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

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on July 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm with the following Board Members present: Mr. Eric Franz, Ms. Brenda Metzger, Mr. Jordan Aigner, Mrs. Lynda Glover, and Mr. Jeff Baker. Board Members not present are Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus and Mr. Tim Mosbey. YouTube is the electronic means of communication used by the public to attend remotely.

Vice President Metzger called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Redmon asked that we keep the family of Ms. Janice Kolley in our thoughts and prayers. Ms. Kolley was a WCSC employee for 34 years and the cafeteria manager at Lynnville Elementary School.

Patron Concerns

None

Guest Speaker/Presentation

Manager of Transportation, Mr. Greg Webb, reported that all fifteen routes for summer school were covered. He stated his team of both corporate and contract bus drivers is very strong this year and are always fast to help each other. Statistics show students are 70% more likely to arrive safely to school by bus than by car and his drivers take safety extremely serious. Mr. Webb gave a shout out to the six bus drivers who have not missed a day of work and the five bus drivers who have only missed one day of work. He thanked his office staff and mechanics for all their hard work.

Food & Nutrition Director, Mrs. Shenae Rowe, gave fast facts regarding budget and staffing, and the seven WCSC school nutrition programs. She also spoke on the three food programs that were offered over the summer. Mrs. Rowe thanked her office staff, site supervisors, team members, maintenance, custodians, and volunteers for making the Sun Meals To-Go such a huge success! The USDA funded summer programs offered:

<u>Sun Bucks</u>: EBT cards to eligible families of school-aged children to help buy groceries during the summer.

<u>Sun Meals</u>: Congregate meals available at sites for eligible school-aged children.

<u>Sun Meals To-Go:</u> Non-congregate meals available for all school-aged children. Over the past four weeks about 160,000 meals have been distributed at three locations.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

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

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff ensuring we are fully staffed for the start of the school year. As positions are filled, the Board will be provided the names of the new hires and will take official action at subsequent Board Meetings. This authorization to hire will begin on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. Motion carried.
- **B.** Dr. Walter Lambert brought to the board updated policy 4040 Student Attendance. This policy has been revised with updated language to ensure compliance with Indiana law. Tonight was the first reading of this updated policy. A second reading will occur on August 12, 2024, at which time the board may choose to take action.
- C. A motion was made by Mr. Franz and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the 2024-2025 middle and high school student handbook. The additions to the handbook include the calendar, policy 5350 Prohibition of Wireless Devices During Instructional Time, and will include policy 4040 Student Attendance once changes are approved by the Board. 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 Mrs. Glover to approve the following positions:

Certified Staff Position:

- Israel Gordon Temporary Title I Teacher at Yankeetown Elementary School Support Staff Positions:
 - Haley Dowling Full Time Health Aide at WEC (currently 6.5 hour Cafeteria Position at John H Castle Elementary School)
 - Sara Wilson Home School Advisor at Sharon Elementary School
 - Elizabeth Libby Mayes Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
 - Lauren Estel Job Share Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
 - Amber Brown Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
 - Ellie Springer Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
 - Aaron Ballard Part Time Custodian at Castle High School
 - Ivy Batts Part Time Custodian at Chandler Elementary School
 - Nicole Gillespie Part Time Custodian at Newburgh Elementary School
 - MaLinda Simpson Part Time Custodian at Oakdale Elementary School
 - Samantha Ayscue Full Time Custodian at Loge Elementary School
 - Kala Smith 4.25 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle North Middle School (currently Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School)
 - Kristina Morris Administrative Assistant to the Director of Learning (currently Clerical Aide at Boonville High School)

Motion carried.

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

Certified Staff Position:

- Rachel Ohm Special Education Teacher at Elberfeld Elementary School Motion carried.
- **C.** A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mrs. Glover to approve the following leave requests:
 - Cheyenne Wilson, Special Education Teacher at Castle High School
 - Mary West, Health Aide at Tennyson Elementary School
 - Jacquelyn Waters, Custodian at John H Castle Elementary School Motion carried.

D. Transfers:

- Joanne Monroy, 4.25 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle North Middle School to
 4.75 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle North Middle School
- Kayla O'Neal, 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle High School to 6.5 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle High School
- Ashley Stevens, 5.25 hour Cafeteria Position at Tecumseh High/Middle School to 6.0 hour Cafeteria Position at Newburgh Elementary School

E. Resignations:

- Travis Bush, Business Teacher at Boonville High School resignation effective July 9, 2024.
- Matt Holweger, Social Studies Teacher at Castle High School resignation effective July 12, 2024.
- Grace Premer, Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School resignation effective July 5, 2024.
- Molly Ackerman, Job Share Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School resignation effective July 9, 2024.
- Sheria Strange, 3.25 hour Cafeteria Position at JH Castle Elementary School resignation effective July 15, 2024.
- Brittany Jennings, ABS Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School resignation effective July 19, 2024.
- Madison Mercer, Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School resignation effective July 19, 2024.

<u>Reports</u>

Director of Learning, Mr. Jason Fischer, reported the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) 2024 tests scores for WCSC:

IREAD 3

passing rate 92.1%

ILEARN (Grades 3-8)

- ELA passing rate 58.9% 23rd in the state
- Math passing rate 62.7% 19th in the state
- Both passing rate 50% 20th in the state

SAT

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing passing rate 60.9%
- Math passing rate 32.6%
- Both passing rate 31.4%

Other Board Business

Construction, Technology, and Maintenance Committee:

 Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Special Education and Transportation Committee:

 Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 8:30 am at the Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

Policy and Curriculum Committee:

Monday, August 26, 2024, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

Personnel, Food & Nutrition, and Custodial Committee:

• Monday, August 26, 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 August, 2024.

Lynda Glover, Secretary

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Attested:

Jane Wilhelmus, President

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