

**Approved Minutes**  
**Warrick County School Corporation**  
**Board of School Trustees**  
**September 12, 2022**

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on September 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm with all members present except Mrs. Lynda Glover. President Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Patron Concerns**

Melanie King came before the Board to thank Warrick County School Corporation for erring on the side of caution with the decision to close Castle High School on September 2, 2022, due to a threatening situation.

Jim Post came before the Board to also thank the Warrick County School Corporation for the decision to close Castle High School. Mr. Post talked about an heroic event at CNMS in which an officer administered the heimlich maneuver to a student in the cafeteria, the school board agenda being available online, clarified his feedback regarding his previous statement by which names students are recognized by, requested Moms for Liberty questionnaires be returned, and asked again to reinstate patron concerns at the end of the meeting.

**Consideration of Routine Items**

A motion was made by Mrs. Brenda Metzger and seconded by Mr. Jeff Baker to approve the following routine Items:

- Minutes of the School Board meeting held on August 22, 2022
  - Claims and docket for August 31, 2022 and September 12, 2022.
- Motion was carried.

**Consideration of Items for Board Action**

- A. President Mrs. Jane Wilhelmus recessed the regular Board meeting and opened a Public Hearing on the proposed 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and the Bus Replacement Plan. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Armstrong presented information on the proposed 2023 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. Motion was carried.
- B. Superintendent, Dr. Todd Lambert recommended the Board agree to move forward with pending litigation against JUUL, the country's largest e-cigarette manufacturer, for its role in the vaping epidemic and its resulting effect on our schools. Other school corporations across the country, including 10 school districts in Indiana, have already filed suit against JUUL. Pursuant to the agreement, if successful against JUUL, the school corporation will be entitled to a portion of the proceeds. Mr. Jordan Aigner asked Warrick County School Corporation attorney, Mr. Cliff Whitehead, to consider saying a few words regarding this pending litigation. Mr Whitehead talked briefly about the details of the lawsuit against JUUL and ended with his recommendation for WCSC

- to enter into this pending litigation. A motion was made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Tim Mosbey. Motion was carried.
- C. On August 22, 2022, Superintendent, Dr. Todd Lambert conducted the first reading of the revised Attendance policy pursuant to IDOE directive. This evening he conducted the second reading. A motion was made by Mrs. Stephanie Gerhardt and seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the policy as presented. Motion was carried.
- D. A request from Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Todd Armstrong was made to approve a change order from Danco Construction in the amount of \$11,099 for adding lock cores, lock sets, cylinders, and deadbolt hardware to the WPCC construction project. With Mr. Aigner abstaining, a motion was made by Mrs. Gerhardt and seconded by Mrs. Metzger. Motion was carried.
- E. A motion was made by Mrs. Brenda Metzger and seconded by Mr. Aigner to approve the request from Chandler Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Henrich to enter into a contract with Backyard Blasts for the Summer Scholars Party. Motion was carried.
- F. A motion was made by Mrs. Metzger and seconded by Mrs. Gerhardt to accept donations submitted by school principals for the following schools:
- Castle High School - donation of \$1,500 from Jim and Donna Scales Family Charitable Foundation to be used in the CHS Athletic Department
  - Boonville High School - donation of \$500 from the Keep Swimmin' Noah James Family Fund to be used for the Boonville Girls Golf team
  - Boonville Middle School - donation of \$37,850 from Welborn Baptist Foundation Upgrade Grant to be used for implementation of nutrition and physical activities programs promoting healthy choices through education, equipment, and food
  - Tecumseh High School - donation of \$500 from Friends of the NRA to be used by the Clay Target team
  - Tecumseh High School - donation of \$500 from Mr. Kenny Gowen to be used for the Trap Team
  - Tecumseh High School - donation of \$2,000 from the Tecumseh Athletics Booster Club to help purchase new MS Boys Basketball uniforms
- Motion was 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 Mr. Aigner to approve the following positions:
- Dominique Hartwell - 3.0 hour Cafeteria Position at Sharon Elementary School
  - Gary Dewig - Class E Maintenance Position
  - Trisha Manis - Social Emotional Behavior Assistant (currently Program Assistant at JH Castle Elementary School)
  - Leah Barnett - Temporary Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary School
  - Keshia Seger - Temporary Program Assistant at Chandler Elementary School
  - Melissa Hatfield - Temporary Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School
  - Dane Russell - Temporary Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School
  - Courtney Howton - Secretary/Treasurer at Newburgh Elementary School (currently Clerical Aide at Newburgh Elementary School)

