

**Approved Minutes**  
**Warrick County School Corporation**  
**Board of School Trustees**  
**January 22, 2024**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on January 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm with the following Board Members present: Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus, Mr. Tim Mosbey, Mr. Eric Franz, Mr. Jordan Aigner, Mrs. Lynda Glover, Ms. Brenda Metzger and Mr. Jeff Baker. 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

**School Spotlight**

Monday evening, **Sharon Elementary School** delivered a presentation to the Warrick County School Board. The team at SES, including the dedicated staff, hardworking students, and supportive families, proudly showcased their exceptional achievements in academics, the active participation of parents, engaging social-emotional learning activities, the esteemed Career Ready Crusaders Programs, and numerous other outstanding initiatives.

To kickstart the event, the talented fifth-grade bucket drummers from SES captivated the audience with a lively performance. Following that, students, staff members, and parents took turns expressing their thoughts on the exceptional qualities that set Sharon Elementary apart.

During the presentation, key areas of focus included the importance of building strong relationships, fostering a sense of connectedness, creating lifelong learners and promoting inclusivity within the school community.

**Guest Speaker**

**Kari Fluegel of Kaiser Aluminum Warrick** provided the board with an overview regarding the company's partnership with the Precision Machine Technology and Industrial Technical Maintenance program at Warrick Pathways and Career Center. According to Fluegel, Kaiser views its involvement with WPCC as an investment in its future workforce and demonstrates Kaiser's commitment to social impact and investing in the well-being and education of the local community. In the first semester of the partnership, Kaiser had a total of 8 interactions with both of the two student groups which involved classroom speakers and two trips to the plant. Students will have an opportunity to job shadow in the Spring 2024 and Fall 2024 semesters. Fluegel said these activities are meant to lay the groundwork for some internships beginning in Spring 2025. Fluegel also discussed Kaiser's current partnership with Yankeetown Elementary School in the 1 Million Cans Contest and ongoing commitment to the Grow Southwest Indiana Teachers Manufacturing Boot Camp.

### **Board of Finance Public Meeting**

Mrs. Wilhelmus recessed the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to conduct a public meeting for the Board of Finance. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilhelmus and seconded by Ms. Metzger to name Mr. Jeff Baker as President of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Lynda Glover as Secretary of the Board of Finance.

Motion carried.

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Armstrong gave a summary regarding the 2023 Facts, Figures, and Fiscal Indicators. He emphasized the basic growth in overall cash balance, the need for preparing for increased staffing and the fact things are getting more expensive. He stated enrollment is down but students' needs are up. Mr. Armstrong discussed a variety of debt and asset ratios and gave an overview of expected interest earnings and an explanation of past interest earnings. There was a decrease of Cash balance due to decreasing Bond balances. However, our Operations funds grew slightly. And finally, he pointed out that the Corporation is strong and we can afford to continue to make the same decisions we are currently making.

There being no further discussion, the Board of Finance hearing was adjourned and Mrs. Wilhelmus reconvened the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

### **Consideration of Routine Items**

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

- Minutes of the School Board meeting held on January 8, 2024.
- Claims and docket for January 22, 2024.

Motion carried.

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

- A. A motion was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Franz to approve the Board Committee Assignments for 2024.

Motion carried.

#### **The Board Committee Assignments are as follows:**

**Personnel, Custodians, Food & Nutrition Services Committee** - Brenda Metzger, Tim Mosbey, Jane Wilhelmus, Doug Gresham, Shenae Rowe, and Gary Johnson

**Construction, Technology & Maintenance, WPCC Committee** - Jordan Aigner, Jeff Baker, Jane Wilhelmus, and Todd Armstrong

**Transportation and Special Education Committee** - Tim Mosbey, Jeff Baker, Tish Wagner, Eric Franz, and Greg Webb

**Curriculum and Policy Committee** - Brenda Metzger, Lynda Glover, Eric Franz, Walter Lambert, Jason Fischer, and Cliff Whitehead

**Bid Committee** - Lynda Glover, Todd Armstrong, and Mike Wilson

- B. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve Resolution 2024-2. This resolution outlines the transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

Motion carried.

