

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

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on February 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm with the following Board Members present: Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus, Ms. Brenda Metzger, Mr. Eric Franz, Mr. Jeff Baker, and Mrs. Lynda Glover. Mr. Tim Mosbey participated electronically via google meet. Member not present, Mr. Jordan Aigner. 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.

Student Recognition

2022-2023 Spelling Bee Winners & Runner Ups

- Boonville Middle School: winner *Ava Scales*, runner up *Owen Byers*
- Castle North Middle School: winner *Avantika Kudiyirikkal Anil*, runner up *Keira Howery*
- Castle South Middle School: winner *Catherine Gilbert*, runner up *Emery Mattingly*
- Tecumseh Middle School: winner *Hazel Melton*, runner up *Daxyn Kramer*
- Chandler Elementary School: winner *Luca Farless*, runner up *Varun Chandar*
- Elberfeld Elementary School: winner *Brandt Butcher*, runner up *Andrew Kruse*
- John H Castle Elementary School: winner *Luke Jarvis*, runner up *Jeremy Adu-Gyamfi*
- Loge Elementary School: winner *Caleb Greer*, runner up *Emmagyn Thomason*
- Lynnvile Elementary School: winner *Alyssa Bradley*, runner up *Max Marshall*
- Newburgh Elementary School: winner *Neerja Khadilkar*, runner up *Jack Fathera*
- Oakdale Elementary School: winner *Adrian Kolb*, runner up *Gage DeBelle*
- Sharon Elementary School: winner *David Miller*, runner up *Nolan Greener*
- Tennyson Elementary School: winner *Loreli White*, runner up *Waylon Runau*
- Yankeetown Elementary School: winner *Ethan Balagna*, runner up *Lincoln Joiner*

Patron Concerns

Irene Fuller came before the board to voice her concern that teachers are withholding information from parents regarding preferred pronouns of students.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on January 23, 2023.
- Claims and docket for February 13, 2023.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. Board President, Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus, recessed the regular scheduled School Board Meeting, to conduct a Public Hearing on additional appropriations for the Rainy Day

Fund. Mrs. Wilhelmus opened the floor for public comment. There being no comments, Mrs. Wilhelmus adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

- B.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve Resolution 2023-1 approving the additional appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$1,200,000, to the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$492,900, and to the Operations Fund in the amount of \$3,900,000.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- C.** A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Mr. Baker to approve Resolution 2023-2 authorizing the Warrick County School Corporation Treasurer authority to initiate periodic claim payments for necessary expenses that occur between meetings of the Board of School Trustees.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- D.** A second reading of Policy 2750-Drug Testing in the Workplace was held. The first reading of this policy was held on January 23, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Metzger to approve Policy 2750-Drug Testing in the Workplace, as presented.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- E.** A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve Newburgh Elementary School Principal, Dr. Holly Arnold, to enter into a contract with Backyard Blasts, LLC for inflatables equipment to be used at the Spring Carnival, 5th grade celebration, and the AR celebration.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- F.** A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Ms. Metzger to approve a donation request from Oakdale Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jamie Pryor, in the amount of \$2,500 from the Oakdale Parent Teacher Organization. This donation will be used for the Minds in Motions program.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- G.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve a donation request from Tecumseh High School Principal, Mr. Jason Fischer, in the amount of \$500. This donation is on the behalf of Steven Hildebrand from Toyota's Benevity Program to benefit the Tecumseh High School Softball Program.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- H.** A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve a donation request from the Warrick County School Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Lumley, in the amount of \$8,100 from The Jim Martin Fund. This donation will be used to assist Warrick County School Corporation students in need.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- I.** A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Ms. Metzger to approve a request from the Boonville Band Sponsors Club and Boonville High School Principal, Dr. Mike Whitten, for the Boonville High School band tower to carry the name: Mr. Francis E. Vile,

