

Approved Minutes
Warrick County School Corporation
Board of School Trustees
September 11, 2023

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on September 11, 2023, at 7:00pm with the following Board Members present: Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus, Mr. Eric Franz, Mr. Tim Mosbey, Mr. Jeff Baker, Mrs. Lynda Glover, Mr. Jordan Aigner and Ms. Brenda Metzger. YouTube is the electronic means of communication used by the public to attend remotely.

President Wilhelmus called the meeting to order. During the moment of silence she asked everyone to remember the 9/11 attacks.

Patron Concerns

None

Consideration of Routine Items

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

- Minutes of the School Board Meeting held on August 28, 2023.
- Claims and docket for September 11, 2023.

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. President Wilhelmus recessed the regular board meeting and opened a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Armstrong presented information on the proposed 2024 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Wilhelmus opened the floor to the public for comment. After some discussion, Mrs. Wilhelmus closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting.
- B. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhelmus and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve Turf Installation at Castle High School and Boonville High School. After much discussion the motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Metzger abstaining.
- C. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Southern Indiana and the Warrick County School Corporation. This program is through the College of Nursing and Health Science Professions and shall be effective for three years. The MOU outlines the specifics of the program and has been viewed by the Warrick County School Corporation attorney, Mr. Cliff Whitehead.

Motion carried.

- D. A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Franz to approve the following donation request:
 - Chandler Elementary School - \$1,795 donation from Koch Foundation, Inc. to purchase Frax one and two math program

- Tecumseh High School - \$1,000 donation from Old Friendship General Baptist Church to be used for items the nurse may need for students
- Tecumseh High School - \$500 donation from Old Friendship General Baptist Church to be used for needy items for families

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. Mosbey and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following position:

Certified Staff Positions

- Bobbi Sanso - School Nurse at Sharon, Yankeetown, WEC and WPCC
- Amanda Forbey Hufnagel - Temporary Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School
- Brittney Jackson - 3.5 hour Cafeteria position at Boonville High School
- Stacie Mabrey - Temporary Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School (currently job share Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School)
- Dana Fisher - Health Aide at Oakdale Elementary School (currently Health Aide at Tennyson Elementary School)
- Elizabeth Neeley - Temporary Program Assistant at Castle High School
- Johana Peacock - 4.75 hour Cafeteria position at Castle North Middle School
- Lucretia Fussner - 3.25 hour Cafeteria position at John H Castle Elementary School
- Amy Titzer - 4.5 hour Cafeteria position at Lynnville Elementary School
- Laura Seiler - Secretary at Boonville Middle School
- Hillary Loehr - Secretary/Treasurer at Castle South Middle School
- Jennifer Ingram - 6.5 hour Cafeteria position at Castle High School
- Gloria Michelle Rittenberry - Temporary Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
- Jennifer Hambrick - Temporary ABS Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School

Motion carried.

- B.** A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Ms. Metzger to approve the 2023-2024 ECA positions and replacements to the same.

Motion carried.

- C.** A motion was made by Mr. Aigner and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following leave request:

- Olivia Moore, School Nurse at John H Castle Elementary School
- Kelsea Bogan, 2nd grade Teacher at Lynnville Elementary School
- Kelsey Huber, 3rd Grade Teacher at John H Castle Elementary School
- Linda Banks, 5th grade Teacher at Chandler Elementary School
- Anna Haggard, Special Education Teacher at Chandler Elementary School
- Emilie Phillips, Library Aide at Lynnville Elementary School and Elberfeld Elementary School
- Megan Imlay, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee
- Laura Kirtman, School Psychologist

- Danny Forston, Class C Maintenance
- Motion carried.

D. Transfers:

- Megan Imlay, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle North Middle School to 4.75 hours at Castle North Middle School

E. Report of Early Return:

- Maura Humphrey, 3rd Grade Excel Teacher at Chandler Elementary School, is returning early from a previously approved medical leave of absence that began August 7, 2023 with an anticipated return date of October 3, 2023. The return date will be September 5, 2023.

F. Resignations:

- Michael Feller, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle North Middle School - resignation effective August 8, 2023.
- Rachel Gunn, 3.0 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School - resignation effective August 28, 2023.
- April Humphrey, Full Time Custodian at Sharon Elementary School - resignation effective August 24, 2023.
- Michelle Thomas, ABS Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School - resignation effective September 6, 2023.
- Jammie Moore, Health Aide at Sharon Elementary School - resignation effective September 15, 2023.
- Erica Ingram, Program Assistant at Castle High School - resignation effective August 30, 2023.
- Stacie Mabrey, Temporary Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School - resignation effective September 15, 2023.
- Hannah Smith-Quirey, Program Assistant at John H Castle Elementary School - resignation effective September 8, 2023.

Reports

Mrs. Tish Wagner reported on the Special Education and Transportation Committee. She stated over the past several months the Special Education Department has provided training for staff members to help them with the changing needs of our students. Some of the training sessions focused on the Emotional Disabilities program and training Kindergarten teachers and program assistants using a program called "Fine Motor Boot Camp". This program embeds language and fine motor skills into daily activities alongside academics. Mrs. Wagner reported the Transportation Department was in a better position with drivers though they were monitoring routes after the first week. Some slight adjustments in drop off times were needed to help with the flow of traffic at some of the buildings such as Castle High School. At this time, those have been rectified.

Other Board Business

Board Members thoughts regarding Turf Installation: Ms. Metzger shared she is not against the installation of turf and gave her reasons for abstaining. Included in those reasons was the installation of two fields at the same time with possible supply shortages and the overall cost. Mrs. Wilhelmus stated the turf presentation explained a lot of things and she feels good about the benefits of installing turf moving forward. Mrs. Glover sees the initial expense to install turf

is costly but over the years the maintenance is going to be less than our current fields. Mr. Aigner agreed with the maintenance cost. He also stated the advanced technology of turf has changed from rubber pellets to natural coconut resulting in a cooler surface, which is another plus for our students. Mr. Baker thinks the turf is better and we are considering the highest quality level of product. He stated the playability and safety for all our students using the facilities is very important. The board has discussed installing turf over the past several years and this is in no way a decision that has been rushed. Mr. Mosbey is glad the CHS band students can now practice on the turf field instead of the parking lot which is much better for our students especially in the hot summer months. Several Board Members commented on how much the usage of the field will increase for other programs such as band, PE classes, and potentially other athletic teams. Mr. Armstrong was asked to look at the possibility or options of making BHS six lane track into an eight lane track. The Board is also willing to consider turf at Tecumseh High School in the future.

Upcoming Meetings

WPCC, Construction, Technology, and Maintenance Committee:

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

Special Education and Transportation Committee:

- Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 8:00 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Board of School Trustees Executive Session:

- Monday, September 27, 2023, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

Policy and Curriculum Committee:

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

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee:


- Monday, October 9, 2023, 6:30 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 September, 2023.


Lynda Glover, Secretary
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:


Jane Wilhelmus, President
Warrick County Board of School Trustees