

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the Wayne Center Elementary School.

Mrs. Babcock called the meeting to order with Dr. Holliday, Mrs. Schellenberg, Mr. Lutter, and Mr. Beall present. Mrs. Linson, 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: Charlie Barber, Kristen Johnson, Mark Brunson, Nyoka Brunson, Faith Erexson, Deaneen Pashea, Dawn Jackson, Melissa Carpenter, Dylan Carpenter, Tony Carpenter, Gene Cramer, Rene Cramer, Rick Williams, Matt Rickey, Cindy Mertz, Craig Munk, Dave Pine, Judy Millus, Steve Johnson, Stacy Beiswanger, Brad Compton, Jim Taylor, Joanna Cook, Peggy Demchak, Nancy Bodeker, Diana Lute, Mattie Fitzharris, Dan Fitzharris, Venita Lawyer, Michele Grimm, Tom Foster, Jim Nixon, and Matt Getts.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

5. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2010

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting.

6. CLAIMS OF DECEMBER 29, 2010

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the claims of December 29, 2010 as follows:

- Handwritten checks #22374 - #22411, dated 12/10/10 – 12/28/10 in the amount of \$822,407.63
- Checks #22412 - #22490, dated 12/29/10 in the amount of \$73,874.26
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #1916 - #1920 dated 12/14/10 – 12/27/10 in the amount of \$166,238.66
- December Payrolls: P-25 & P-26 in the amount of \$ 1,432,697.92

Grand Total: \$ 2,495,218.47

7. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Linda Sinnick** from her position as mathematics teacher at East Noble High School effective January 12, 2011.

B. Reassignments

Following a motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reassignment of **Keith Rupert** from 2nd shift custodian at the corporation office, ALC and Wayne Center to 2nd shift custodian at East Noble High School effective January 10, 2011.

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of **Jessica Berlin** for a temporary position as mild intervention special education teacher at North Side Elementary School effective January 13, 2011 through the end of the 2010/2011 school year, and **Sam Housholder** as assistant wrestling coach at East Noble Middle School for the 2010/2011 season.

D. Leave Requests

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a maternity leave request made by **Jennifer Malcolm**, instructional assistant at Avilla Elementary School, beginning February 25, 2011 through the end of the 2010/2011 school year.

8. INSTRUCTION

A. Recognition of Wayne Center School Spell Bowl Team

The School Board recognized the Wayne Center Elementary School Spell Bowl Team for finishing 1st in the Area Spell Bowl Competition and 18th out of 114 teams in the State of Indiana. The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievement as a member of the Spell Bowl Team: Alyssa Bowers, Nicole Brunson, Dylan Carpenter, Mattie Fitzharris, Keely Savage, Zane Stackhouse, Shannon Davies, Adam Dills, Shelby Howard, Madison Cramer, Carmen Johnson, Anthony Phan, Abby VanderKaay, and Brennen Walton.

B. Presentation on Wayne Center School Book Buddies

Wayne Center Elementary School third grade teachers, Deaneen Pashea and Dawn Jackson presented a report to the Board on the after school reading program "Book Buddies". The "Book Buddies" began in 2009 as an afterschool reading program opened to students in both third grade classes. This year it has expanded to include fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, summer reading groups, and a partnership with the Kendallville Public Library. Special guests such as Mayor Suzanne Handshoe and Superintendent Ann Linson have been invited to read to the group on special occasions. "Book Buddies" meet every Wednesday for one hour after school.

C. Action to Approve East Noble High School Theatre Trip Request

Following motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a trip request made by East Noble High School Theatre Director, Craig Munk, to take the Theatre Arts Class to perform and compete at the 2011 State Thespian Conference at the University of Indianapolis on January 28-30, 2011.

D. Action on Classroom Technology Initiative

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to implement 1:1 computing for students in grades K-12 with the initial plans of using iTouches for kindergarten and first grade, iPads for grades 2-4, and laptop computers for grades 5-12 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year and using a combination of textbook rental, capital projects, and technology funds to support the initiative. This recommendation also includes the equipment leases for this project.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Action on Board of Finance

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation by Superintendent Ann Linson to designate the entire School Board as the East Noble School Corporation Board of Finance for 2011.

B. Action on Designation of Depository

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted 4-0-1, with Mrs. Babcock abstaining, to designate Campbell & Fetter Bank as the depository of funds for the East Noble School Corporation.

C. Action on End-of-Year Account Transfers

Following a motion by Mr. Beall, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the end-of-year account transfers to close out the 2010 budget as required by the State Board of Accounts.

D. Action to Establish Financial Goals

Following a motion by Dr. Holliday, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial goals as follows: "With strong and responsible fiscal management currently established, East Noble School Corporation shall maintain the current levels between the expenditures for the student instruction expenditure categories and other expenditure categories as described in IC 21-10-3-4 for the next fiscal year."

E. Action on Corporate Warranty Deed Resolution

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve that Barbara Babcock, President of the East Noble School Corporation Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to execute a Corporate Warranty Deed on behalf of East Noble School Corporation, deeding the old Wayne Center property (see attached real estate description) to LUJALA, LLC, an Indiana Corporation.

10. LATE ITEMS

None

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Babcock asked to step down from her appointment as representative to the Kendallville Redevelopment Commission asking Dr. Holliday to represent the School Board on this committee. Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Babcock adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. The Board met for a work session following the regular meeting followed immediately by an executive session to discuss personnel per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1, (2), (5). The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, **January 26, 2011** at the **Avilla Elementary School** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

President

Secretary