

April 13, 2009

**A. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Greg Eller.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

The audience was invited to stand and join with the Board in *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

**C. Roll Call**

On call of the roll, board members present were Greg Eller, Dave Moulton, Rebecca Sprague, Kay Walton, Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner and Steve Bultinck. Board Counsel Kent Moore was also present.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Session, and the memorandum of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session were presented for approval.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Dr. Stwalley, to approve the minutes and memorandum as presented. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes or memorandum.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**E. Recognition**

**Good News:** Presented by Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Assistant to the Superintendent

1. Mr. Dave Hobbs, Media Specialist, Tecumseh Junior High School, had been nominated by Mr. Brett Gruetzmacher, Principal at Tecumseh, to receive the Going the Extra Mile (G.E.M.) Award. Mr. Gruetzmacher praised Mr. Hobbs for his efforts in taking the Tecumseh library to the next level since his arrival two years ago, particularly in the area of technology. His efforts had secured an LCD projector for every classroom and twenty-two (22) SmartBoards. The library is as bustling as ever and Mr. Hobbs is great at troubleshooting technology issues. Mr. Gruetzmacher stated that Mr. Hobbs was a tremendous addition to the Tecumseh staff and would be considered "the ultimate next door neighbor". On behalf of the Board of School Trustees, Board President Eller recognized Mr. Hobbs by presenting him the G.E.M. Award.

2. The plant manager of Sun Chemical, Tom Butera, responded to an article he read in the newspaper regarding Ms. Casey Richard's, science teacher at Sunnyside Middle School, previous receipt of donations from an individual through Donors Choose. Mr. Butera offered to donate glass beakers, graduated cylinders, a timer, thermometer, and a device that measures wind speed.

Ms. Richard received such a generous donation of test tubes she was able to give two cases to each science teacher at Sunnyside.

3. Sixty-five Title I preschool students took a field trip to Fair Oaks Dairy Farm last month. Only four students were not represented by a family member as a chaperone. The Title I preschool continues to have great parent participation.

4. Paige Leuthold, a junior at Jefferson High School, was selected as one of Greater Lafayette's outstanding students by the Greater Lafayette Commerce.

**F. Public Participation**

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

**G. Recommendations**

**1. Act on Request to Adopt Textbooks**

The Administration recommended adoption of the following textbooks for Social Studies, grades 3-8 and AP Computer Science class at the high school:

**Social Studies**

**Grade 3:** Copyright 2010

MacMillan/McGraw-Hill

*Timelinks: Indiana Communities*

ISBN: 0-02-151252-3

Cost: \$35.97

**Grade 4:** Copyright 2010

MacMillan/McGraw-Hill

*Timelinks: Indiana in the Nation and the World*

ISBN: 0-02-141253-1

Cost: \$40.47

**Grade 5:** Copyright 2010

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

*Indiana the United States: Making a New Nation*

978-0-15-377045-6

Cost: \$65.90

**Grade 6:** Copyright 2010  
Holt McDougal/Houghton Mifflin  
*Indiana Holt McDougal, Western World*  
ISBN: 978-0-55-401655-9  
Cost: \$59.20

**Grade 7:** Copyright 2010  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
*Indiana Glencoe Exploring Our world, Eastern Hemisphere*  
ISBN: 0-07-880299-7  
Cost: \$55.47

**Grade 8:** Copyright 2010  
Glencoe/McGraw-Hill  
*Indiana the American Journey: Early Years*  
ISBN: 0-07-881-090-6  
Cost: \$71.97

**High School AP Computer Science Class:**

Java Concepts for AP Computer Science 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.

Author: Cay Horstmann

Publisher: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to adopt the textbooks as recommended. Dr. Stwalley inquired if the textbooks were individually tailored for Indiana schools. Dr. John Layton, Assistant Superintendent, stated the textbooks were tailored to the Indiana state standards.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**2. Award Bids on Auditorium Project**

Pursuant to Indiana law, the Lafayette School Corporation advertised for bids for the Auditorium Seating and Theater Renovation projects at Jefferson High School. Dr. Foreman and Mr. Kevin Little participated in the openings. A copy of the individual bids are on file and available for review in the Facilities Management Office. Bid tabulations and the consultants' recommendations were provided to the Board for consideration. The Administration recommended an award of contract to the low bidders as follows:

Auditorium Seating Project: Theatre Solutions, Inc., \$207,821.00

Theater Renovation Project: J. R. Kelly Company, \$734,100.00 (includes alternates 3, 4, & 5)

Mrs. Walton made the motion to accept the bids as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sprague. Mr. Steve Habben of Kettelhut Construction stated the projects are to begin June 8<sup>th</sup> and completed by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

### **3. Recommend Approval of Easement**

The City of Lafayette requested the Board of School Trustees grant an easement on the Durgan property to allow the installation of a telephone tower on the water tower located at that site. A copy of the agreement was provided to the Board. The Administration recommended approval of the easement. Board Counsel, Kent Moore, stated a motion should include the designation of an individual to sign the easement.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to grant an easement on the site defined in the board document and for the school board president to sign the document, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

### **4. Facility and Transportation Approval**

Rosewalk Village Nursing Home asked the school corporation to provide transportation for their patients in case of a natural disaster that affected their facility. In addition, they requested temporary use (no longer than 48 hours) of the Washington Gym. Rosewalk would pay for all costs incurred and understands that these services would be provided only if the school corporation was able to carry them out. The Administration recommended approval of this emergency preparedness arrangement with Rosewalk Village.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve the facility and transportation request.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## 5. Employee Recommendations

- a. Leaves
  1. Elizabeth D. Baker, pregnancy/childbirth, June 22-August 1, 2009
  2. Amy Renae McFarland, pregnancy/childbirth, April 6-May 26, 2009
- b. Resignations
  1. Daniel J. Auckley, school bus driver, effective February 10, 2009
  2. Michael B. Cooper, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Earhart Elementary School, effective with the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year
  3. Cara E. Folkers, special education teacher, Jefferson High School effective August 1, 2009
  4. Tracy Harris, lunch supervisor, Miami Elementary School, effective January 30, 2009
  5. Melanie Goetz Morgan, speech/language pathologist, effective for the 2009-2010 school year
  6. Javier Munoz, lunch supervisor, Miami Elementary School, effective March 20, 2008
  7. Kristina A. Pires, guidance counselor, Jefferson High School, effective August 1, 2009
  8. Amy Schoon, math teacher, Jefferson High School, effective March 21, 2009
  9. Ben Spencer, technology education teacher, Jefferson High School, effective August 14, 2009
  10. Julie Stephany, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., effective December 1, 2008
- c. Terminations
  1. Mary Corbin, food service, Jefferson High School, effective March 27, 2009
  2. Danny L. McDaniel, tutor, Murdock after-school program (FOCUS), effective February 27, 2009
- d. Employment
  1. Ross Cerbus, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
  2. Laura Goldin, FOCUS Tech Club teacher (new)
  3. Sandra Gonzalez-Zeger, speech/language pathologist (regular/replacement)
  4. Elesha Sharp, speech/language pathologist (regular/replacement)
  5. Kelly Sinnott, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
  6. Kreta Stevenson, BEAMES/LEAP aide (new)

The Administration recommended approval of the employee recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Walton made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.  
Nays: None.  
The motion carried.

#### **6. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts**

The Administration recommended the Board accept the following gifts:

- a. F.2200-LARA Donations of \$16, 669.92
- b. Gary Higgins, Indiana Motion Pictures, \$1,000.00 services in-kind

Mrs. Sprague made the motion to accept the gifts as presented, seconded by Mr. Wagner.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **7. Treasurer:**

- a. The financial report will be filed for audit.
- b. The Administration recommended approval of the vendor claims and ratification of payrolls as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton, to ratify payroll and approve vendor claims.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **H. Board Reports**

1. The three board members (Walton, Sprague, Stwalley) who attended the NSBA annual conference spoke of their positive learning experiences.

2. Regarding state legislative issues, Mr. Bultinck reported the session was nearing the end, but was still awaiting word on a couple of bills.

Mr. Bultinck attended a meeting of the recently organized chapter of the NAACP. Mr. Bultinck expressed at this meeting that the school board is open to collaborating in any way possible to help at-risk students.

#### **I. Information Only**

- a. Emergency Allocation Account
  1. P.O. #98037, \$70,553.00, Jeff – Unexpected boiler failure – retube boilers
  2. P.O. #91102, \$6,800.00, Jeff – Repair roof caused by wind damage

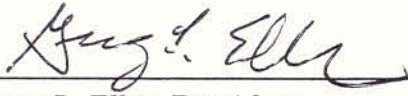
b. Report of Construction Payments

The following reports on March construction payments were provided as follows:

1. Account #611753, Sunnyside and Jeff performing arts, \$918,643.78
2. Account #611749, Jeff softball/tennis project, \$62,409.90

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business to present, Board President Eller called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mrs. Sprague and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Greg L. Eller, President



Kay L. Walton, Secretary