

**Approved Minutes**  
**Warrick County School Corporation**  
**Board of School Trustees**  
**December 19, 2022**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on December 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm with the following Board Members present: Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus, Mr. Tim Mosbey, Ms. Brenda Metzger, Mr. Jeff Baker, Mrs. Stephanie Gerhardt, Mr. Jordan Aigner, and Mrs. Lynda Glover. YouTube is the electronic means of communication used by the public to attend remotely.

President Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patron Concerns**

None

**Consideration of Routine Items**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gerhardt and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following routine items:

- Minutes of the School Board meeting held on November 28, 2022.
- Claims and docket for December 19, 2022.

Motion carried.

**Consideration of Items for Board Action**

A. A motion was made by Mr. Mosbey and seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt to accept the following donations:

- Chandler Elementary School - donation of \$4,298.88 from an anonymous donor to be used to support the SEL program
- John H. Castle Elementary School - donation of \$1,320 from an anonymous donor to be used for students lunch accounts
- Boonville Middle School - donation of \$500 from Scherzinger Electric Motor Controls to purchase Christmas gifts for students
- Boonville Middle School - donation of \$2,985 from Mother Bear Charitable Foundation to purchase books and ELA learning supplies
- Newburgh Elementary School - donation of \$6,887 from Mother Bear Charitable Foundation to purchase flexible seating and desk for classrooms
- Oakdale Elementary School - donation of \$5,135 from Mother Bear Charitable Foundation to purchase SEL instructional materials, books, reset area supplies and morning bin materials

Motion carried.

- B.** A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the ESSER III school opening plan as presented. As a condition of ESSER III, school districts are required to review school opening plans no less than every six months. Any subsequent revisions of the 2022-2023 plan will be based on updated guidance from the CDC, IDOH, WCHD, or executive orders from Governor Holcomb. As updated plans occur, they will be approved by the Warrick County School Board of Trustees at a public meeting where public comment is welcome. Updated plans and/or communication are always available for viewing on the Warrick County School Website under the Covid-19 Tab.  
Motion carried.
- C.** A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt to approve Resolution 2022-17, transferring of unused and unencumbered balances from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.  
Motion carried.
- D.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the revisions to the Support Staff Handbook as presented. These revisions and updates were reviewed and discussed with the Personnel, Custodial, and the Food & Nutrition committees.  
Motion carried.
- E.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve Change Order #2 from Danco Construction for the WPCC construction project. Presented were PR's 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. These proposal requests are a culmination of a variety of changes/additions plus expeditions that are needed to keep the Warrick Pathways and Career Center on schedule, as well as, to be constructed to meet program needs.  
Motion carried.
- F.** A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the request from Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Armstrong, to officially surplus items positioned at several locations. Upon identification of specific items to sell, organization and labeling will take place, followed by the offering of a "walk-in" public sale.  
Motion carried.
- G.** Mrs. Wilhelmus made a public acknowledgement of the Board of Education Code of Ethics. Exemplary School Boards welcome a Code of Ethics to support their mission, vision, authority, and purpose. As a reminder, our Board of Education has a Code of Ethics, which was originally adopted in 1987 and revised in 1998.

For a School Board Code of Ethics to be valid and effective, there must be an understanding and a defining of both the authority and power accepted by Board Members. Included is the obligation to make decisions that affect the educational opportunities and the budgetary process for the county and the acceptance of the responsibility for these results.

Members, by serving on the Warrick County School Board, accept the responsibilities that are outlined in the Code of Ethics.

Because of the vital role which the Warrick County School Corporation and Board play in providing children with the basic foundation for education, and for training and skills beyond this, the School Board has endorsed the current (and future revisions of the) Indiana School Boards Association Code of Ethics as a guide. The Corporation and Board will strive to render efficient and effective service to all Warrick County children.

Mrs. Wilhelmus stated that the SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF ETHICS, policy 1400 may be found in our policy manual or website.

