

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the South Side Elementary School.

Mr. Beall called the meeting to order with Mrs. Schellenberg, Mr. Pyle, Dr. Holliday, Mrs. Babcock, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Lutter 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: Jenn Roberts, Sylvia Bloomfield, Nicole Boese, Dave Pine, Josh Buhro, Andy Deming, Alisa Smith, Tracy Wilhelm, Karen Gandy, Deb Hursey, Kara Hand, Joe Hand, Mike Shultz, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

5. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting as presented.

6. CLAIMS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following claims for November 20, 2013:

- Handwritten checks #31273 - #31411, dated 10/9/13 – 11/13/13 in the amount of \$4,731,882.29
- Checks #31412 - #31579, dated 11/20/13 in the amount of \$217,320.89
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #2132 - #2137, dated 10/14/13 – 11/12/13 in the amount of \$231,363.38
- October Payrolls: P-21, P-22 & P-23A in the amount of \$1,665,649.81

Grand Total: \$ 6,846,216.37

7. PERSONNEL

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **Nicole Ade** as an instructional assistant at the Alternative Learning Center effective November 26, 2013. The Board also voted to change the termination of **Steven Koons** to employee resignation effective November 4, 2013.

B. Reassignments

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following changes to the nurses schedule: **Casey Hardisty** from part-time (5 hours) nurse at Avilla Elementary School to full-time (8 hours) nurse split between Avilla Elementary School and Wayne Center Elementary School effective November 18, 2013; **Jessica James** from half-time nurse at Wayne Center and half-time at East Noble High School to full-time nurse at East Noble High school effective November 18, 2013; and add one additional hour daily to **Ronda Huff's** schedule - bringing her to 8 hours per day to be split between East Noble Middle School and North Side Elementary School effective November 18, 2013.

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires: **Lisa Gibson** as Occupational Therapist for the corporation effective December 16, 2013; and **Mary Getts** as Sports and Fitness Instructor at North Side Elementary School effective November 25, 2013. The Board also approve the following ECA positions: **Chad Cripe** as Youth Basketball Coordinator for the 2013/2014 school year, **Eric Wolf** as Assistant boys' basketball coach at East Noble High School, and **Erica Widmer** as assistant band director at East Noble High School for the 2013/2014 school year.

D. Leave Requests

None

8. INSTRUCTION:

A. Goal 1: Presentation of Class Dojo

Southside Elementary School kindergarten teachers Nicole Boese, Sylvia Bloomfield and Tracy Wilhelm demonstrated Class Dojo, an on-line classroom tool that helps teachers improve student behavior in the classroom. Class Dojo provides students, parents, teachers and administrators with instant data to help reinforce more positive behaviors.

B. Goal 2: Action on 2014/2015 School Calendar

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014/2015 School Calendar. Students first day of school will be Thursday, August 7, 2014 with the first teacher day of Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Breaks will be as follows: Fall break, October 3-10; Thanksgiving break, November 26-28; Winter break, December 22-January 2, 2015. President's day will be a snow make-up day with spring break March 23-April 3. May 8, 15, and 22 will be snow make up days and the last student day will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015. East Noble High School graduation will be Saturday, June 6, 2015.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Action on Administrator Pay Raises

Following a motion by Mr. Wicker, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to approve the administrator pay raises as presented.

B. Action on All Write!!! Coordinator Pay Raises

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Pyle, the Board voted unanimously to approve a pay raise for Mindy Hoffar, Coordinator of the All Write!!! Consortium as presented.

C. Over view ENMS Meetings

Mrs. Linson reported that approximately 100 parents and community members attended the three East Noble Middle School informational meetings. Participants were interested to hear the different options, cost of each option, and a timeline for the project. Most expressed an interest in a new building; however, there were many opinions on the location of a new building.

10. LATE ITEMS

Business manager Brian Leitch updated the Board regarding the elevated levels of bacteria detected in the water at Rome City Elementary School. Testing indicated that low levels of coliform bacteria were found. Water drinking fountains were closed and water stations set up in the school with outside water brought in for students and staff. Water is being boiled and purified in the cafeteria with staff using throwaway utensils and plates. Parents were notified immediately explaining the situation. No students have become ill from the bacteria levels. School officials are working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Kendallville Water department to correct the problem as soon as possible.

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beall adjourned the meeting at 6:54 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, **December 18, 2013** at the Central Office beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

President

Secretary