

**Approved Minutes**  
**Warrick County School Corporation**  
**Board of School Trustees**  
**November 13, 2023**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on November 13, 2023, at 7:00pm with the following Board Members present: Mr. Eric Franz, Mr. Tim Mosbey, Mr. Jeff Baker, Mrs. Lynda Glover, Ms. Brenda Metzger, Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus and Mr. Jordan Aigner. YouTube is the electronic means of communication used by the public to attend remotely

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

**Patron Concerns**

None

**Recognition of High School Essay Winner**

Castle High School Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Lauren Poole introduced **Sydney Eckert**, a Castle High School junior, who was one of two Indiana high school students who won an essay contest sponsored by CANDLES Holocaust Museum. For the essay, students had to apply survivor Eva Kor's life lessons to their own lives. Sydney was honored at an event in October at the Indiana Historical Society.

**Recognition of High School State Finalist Student Athletes**

Castle High School Cross Country Coach Edwardson introduced State Finalists, sophomores **Heidi Giannini** and **Dane Kramer**. Heidi placed 98th out of 250 runners and Dane placed 110th out of 250 runners. Coach Edwardson thanked the Board for the opportunity to introduce such dedicated athletes. This is Coach Edwardson's 50th year of coaching track.

Tecumseh High School Volleyball Coach Johnson introduced her State Finalist team. This team made it to State Finals back to back seasons which is not an easy thing to do, but the girls were determined from the get-go. They finished the season PAC undefeated champs for the 4th consecutive season. They also had the most wins in a season this year with a record of 32-5, beating out last year's record 31-5. Coach Johnson received so many compliments on her team this season. Not just athletically, but referring to sportsmanship and teamwork, which makes a coach very proud. This team represented their school, town, and corporation very well the entire season all the way through State Finals.

Players are:

**Shae Bailey**

**Emily Hall**

**Payge Johnson**

**Katelyn Marx**

**Bailey Riddle**

**Manager: Lucy Zurbriggen**

**Coaches: Katy Barnes, Jennifer Bailey, Katie Johnson**

**Jenna Donohoo**

**Breann Harris**

**Ava Kissel**

**Hannah McGee**

**Lydia Wilson**

**Averye Engelhardt**

**Madelyn Isaacs**

**Bianca Lochmueller**

**Lily Ricketts**

Castle High School Volleyball Coach Watson introduced his State Finalist team. According to Coach Watson, "Our team worked through a book study called, The Power of a Positive Team by Jon Gordon. They landed on connections and ultimately loving each other selflessly. Best team to have their actions match their beliefs." The Knights ended their season 34-4.

Players are:

**Julia Barrett**

**Emma Bruggenschmidt**

**Mora Evernham**

**Addisen Gallentine**

**Megan Harpenau**

**Gretchen Hurt**

**Maya Joska**

**Caroline Kenworthy**

**Katie Kopshever**

**Kierstin Niehaus**

**Rylee Springer**

**Emma Watson**

**Ella Wood**

**Coaches: Lexi Gentry, Daniel Watson**

Not present was Castle High School State Finalist **Ashley Kirkland**. Ashley placed second in girls golf.

### **Consideration of Routine Items**

A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the following routine items:

- Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on October 23, 2023.
- Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on November 6, 2023.
- Claims and docket for November 13, 2023.

Motion carried.

### **Consideration of Items for Board Action**

- A.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve a request from the Director of Learning, Mr. Jason Fischer, requesting *Siddhartha* be added to the approved reading list for grades 9-12.

Motion carried.

- B.** A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Franz to approve the following donation requests:

- Boonville High School - \$2,000 donation from the Boonville Cub Baseball organization to be used for baseball equipment and supplies
- Boonville Middle School - \$1,176 donation from The Community Foundation and Jann Allen to be used for expanding their book collection in the BMS library
- Tecumseh High School - \$500 donation from Zoetis to be used for the Tecumseh FFA
- Tecumseh High School - \$500 donation from Full Throttle Automotive LLC to be used for the THS boys basketball

Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilhelmus asked for an update on the Boonville High School softball concession stand. Mr. Armstrong explained the condition and asked the Board to declare the concession stand an emergency in order to move forward with construction as quickly as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Mosbey. During discussion, school attorney, Mr. Whitehead, referred to the statute and stated that the declaration of the emergency and a list of

possible contractors need to be noted in the Board minutes. Mr. Baker rescinded the motion and the item was tabled.

