

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Four County Area Vocational Cooperative, 580 Fairview Blvd, Kendallville.

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: Jim Taylor, Tammy Stephens, Tony Blomeke, Jake Swartz, Joel Brauchla, Gabe Stephens, Molly Oury, Mark Liepe, Michele Grimm, Venita Lawyer, Spencer Brauchla, Aaron Ault, Karen Gandy, David Glessner, Vince Beasley, Brad Compton, Cheryl Morris, Robin Brauchla, Tim Holcomb, Kyle Smith, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

East Noble High School students, Spencer Brauchla and Cheryl Morris, addressed the Board with concerns regarding rumors of cutbacks to coaching positions that may affect the high school cross country team.

5. MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2010

Following a motion by Mr. Dressler, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting.

6. CLAIMS OF MAY 26, 2010

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Dressler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the claims of May 26, 2010 as follows:

- Handwritten checks #20397 - #20484, dated 4/23/10 – 5/20/10 in the amount of \$1,003,661.41
 - Checks #20485 - #20617, dated 5/26/10 in the amount of \$ 204,064.92
 - Self-Insurance Fund checks #1863 - #1870 dated 4/26/10 – 5/17/10 in the amount of \$211,703.25
 - Wayne Center G.O. Bond Fund check #1089 dated 4/26/10 in the amount of \$ 39,624.00
 - April Payrolls: P-8, P-8A, & P-9 in the amount of \$ 1,451,311.56
- Grand Total: \$ 2,910,365.14

7. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Tara Watts** as head school nurse effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Susan Crosby** as secretary/treasurer at North Side Elementary School effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Robert Davis** as 2nd shift custodian at East Noble Middle School effective June 3, 2010, **John Huelsenbeck** as a school bus driver effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Anne Hudson** as East Noble Middle School advisor for the National Junior Honor Society effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Amy Heavin** as East Noble Middle School yearbook sponsor effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Eve Peters** as East Noble Middle School science fair coordinator effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, **Laura Weber** as North Side Elementary School National Honor Society advisor effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year, and **Lindsay Martin** as freshman volleyball coach at East Noble High School effective May 26, 2010.

B. Reassignments

Following a motion by Mr. Dressler, and seconded by Mr. Beall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reassignment of **Kevin Allison** from part-time custodian to secretary/treasurer at East Noble Middle School, and **Ann Robbins** from office assistant to secretary/treasurer at North Side Elementary School effective at the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year.

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of **Michelle Grimm** as East Noble School Corporation's Special Education coordinator, **Danyelle Hile** as ½ time 1st Grade teacher at Rome City Elementary School effective at the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year, **Richard Smuts** as 2nd shift custodian at East Noble Middle School effective May 27, 2010, **Jade Cunningham** for a three (3) hour food service assistant position at East Noble High School effective May 3, 2010, **Jo Drudge** as East Noble Middle School drama director for the 2010/2011 school year, and the following elementary lead teachers for the 2010/2011 school year: North Side: **Jennifer Wible** – K-2, **DeAnna Koons** – 3-6; South Side: **Samantha Baker** – K-2, **Michele Gerst** – 3-6; Rome City: **Robert Neilson** – K-2, **Kim McKibben** – 3-6; Avilla: **Jennifer Rich** – K-2, **Brian McNamara** – 3-6; and Wayne Center: **Faith Erexson** – K-2, **Deaneen Pashea** – 3-6.

D. Leave Requests

None

8. INSTRUCTION

A. Recognition of East Noble High School Student

East Noble High School junior Gabriel Stephens was recognized for his accomplishments at the 2010 Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair and for qualifying to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, California. Gabe presented a report on his recent trip and his winning project "Environmental Effect of Carbon Nanotubes as shown via the Indicator *Triops Longicaudatus*"

B. Presentation on Four County Area Vocational Cooperative

Mr. Tim Holcomb, Four County Area Vocational Cooperative director, provided the Board with a tour of the newest FCAVC building located at 580 Fairview Blvd, Kendallville, Indiana. This building is currently being used to house the Automotive, Drafting, Cosmetology, and Criminal Justice classes. He reported the Culinary Arts program will begin using this facility at the start of the 2010/2011 school year. He reviewed the many programs available through the cooperative.

C. Action to Approve Avilla Elementary School Camp Potawatami Camp Trip Request

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a trip request made by Avilla Elementary School teachers Trina Leffers and Kristin Wilder to take 5th grade students overnight to Camp Potawatami on September 2-3, 2010.

D. Action to Approve Math Textbook Adoption

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Yoder, the Board voted unanimously to approve the math textbook adoption as presented.

E. Discussion / Action on Balancing Elementary Enrollment

Following a motion by Mr. Yoder, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted 5-1, with Mr. Dressler voting against the motion, to approve that East Noble School Corporation move toward balancing enrollment by reassigning students who live in Nelson Estates, at the corner of Sawyer Road and Highway 6, from Wayne Center Elementary School to Rome City Elementary School beginning with the 2010/2011 school year.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Action to Approve Energy Education Program

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted 5-0-1, with Mr. Dressler abstaining, to approve East Noble School Corporation enter into a contract with Energy Education for \$120,000 per year for four years with continued support and training for an indefinite period of time and to include quarterly detailed reports to the Board.

B. Review Citizens' Checklist

The Board continued the community discussion on the State Board of Education Citizens' Checklist with items 19 through 27:

19. Sell or lease surplus properties.
20. Examine corporation grade level delivery system.
21. Increase class size numbers that reduce teaching staff in classes where educational outcomes will not be negatively impacted.
22. Eliminate delivery systems that increase the cost of academic education by more staff such as block schedules or trimesters.
23. Eliminate or reduce the use of staff that does not directly connect to instruction.
24. Outsource transportation, cafeteria, janitorial and other ancillary services.
25. Investigate consolidation of school services both internally and externally.
26. Offer free financial planning services for employees eligible for retirement.
27. Provide the general public and local media outlets with regular reports that review the considerations and actions of the school corporation community as they implement strategies to reduce spending.

10. LATE ITEMS

None

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Babcock announced that she had recently been approached by two community organizations regarding student involvement in upcoming activities. The Noble County Visitor Bureau is looking to involve Noble County high school students in a Route 6 Tourism project and will present information on the project at our next board meeting. Also, organizers of the upcoming Duesenburg Gentlemen's Drag Race, being held at the Kendallville Airport, are looking for student/booster organization involvement for this planned event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Babcock adjourned the meeting at 8:05 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. The next regular Board meeting will be **Wednesday, June 9, 2010** at the **Central Office** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

President

Secretary