

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Rome City Elementary School.

Mrs. Babcock called the meeting to order with Dr. Holliday, Mr. Beall, Mr. Lutter, Mr. Pyle, Mr. Yoder, and Mr. Dressler present. Mrs. Linson, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Ream, Business Manager; and Mrs. Wright, meeting recorder, were also present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCE CITIZENS

Mrs. Babcock asked the following citizens to introduce themselves: Brian Damerell, Jacqi Damerell, Jim Taylor, Carol Shellenberg, Becky Perkins, Amy DeWitt, Stephanie Hobbs, Mark Liepe, Mary Kay Helmkamp, Kelli Sims, Jessica Buhro, Tammy Stephens, Richard Bentz, Lori Bower, Mark Bower, Grace Bower, Brad Compton, Julia Nixon, Jim Nixon, Dave Pine, Venita Lawyer, Tracee Fischer, Michele Grimm, Tom Foster, Ashley Ort, Laura Ort, Sara Evers, Nathan Evers, Jacob Gustin, Emily Oberlin, Travis Heavin, Michael Shultz, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

5. MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2010

Following a motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Mr. Dressler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting.

6. CLAIMS OF APRIL 28, 2010

Following a motion by Mr. Dressler, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the claims of April 28, 2010 as follows:

- Handwritten checks #20191 - #20272, dated 3/26/10 – 4/22/10 in the amount of \$4,790,037.47
- Checks #20273 - #20396, dated 4/28/10 in the amount of \$ 223,102.56
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #1856 - #1862 dated 3/29/10 – 4/20/10 in the amount of \$135,051.45
- Wayne Center G.O. Bond Fund check #1085 - #1088 dated 4/5/10 – 4/20/10 in the amount of \$ 75,608.56
- March Payrolls: P-6, & P-7 in the amount of \$ 1,560,739.78

Grand Total: \$ 6,784,539.82

7. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Michele Gerst** from **half of her full time** teaching position to be reassigned to a job shared position with Lori Blackburn at South Side Elementary School beginning with the 2010/2011 school year, **Lori Blackburn** from **half of her full time** teaching position to be reassigned to a job shared position with Michele Gerst at South Side Elementary School beginning with the 2010/2011 school year, **Cameron Lahee** as science department chairperson at East Noble High School effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Marie Quinley** as a school bus driver effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, and **Andy Baker** as freshman basketball coach and assistant varsity football coach at East Noble High School effective April 26, 2010.

B. Reassignments

None

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mr. Dressler, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of **Emily Oberlin** as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher at East Noble Middle School effective with the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year, **Mark Liepe** as science department chairperson at East Noble High School effective at the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year, and the following coaches at East Noble High School: **Adam Jacobowitz** as assistant boys' track coach, **Rob Berkley** as assistant boys' soccer coach, and **Brenda Arnett** from assistant to head cheerleading coach.

D. Leave Requests

Following a motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a maternity leave request for **Kim Guinn-Krebs** from her physical education teaching position effective August 17 through October 11, 2010.

8. INSTRUCTION

A. Recognition of East Noble High School Students

Three East Noble High School students were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Student Council advisor Mr. Richard Bentz recognized Ashley Ort for being selected the 2010/2011 Indiana State Student Council President and Grace Bower for being the first East Noble student ever selected to the National Association of Student Councils Advisory Council.

East Noble senior Lauren Damerell was recognized for winning the Outstanding Achievement in InVitro Biology award (sponsored by the Society for InVitro Biology) and an Honorable Mention by the US Air Force Award for Excellence in Science Research at the 2010 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair.

B. Rome City Student Presentation on JA “Biz Town”

Rome City Elementary School sixth grade students, Jacob Gustin and Nathan Evers, presented a report about a day at Junior Achievements “Biz Town”. With a PowerPoint presentation they explained how students participate in hand-on activities to learn business, finance, economics, government, and leadership skills.

C. Presentation of JA Volunteers at Rome City Elementary School

Mr. Taylor recognized two individuals for their dedication to Rome City Elementary School as Junior Achievement volunteers. Officer Steve Heltzel started volunteering in 1999 in the first grade classroom, and Mrs. Sara Evers has been volunteering for the past few years in the second grade classroom. Mr. Taylor presented a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Evers. Officer Heltzel was not able to attend this evenings meeting.

D. Report on China Trip

Mrs. Travis Heavin and Mrs. Amy DeWitt presented highlights of their recent trip to China. Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Ann Linson, School Board President Mrs. Barbara Babcock, Mrs. DeWitt, and Mr. Heavin spent 10 days visiting China in preparation of setting up a partnership between the East Noble Middle School and Qingchun Middle School, in Hangzhou, China.

E. Action on East Noble High School Science Fair Trip Request

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to approve a trip request made by East Noble High School science teacher Mark Liepe to chaperone Gabe Stephens to the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California from May 8 through May 15, 2010.

F. Action on Special Education Cooperative

Following a motion by Mr. Yoder, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve that East Noble School Corporation enter into a contractual agreement with the Northeast Indiana Special Education Cooperative for administrative services for the 2010/2011 school year pending final review of the final contract.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Action on Dowling Street Improvement Project

Following a motion by Mr. Yoder, and seconded by Mr. Pyle, the Board voted unanimously to accept an offer, from the city of Kendallville, to purchase approximately five feet of frontage from the Alternative Learning Center property for \$13,775 due to the widening of Dowling Street.

B. Review Citizens' Checklist

The Board continued the community discussion on the State Board of Education Citizens' Checklist with items 13 through 18:

13. Eliminate activities outside the varsity level competition played on non-school days, including all weekends to save energy cost and supervision personnel.
14. Consider charging all non-school groups to contribute to incremental costs of operating the facility.
15. Examine and reduce all fringe benefit packages of school board members and administration, including health, life, dental, vision, etc.
16. Eliminate benefit packages of department chairs, lead teachers, and other teaching personnel that provide financial incentives or time away from the classroom setting, such as extra preparation time.
17. Eliminate payment from General Fund to professional organizations and reduce travel and conference expenses.
18. Encourage reconfiguration of buildings within a corporation that reduces administrative, operational and support staff costs.

10. LATE ITEMS

Mrs. Linson recognized Wayne Center Elementary School for competing in the Math Bowl this past spring and scoring second in the state for their division.

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Beall and Mr. Pyle thanked Mrs. Linson for assuming the superintendent position earlier than planned and leading her first school board meeting.

The Board congratulated all the outstanding students recognized tonight and thanked all the staff that helped these students achieve their goals.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Babcock adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The Board met in executive session to discuss personnel per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1, (2), (5) following the regular meeting. A Board Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. The next regular Board meeting will be **Wednesday, May 26, 2010** at the **Four County Area Vocational Cooperative, 580 Fairview Blvd, Kendallville**, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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President

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Secretary