Motion carried.

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

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

A. A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve the following positions:

- Elizabeth Ray - Speech/Language Pathologist at WEC PK and Non Public Schools
- Katlyan Eden - Temporary Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School
- Shelia Fletcher - Temporary Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
- Peyton Ruttinger - Temporary Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
- Amelia Wilson - Multi Responsibility Position (Cafeteria at Sharon and Bus Driver)
- Lindsey Finke - Multi Responsibility Position ( Program Assistant at Tecumseh Middle School and Bus Driver)
- Christine Allen - Temporary ½ day Program Assistant at John H Castle Elementary School
- Michelle Mantonya - Temporary Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School
- Susan Broshears - 3.0 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle High School
- Tina Nuffer - 3.75 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle North Middle School

Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the following leave requests:

- Cynthia Simon, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle North Middle School
- Olivia Ballard, Language Arts Teacher at Castle North Middle School
- Jill Barnett, Food and Nutrition Administrative Assistant
- Calvin Brent Stevens, Multi Responsibility (Bus Driver and Part Time Custodian at Boonville High School)
- Alicia Gilkey, Business Teacher at Castle High School
- Christine Woolsey, Art Teacher at Tecumseh High School
- Lory Blair, Program Assistant at Lynnville Elementary School
- Michelle Garrison, 3.5 hours Cafeteria Position at Boonville Middle School

Motion carried.

C. Report of Cafeteria Changes:

- Kristi McCool, 6.5 hours at Castle High School to 6.5 at Chandler Elementary School
- Carolyn Barnett, 6.0 hours at Newburgh Elementary School to 6.0 hours at Castle North Middle School

D. Report of Early Return:

- Jennifer Sozio, 4th Grade Teacher at John H Castle Elementary School

E. Resignations:

- Colleen Scholer, Program Assistant at Castle North Middle School - resignation effective November 10, 2023.

- Tina Saddler, Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective November 3, 2023.
- Kristi Vinson, Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School - resignation effective November 8, 2023.
- Spencer Ruiz, Program Assistant at Boonville High School - resignation effective November 7, 2023.
- Joey Askins, Temporary ½ day Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective November 13, 2023.
- Emma Johnson, Special Education Teacher at Tecumseh Middle School - resignation effective December 19, 2023.
- Mindi Kiegel, Speech Language Pathologist - resignation effective January 3, 2024.
- Samantha Wing, Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary School - resignation effective December 19, 2023.

#### **F. Retirements**

- Marilyn Caldemeyer, Speech/Language Pathologist at Loge Elementary School - retirement effective December 30, 2023.

#### **Reports**

Superintendent, Dr. Abbie Redmon announced that starting in January 2024 we will have a selected Warrick County School highlighted at each board meeting.

#### **Other Board Business**

The ISBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held on November 20th in Jasper, Indiana. The Board of School Trustees will attend this meeting to preview the 2024 budget session of the Indiana General Assembly and hear about recent court cases and evolving legal issues.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

WPCC, Construction, Technology, and Maintenance Committee:

- Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 7:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Special Education and Transportation Committee:

- Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 8:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Policy and Curriculum Committee:

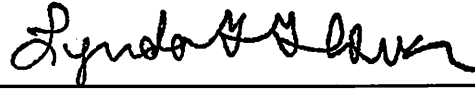
- Monday, December 18, 2023, 4:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee:

- Monday, December 18, 2023, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

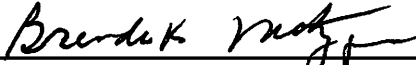
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 27th day of November, 2023.



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Lynda Glover, Secretary  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:



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Brenda Metzger, Vice President  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees