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May 14, 2007

#### **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 Robert Stwalley.

#### **B. Roll Call**

On call of the roll, Board Members Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, Steve Bultinck, Greg Eller, Frank Lane, Rebecca Sprague, and Kay Walton were present. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

#### **C. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, April 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Session, the memorandum of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session, and the Executive Session on April 23<sup>rd</sup> were presented for approval.

Mr. Lane made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the minutes as presented. There were no additions or corrections.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **D. Recognition**

1. Superintendent Eiler announced that the Expressions girls' choir from Lafayette Jefferson High School had finished in fourth place at the Indiana State School Music Association state finals on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Jefferson wind ensemble placed tenth in the state and had gone to the state finals sixteen of the last twenty years. The Varsity Singers had placed third in the state competition following second place finishes in 2005 and 2006. All groups were congratulated on their success.

2. Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Principal at Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School, stated that several Sunnyside students, under the leadership of science teacher, Kathleen O'Neal, had competed in the National Toy Challenge in San Diego, CA. Ms. O'Neal and Nancy Denton, a professor at Purdue University, worked with two teams of students to teach them about the engineering design process worked through to solve problems. One of the main goals of the Toy Challenge was to encourage girls and minorities to become engineers. The Broncho Basics student team explained the development and creation of their toy, the *Hablando Broncho*, the talking horse. The *Hablando Broncho* speaks and teaches some basics of several languages. The Smartez Team demonstrated the board game *Mad about Sports* which they had designed. The toy development process and the trip to San Diego were great experiences for these students, who also visited the San Diego Zoo while in California.

3. Dr. John Layton, Assistant Superintendent, who had been a member of the Indiana/Chinese Initiative in March 2006, with the Indiana Department of Education, visited China to explore opportunities for teachers, students and curricular changes. Dr. Layton stated that as the result of this visit, a desire was developed to introduce Mandarin Chinese language into our curriculum. A

Hanban Grant was applied for and awarded allowing a guest teacher from China to come and be a part of our school community.

Dr. Layton introduced Sun Ye, our guest teacher from China, and stated Mrs. Ye had been teaching the Chinese language to a group of students at Edgelea Elementary School and Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School. Beginning next school year, Mrs. Ye would also be teaching a Mandarin Chinese language acquisition class at Tecumseh Junior High School and Jefferson High School. The Edgelea students currently studying the Chinese language with Mrs. Ye gave a very impressive performance.

4. Mr. Brett Gruetzmacher, Principal at Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School, introduced Marilyn Portman, language arts teacher and Lura Fehir, mathematics teacher, who serve on the Ottawa Team, and Libby Baker, counselor, at Tecumseh. These individuals have implemented an alternative program entitled New Beginnings which is designed to improve the grades, behavior and attendance of capable students. Many of the student participants were present and explained this inspiring program.

#### **E. Public Participation**

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

#### **F. Recommendations**

##### **1. Approve School Improvement Plans**

Executive Summaries of each school's School Improvement Plan required by the Indiana Department of Education had been provided to the Board. The Administration recommended approval of these plans as presented.

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton to approve the school improvement plans as presented. Mr. Lane commented how impressed he was on the amount of work invested in these plans by our teachers and administrators to be successful and improve ISTEP scores, to which Board President Stwalley concurred.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

##### **2. Adopt 2007-2008 Student Handbooks for Junior High and High School**

Copies of the revisions to the student handbooks for the junior high and high school had been provided. The Administration recommended approval of these handbooks with the revisions as presented.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the student handbooks as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

### **3. First Reading of Board Policies**

Revised Board Policies J 490 Student Lockers, J 491 Student Vehicles, and J 492 Student Desks were presented for first reading. Superintendent Eiler stated the substantive changes to these three policies would make it permissible to conduct searches of student lockers, vehicles, and desks. The language of the policies would permit the use of dogs for the detection of controlled substances and weapons. This change would put the school corporation in alignment with all of the area schools and many of the schools in the State of Indiana. The changes in these policies, should they be adopted on second reading, would be reflected in the student handbooks and notice would be given of that change in our practice and our policy. No action was required by the Board on first reading. Should members of the Board request any change in wording of these policies, this should be done before the June Board meeting when the policies will be presented for second reading.

### **4. Approve Co-curricular and Athletic Codes of Conduct**

Per discussion at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Work Session, revisions to the Co-curricular and Athletic Codes of Conduct were made and reflected in the documents provided. The changes in the codes of conduct were made to align the two so the penalties were similar. One exception representing a substantive change would be if an athlete violates the substance abuse policy for the first-time offender, the student is asked to voluntarily participate in a drug testing program. In the proposed revision to the Athletic Code of Conduct, if a student athlete wanted to continue to participate, the student would have to submit to drug testing as a condition to continued participation. This change is reflected in these new codes of conduct. The Administration recommended approval of the Co-curricular and Athletic Codes of Conduct.

Mr. Eller made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the Co-curricular and Athletic Codes of Conduct. Mr. Eller inquired if, after a student athlete's first violation, the drug testing was random. Superintendent Eiler stated the interval would be random.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

### **5. Award Bid for Unit Ventilators at Glen Acres Elementary School**

Pursuant to Indiana law, the Lafayette School Corporation advertised for bids for the unit ventilator project at Glen Acres Elementary School. Dr. Robert Foreman and Mr. Kevin Little participated in the bid opening. A copy of the individual bids were on file and available for review in the Facilities Management Office. A copy of the bid tabulation and the engineer's recommendation were provided for the Board's consideration. The Administration recommended an award of contract to the low bidder, Commercial Air, Inc., in the amount of \$82,000.00, for the Glen Acres unit ventilator project.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to award the bid to Commercial Air, Inc. as recommended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **6. Update on Sunnyside Middle School Project**

Representatives from CSO Architects and Kettelhut Construction, Inc. were present. Mr. Jeff Olson of CSO gave an overview of the current schematic design for the Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School project. At the conclusion of Mr. Olson's presentation, Board President Stwalley stated his concern about the location of the water retention area, stating these areas were dangerous and bred insects. Dr. Stwalley suggested the water retention area be relocated as close to the northwest area as possible. No Board action was necessary.