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

Human Resources Director, Dr. Doug Gresham presented the following recommendations for employment:

**A. A motion was made by Mr. Aigner and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following positions:**

- Allison Graber - Temporary 4th Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School
- Jennifer Blessinger - Temporary Clerical Aide at Castle High School
- Melody Jones - Administrative Assistant for the Assistant Principal at Boonville High School
- Susan Rapp - Temporary Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
- Deb Tuley - Temporary Nurse at Tecumseh High School, Tecumseh Middle School, Lynnville Elementary School and Elberfeld Elementary School
- Brett Staub - Bus Driver
- Gary Carron - Behavior Consultant
- Megan Tharp - Behavior Consultant
- Jessica Mellado - Temporary Program Assistant at Yankeetown Elementary School

Motion carried.

**B. A motion was made by Mrs. Gerhardt and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the following leave requests:**

- Becki Recker, English Teacher at Castle High School
- Julie Scaggs, 4th Grade Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School
- Amanda Stuteville, Custodian at Elberfeld Elementary School
- Brooke Hart, Special Education Teacher at Tecumseh High School
- Alyssa Williams, Physical Education Teacher at Boonville High School

Motion carried.

**C. Report of Early Return:**

- Lynna Waninger, Secretary at Castle High School, is returning early from her previously approved personal leave of absence that began December 21, 2022 with an anticipated return date of March 13, 2023. The new anticipated return date will be February 21, 2023.
- Robin Seavers, Special Education Teacher at Chandler Elementary School, is returning early from her previously approved medical leave of absence that began November 14, 2022 with an anticipated return date of December 12, 2022. The new anticipated return date will be December 5, 2022.
- Candace Dossett, Clerical Aide at Loge Elementary School, is returning early from her previously approved medical leave of absence that began November 28, 2022 with an anticipated return date of December 19, 2022. The new anticipated return date will be December 12, 2022.

**D. Resignations:**

- Whitney Carpenter, Clerical Aide at Castle High School - resignation effective December 9, 2022.
- Sherie Mason, Nurse at Tecumseh High and Middle Schools, Lynnville Elementary School and Elberfeld Elementary School - resignation effective December 16, 2022.
- Lee Garnett, Behavior Consultant - resignation effective December 30, 2022.
- Heidi Kellems, 4.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Boonville High School - resignation effective December 16, 2022.
- Cathy Patterson, Bus Driver - resignation effective December 7, 2022.
- Sarah Zint, Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective December 16, 2022.
- Yarilyn Renschler, Social Emotional Behavior Assistant (SEBA) - resignation effective January 6, 2023.
- Connie Dossett, Bus Driver - resignation effective December 19, 2022.
- Stacie Barker, Temporary Title Teacher at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective December 17, 2022.

**E. Retirements:**

- Tina Schmitt, Kindergarten Teacher at Oakdale Elementary School - retirement effective June 1, 2023.
- Catherine Cozart, Visual Arts Teacher at Castle High School - retirement effective June 1, 2023.

**Committee Reports**

None

### **Other Board Business**

Mr. Aigner commented on the Change Order #2 from Danco Construction for the WPCC construction project. He stated that no one is taking this change order lightly. The supply chain issues are a big deal and the biggest part of the change order is for electrical components for just the lights alone. He feels Mr. Armstrong and the construction team have a good solution to get our students into school and the project on schedule.

Superintendent, Dr. Todd Lambert, announced this is Mrs. Gerhardt's last board meeting. He thanked her for all her hard work and courage to speak her mind though sometimes that's not easy. Mrs. Gerhardt thanked everyone and stated her time working with the Board was enjoyable. Dr. Lambert welcomed new Board Member, Mr. Eric Franz, and thanked him for attending.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Policy and Curriculum Committee:**

- Monday, January 9, 2023, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

#### **Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee:**

- Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:00 pm

#### **Board of School Trustees:**

- Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

#### **Career Pathways / Construction Committee:**

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

#### **Special Education and Transportation Committee:**

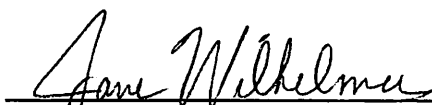
- Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 9th day of January, 2023.

  
Lynda Glover, Secretary  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:

  
Jane Wilhelmus, President  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

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