Jr. Tower. Mr. Fran Vile became the director of the Boonville Instrumental Music Program in 1990 and was responsible for the design of the tower built for the Boonville Band program. This tower has been a great teaching asset for the band.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- J. A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Ms. Metzger to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Warrick County School Corporation and the University of Evansville. The MOU outlines the agreement between the two entities for the purpose of providing dual credit coursework opportunities to the students of Warrick County School Corporation in the areas of Health Science and Education. This request was submitted by the Director of Learning, Dr. Abbie Redmon.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- K. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the textbook recommendation submitted by the Director of Learning, Dr. Abbie Redmon beginning in August 2023. The REVEAL MATH series includes two textbook volumes, a consumable practice book, and full digital access. This textbook series was extensively reviewed and voted on by a combined teacher, curriculum coordinator, and administrator vote. Parents reviewed the materials as well. The materials align with the Indiana Academic State Standards, will provide teachers the tools to address the standards, and will provide digital and hands-on opportunities to enhance learning.

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

- L. A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Ms. Metzger granted authority to issue contracts for the bus routes per the specifications outlined in the offers. This request was submitted by the Assistant Superintendent/Business Manager, Mr. Todd Armstrong.

After a call of the roll, 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. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following positions:

- Michael Fauerbach - Social Studies Teacher and Head Girls Soccer Coach at Castle High School for the 2023-2024 school year
- Samantha Bass - 3.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at Loge Elementary School

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

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

- Vanessa Willis, Temporary Program Assistant at Boonville High School
- Michele Hays, Spanish Teacher at Castle High School
- Wanda DeRossett, Custodian at Boonville Middle School
- Melissa Layson, Special Education Teacher at Castle High School
- Robin Mizeur, Kindergarten Teacher at Chandler Elementary School
- Cynthia Simon, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle North Middle School
- Sara Davis, Program Assistant at Castle High School
- Alison Zint, ABS Program Assistant at Yankeetown Elementary School

- Kimberly Eidson, 6.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School
- James Little, History Teacher at Boonville High School
- Lindi Broshears, Bus Driver
- Brandi Roca-Guess, ABS Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School
- Skilyn Jenkins, Program Assistant at Boonville High School
- Bryce Burnett, Art Teacher at Boonville High School

After a call of the roll, motion carried.

C. Cafeteria Transfers:

- Haley Bond, 3.75 hours at Castle North Middle School to 4.75 hours at Castle North Middle School
- Michael Feller, 4.25 hours at Castle High School to 3.75 hours at Castle North Middle School

D. Resignations:

- Kari Jenkins, Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School - resignation effective February 9, 2023.
- Tracey Lackey, ABS Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective February 23, 2023.
- Christina Mitchell, 4.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School - resignation effective February 10, 2023.
- Peggy Nix, Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective February 24, 2023.

E. Retirements:

- Mark Baxter, Class D Maintenance - retirement effective March 31, 2023.

Reports

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee

Dr. Doug Gresham reported that the committee has gone over the substitute data collected over the past few years. Dr. Gresham stated there is still a teacher substitute shortage and the Human Resources Office is making this a very high priority and is working hard on solutions.

Other Board Business

Mrs. Wilhelmus thanked Board Member, Brenda Metzger, for agreeing to attend the ISBA State House Day and represent the Warrick County School Corporation. Ms. Metzger will be meeting with the legislature to discuss bills that are moving through the house. Mrs. Wilhelmus talked about the Student Think Tank meeting and appreciated the opportunity to listen to the students.

Dr. Todd Lambert reported the Warrick Pathways and Career Center construction is moving right along with the weather's cooperation. The WPCC is still on schedule to open in August 2023. Below is a link to the time lapse construction camera.

<https://www.senserasystems.com/public/project/DancoConstructionWarrickPathwaysandCareerCenter>

Upcoming Meetings

Construction, Technology, and Maintenance Committee:

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 8:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Special Education and Transportation Committee:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 8:00 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Board of School Trustees:

- Monday, February 27, 2023, 7:00 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

Policy and Curriculum Committee:

- Monday, March 13, 2023, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee:

- Monday, March 13, 2023, 6:00 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 February, 2023.


Lynda Glover, Secretary
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:


Jane Wilhelmus, President
Warrick County Board of School Trustees