## **7. Permission to Advertise for School Lunch Supplies**

The Administration requested Board permission to advertise for bids for commodity foods and satellite packaging supplies as well as for foods (including bakery and dairy), paper goods and other supplies for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Wagner made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to grant permission to advertise for school lunch supplies as requested. Deputy Superintendent Bob Foreman stated there would not be a need to increase lunch prices for next school year.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **8. Approve Lease between Lafayette Parks Department and GLASS**

It was the recommendation of the Administration to approve the lease between Lafayette Parks Department (for McAllister Recreation Center) and Greater Lafayette Area Special Services. The lease would begin August 4, 2007 and terminate June 4, 2008.

Mr. Lane made the motion, seconded by Mr. Eller, to approve the lease as recommended. Mr. Eller questioned whether a longer lease would be beneficial. Deputy Superintendent noted the flexibility allowed with a shorter lease and stated there would be no financial advantage to a longer lease.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **9. Employee Recommendations**

### **a. Leaves**

1. Christy Bailey, business, April 6-June 1, 2007
2. Indra E. Bradley, pregnancy/childbirth, 2007-2008 school year
3. Toni Hughes, business, 2007-2008 school year
4. Sandra Nelson, pregnancy/childbirth, 2007-2008 school year
5. Jane S. Pearson, business, 2007-2008 school year

### **b. Resignations**

1. Marcia Beranek, special education teacher, Edgelea Elementary School, effective April 2, 2007
2. Juanita P. Buchanan, food service, effective March 23, 2007
3. Amanda Daniel, special education aide, Glen Acres Elementary School, effective April 13, 2007

4. Corrine (Quiring) Ehresman, program aide, GLASS, effective March 30, 2007
  5. Taharanda Green, food service, Jefferson High School, effective April 23, 2007
  6. Stephanie Krajicek, English/French teacher, Jefferson High School, effective March 31, 2007
  7. Fred Kutruff, social studies teacher/head football coach, Jefferson High School, effective July 1, 2007
  8. Joy LaSuer, special education teacher, effective March 20, 2007
  9. Kavita Pai, substitute paraprofessional, effective April 12, 2007.
  10. Mandi Rodgers, GLASS Alternative Program at Kossuth, effective June 1, 2007
  11. Maggie Rose, English teacher, Jefferson High School, effective April 2, 2007
  12. Michelle L. Sutton, math teacher, Jefferson High School, effective August 1, 2007
  13. Wesley Terrell, technology education teacher, Jefferson High School, effective August 2, 2007
  14. Jackie Wagner, Director of Business and University Partnerships, Jefferson High School, effective April 20, 2007
- c. Non-renewal of Non-permanent Teaching Contracts
1. Kristen Weeks
- d. Employment
1. Blaine E. Bennett, 1.0 FTE Math/Physical Education teacher (regular)
  2. Krista Chipman, substitute school bus driver
  3. Valerie Colvin, GLASS program aide (replacement)
  4. Tara Eammons, GLASS school bus attendant
  5. Laura Ehlers, program aide/clerical (new)
  6. Alicia Garletts, program aide (replacement)
  7. Karen Harvey, food service (replacement)
  8. Charise Heath, GLASS program aide (replacement)
  9. Jennifer Miller, GLASS program aide (new)
  10. Justin E. Myers, 1.0 FTE Technology Education teacher (regular/replacement)
  11. Michael Oxenrider, intervention assistant (replacement)
  12. Pamela M. Rodriguez, GLASS aide (new)
  13. Robin Vogel, GLASS job coach (replacement)

Superintendent Eiler stated the recommendation for non-renewal of the non-permanent teaching contact for Amanda Shepherd should be removed from consideration. The Administration recommended approval of the amended employee recommendations.

Mrs. Walton made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the employee recommendations as amended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## 10. Accept Gifts

The Administration recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

- a. F. 220 - LARA monetary donations in the amount of \$40.00
- b. F. 205 - Supt. Discretionary Fund from Huntington Bank \$11.13 in dividends

- c. F. 209 - Even Start from Lafayette Kiwanis Club, Inc. for \$350.00
- d. Jefferson High School from Felice Bray for \$500.00 for the Science Department in memory of Ralph Bray, Emeritus Professor at Purdue University
- e. Jefferson High School Project Lead the Way from Fairfield Manufacturing for \$500.00
- f. Jefferson High School Project Lead the Way from Eli Lilly for \$500.00

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **11. Treasurer**

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

Mr. Lane made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bultinck, to approve vendor claims and ratify payrolls.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **G. Information Only**

Notices of use of emergency allocation account for the month of April were as follows:

- 1. \$1,440.00 – Net Result – Antimicrobial bio bars used to clean unit ventilators for all buildings throughout the district
- 2. \$898.84 – Unanticipated elevator repair at Jeff – Replace flex hose

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

- 1. Mr. Eller stated the first meeting had been held for contract negotiations with the Lafayette Education Association.
- 2. Mrs. Walton reported the Seeds for Excellence Grants were awarded by the Public Schools Foundation on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **I. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mrs. Sprague, seconded by Mrs. Walton and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

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Rebecca Sprague, Secretary