- Shelby Ruffert - Health Aide at Oakdale Elementary School
  - Melissa Overfield - Temporary Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
  - Lorin Pemberton - Clerical Aide at Newburgh Elementary School
  - Kelly Lejman - Behavior Consultant (currently a Social Emotional Behavior Assistant)
  - Allison Ingles - 3.75 hour Cafeteria Position at Castle High School
  - Selena Cannon - Temporary Program Assistant at Yankeetown Elementary School
  - Sara Croop - Temporary Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary School
- B. A motion was made by Mrs. Gerhardt and seconded by Mrs. Metzger to approve the following Leave Requests:
- Jodi Bruegger- Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School
  - Alexis Krantz- Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School
  - Connie Dossett- Bus Driver
  - Corey Knaebel- Program Assistant at Castle High School
  - Kristen Walters- Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
  - Leah McIntyre- Kindergarten Teacher at Newburgh Elementary School
  - Lisa Ling- Temporary Program Assistant at Sharon Elementary School
  - Mary App- Temporary Program Assistant at Boonville Middle School
  - April Humphrey- Custodian at Sharon Elementary School
  - Megan Graham- Program Assistant at Elberfeld Elementary School
  - Becki Recker- English Teacher at Castle High School
  - Kiersten Ledcke- 3rd Grade Teacher at Sharon Elementary School
  - Amanda Lutz- 5.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Yankeetown Elementary School
  - Kimberly Eidson- 6.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School
  - Jenna Maiden- 4.75 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle South Middle School
  - Krista Hogan- Music Teacher at Castle North Middle School
- C. Report of Corrections
- Katherine Hofmann was reported as a 3.0 hour Cafeteria Employee at Newburgh Elementary School. It should be 3.0 hour at Tecumseh High
- D. Report of Change in Position
- Sarah Zint will be going from Educational Interpreter at Loge Elementary School to Program Assistant at Loge Elementary School
- E. Resignations
- Joni Bassett, Behavior Consultant - resignation effective September 16, 2022.
  - Sara Jones, Program Assistant at Newburgh Elementary School - resignation effective September 9, 2022.
  - Lynn Rickenbaugh, Program Assistant at Castle South Middle School - resignation effective September 5, 2022.
  - Abigail Parker, Health Aide at Oakdale Elementary School - resignation effective September 9, 2022.
  - Dana Drees, Bus Driver - resignation effective September 16, 2022.
  - Leah Barnett, Temporary Program Assistant at Oakdale Elementary School - resignation effective September 9, 2022.

- Ronda Gates, 6.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Oakdale Elementary School - resignation effective August 10, 2022.
- Lisa Brock, 3.25 hour Cafeteria Employee at Oakdale Elementary School - resignation effective August 22, 2022
- Michelle Hopkins, Program Assistant at Castle High School - resignation effective September 9, 2022
- Amelia Wilson, 3.5 hour Cafeteria Employee at Castle High School - resignation effective September 9, 2022

### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

### **Other Board Business**

Superintendent, Dr. Todd Lambert commented on the first reading of the revised Attendance policy on August 22, 2022. He thanked parents for doing a really nice job explaining what the burdens felt like to them regarding the revised Attendance policy. Dr. Lambert also thanked Dr. Walter Lambert for working together with parents to make these small changes. He expressed his appreciation for all the work everyone puts in.

Mr. Baker gave recognition to the Policy and Curriculum Committee for the time and hard work that goes into making these changes.

Mr. Baker commented on the drain holes being deep on the corner of the field at Tecumseh High School.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Board of School Trustees**

- Monday, September 26, 2022, 7:00 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

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

- Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 8:30 am at Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

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

- Monday, October 10, 2022, 5:30 pm at Central Services, 930 W. Main St, Boonville, IN

#### **Career Pathways / Construction Committee**

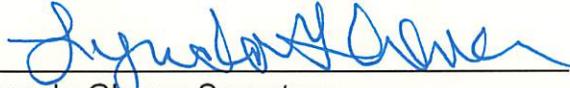
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 7:30 am at Administration Building, 300 E. Gum St, Boonville, IN

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

- Monday, October 10, 2022, 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 26th day of September, 2022.



Lynda Glover, Secretary  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees

Attested:



Jane Wilhelmus, President  
Warrick County Board of School Trustees