- C. A motion was made by Ms. Metzger and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following donation requests:

- Newburgh Elementary School - \$500 donation from CenterPoint Energy to support school programs
- John H. Castle Elementary School - JHC PTO is donating an electronic message center installed by Husk Signs valued at \$27,441

Motion carried.

- D. A motion was made by Mr. Mosbey and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve a request from Castle High School Principal, Mr. Jim Hood, to enter into an Annual Vendor Agreement with Backyard Blasts, LLC. This agreement will remain in effect until June 30, 2024

Motion carried.

- E. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Franz approved the addition of IDOE approved high school course offering, Themes in Literature, for the 2024-2025 school year.

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. Aigner and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve the following positions:

- Courtney Kirby - Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School (currently temporary Program Assistant AM only at Loge Elementary School)
- Joanne Monroy - 4.25 hour Cafeteria position at Castle North Middle School
- Kimberly Humphrey - 5.0 hour Cafeteria position at Boonville High School
- Jamie Hager - 3.75 hour job share Cafeteria position at Castle North Middle School
- Renae Hall - 3.75 hour job share Cafeteria position at Castle North Middle School
- Jeffery Roos - Transportation Logistics Specialist
- Justin Morgan - Class C Maintenance Small Engine Mechanic (Currently Class D Maintenance)
- Stormy Pulling - 3.5 hour Cafeteria Position at Boonville Middle School
- Sandra Walker - 3.5 hour (4 days a week) Cafeteria Position at Oakdale Elementary School

Motion carried.

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

- Christine Wagner, Cafeteria Manager at Newburgh Elementary School
- Haleigh Bennett, Language Arts Teacher at Castle High School
- Phil Oexman, Full Time Custodian at Boonville High School
- Melissa McCann, Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School
- Emily Robinson, Speech Language Pathologist
- Dorothy Doss, 3.5 hour Cafeteria position at Castle High School
- Trisha Manis, SEBA (Social Emotional Behavior Assistant)
- Carolyn Barnett, 6.0 hour Cafeteria position at Newburgh Elementary School.

Motion carried.

**C. Cafeteria Transfers:**

- Nao Harada, 4.25 hours at Castle High School to 4.75 hours at Castle High School
- Yvonne Herring, 4.75 hours at Castle High School to 4.5 hours at Castle High School
- Kumiko Nakano, 4.25 hours at Castle High School to 4.5 hours at Castle High School
- Susan Broshears, 3.0 hours at Castle High School to 4.25 hours at Castle High School

**D. Resignations:**

- Grace Frichtl, 3.75 hour Cafeteria Position at Yankeetown Elementary School - resignation effective January 16, 2024.
- Donna Kuehn, Program Assistant at Castle High School - resignation effective January 8, 2024.
- Alexandra Uppencamp, Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School - resignation effective January 3, 2024.
- Mikyoung Shimodaira, 4.5 hour Cafeteria position at Castle High School - resignation effective January 11, 2024.
- Sarah Foreman, Temporary Speech Language Pathologist - resignation effective January 10, 2024.
- Katelyn Eden, Temporary Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School - resignation effective January 17, 2024.

## **Reports**

None

## **Other Board Business**

Mrs. Lynda Glover asked the Board to name her the School Board Legislative Liaison. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Mosbey to approve her request.

Motion carried.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Construction, Technology, and Maintenance Committee:**

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 7:30 am at WPCC, 1201 American Way, Boonville, IN

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

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 8:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

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

- Monday, February 12, 2024, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

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


- Monday, February 12, 2024, 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 12th day of February, 2024.

  
Lynda Glover, Secretary  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:

  
Jane Wilhelmus, President  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees