at Tecumseh Middle School, effective December 3, 2021
- **Lois Jackson**, Custodian, effective December 8, 2021
- **Abby Maravich**, Temporary Health Aide, effective November 26, 2021
- **Jimmy Young**, Program Assistant at Castle North Middle School, effective November 15, 2021
- **Samantha Shoulders**, Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School, effective December 1, 2021

E. Retirements:

- **Guy Kroeger**, Transportation Mechanic, effective December 31, 2021

Reports**Other Board Business****Personnel, Custodial, Food and Nutrition Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Services Building

Construction, Technology, & Maintenance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. in the Administration Building

Career Pathways Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Administration Building

Transportation and Special Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Administration Building

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 22nd day of November, 2021

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

Attested:

Tim Mosbey, President of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees

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