

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Central Office.

Mr. Beall called the meeting to order with Mrs. Schellenberg, Dr. Holliday, Mrs. Babcock, and Mr. Wicker present. Mrs. Linson, Superintendent, Mrs. Lamon, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Leitch, Business Manager, and Mrs. Wright, meeting recorder, were also present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MISSION STATEMENT

3. INTRODUCE CITIZENS

Mr. Beall asked the following citizens to introduce themselves: Venita Lawyer, Andy Deming, Kara Hand, Mike Shultz, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

5. BUSINESS:

A. Action on Reorganization of Board of Trustees

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to re-elect Dan Beall as School Board President, Barbara Babcock as School Board Vice-President, and A. Stephen Pyle as School Board Secretary for 2014.

B. Action on 2014 Board Meeting Dates and Times

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014 School Board meeting dates and times as presented.

C. Action on Board Members Compensation

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board base salaries remain at \$2,000 per year with an additional \$25 per diem for the regular meetings along with the current additional stipend for special meetings at \$62 per day and \$31 per half-day.

D. Action on Conflict of Interest Forms

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted 4-0-1, with Mrs. Babcock abstaining, to approve the following conflict of interest forms: **Barbara Babcock** due to her employment at the School Corporation's designated depository, **Dexter Lutter** due to his spouse's employment as a bus driver with the School Corporation, and **A. Stephen Pyle** due to any possible real estate transaction or any other transaction that would result in financial benefit for himself or his business.

E. Action to Appoint Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. **Brian Leitch** as the corporation treasurer and Mrs. **Mary Casselman** as the deputy treasurer for 2014.

F. Action on Appointment of ENSC Attorney

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. **Daniel F. Diggins** of Emerick, Diggins & Zabona as the East Noble School Corporation attorney for 2014.

G. Action on Designation of Newspaper for Publication

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the News-Sun as the newspaper for required legal publications for 2014.

H. Action on Board of Finance

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation made by Superintendent Ann Linson to designate the entire School Board of Trustees as the East Noble School Corporation Board of Finance for 2014.

I. Action on Designation of Depository

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

J. Action on End-of Year Account Transfers

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the end-of-year account transfers to close out the 2013 budget as required by the State Board of Accounts.

K. Action to Establish Financial Goals

Following a motion by Dr. Holliday, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to establish 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."

6. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2013

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting as presented.

7. CLAIMS OF DECEMBER 26, 2013

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following claims for December 26, 2013:

- Handwritten checks #31843 - #31882, dated 12/13/13 – 12/23/13 in the amount of \$586,299.59
- Checks #31883 - #31934, dated 12/26/13 in the amount of \$42,103.60
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #2143 - #2144, dated 12/16/13 – 12/23/13 in the amount of \$54,076.74
- December Payrolls: P-25 & P-26 in the amount of \$1,436,440.95

Grand Total: \$ 2,118,920.88

8. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Nancy Bruce** as Instructional Assistant at Avilla Elementary School effective January 13, 2014; and **Jennifer Kline** as Sports and Fitness Instructor at South Side Elementary School effective December 20, 2013.

B. Reassignments

None

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires (*Pending completion of the required Expanded Criminal Background Screening*): **Audrey McSorley** as Instructional Assistant at Avilla Elementary School effective January 13, 2014 pending completion of the ParaPro Assessment.

D. Leave Requests

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve a maternity leave request made by **Elaine Herbst**, Math teacher at East Noble Middle School, beginning April 7, 2014 through the end of the 2013/2014 school year; a maternity leave request made by **Anita Eggleston**, Kindergarten teacher at Avilla Elementary School, beginning approximately February 11, 2014 through the end of the 2013/2014 school year; and an unpaid family medical leave request made by **Judith Millus**, Instructional Assistant at Wayne Center Elementary School, beginning January 13, 2014 until further notice.

9. INSTRUCTION:

A. Overview of 2014 Winter Challenges

Business Manager Brian Leitch reported on the winter weather related challenges that have affected some of our buildings. At East Noble High School on January 3rd a 1 inch water line burst in the maintenance hallway causing a boiler to shut down; and on January 8th a 1 inch water line froze and burst and flooded the lobby area between the gymnasium and auditorium. At East Noble Middle School a 2½ inch water line burst and flooded the Riley Street entrance hallway, main office, and gymnasium floor on Friday, January 10th. Early Monday morning January 13th a heating system blower motor seized up and overheated, causing a minor fire in a third floor classroom at the middle school. No students were in the building at the time of the fire. Also, destroyed wiring was discovered in the #1 well at Wayne Center Elementary School causing the well to backflow into the #2 well. There was no damage to either well and the wiring was replaced by our maintenance staff. Mr. Leitch publicly thanked all of our maintenance and custodial staff for all their long hours and hard work during this time. He also reported that water at Rome City Elementary School continues to test negative of any coliform bacteria.

Mrs. Linson also reported that Brian Leitch and Transportation Director Karen Patrick spent many hours checking road conditions last week. It was determined that the roads were not safe for our busses to transport students and school was closed for five days from January 6-10. State Superintendent Glenda Ritz has allowed schools to apply for a waiver for two days and we have five built in snow days before we would need to add days to the end of the school year. Delays and cancellations are made based on safely transporting students on our 84 passenger busses. Student safety is always our first concern.

10. LATE ITEMS

Mrs. Linson reported that District grades were announced this week and East Noble School Corporation earned a B for the second year in a row. Although pleased with a B grade, Mrs. Linson questioned how much better the grade could have been if East Noble students had not experienced all the disruptions caused by CTB-McGraw Hill servers during spring ISTEP testing.

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Schellenberg congratulated the East Noble wrestling team for an outstanding season, and the girls' Bowling Team for having an undefeated season and becoming Conference Champions. The girls' will compete next week in the Sectionals. She expressed pride in all of our students as they balance academics with extracurricular activities.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beall adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The Board met for a Work Session following the regular meeting with an Executive Session immediately following to discuss personnel per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2), (5). The next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, **January 29, 2014** at the Central Office beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

President

Secretary