

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the East Noble School Corporation Central Office.

Mr. Beall called the meeting to order with Mrs. Babcock, Mr. Lutter, Mr. Wicker, and Mr. Pyle present. Mrs. Linson, Superintendent, Dr. 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: Amy DeWitt, Nicholas Gonzales, Rebecca Godsey, Charlie Barber, Dave Pine, Dudley Chester, Kari Vilamaa, Jennifer Holbrook, Abby Bennett, Jim Swartzlander, Grey Fox, Karen Gandy, Courtney Rodríguez, Riley Larson, Anna Pranger, Abby Pranger, Matt Rickey, Andy Ogle, Michael Wagner, Mariah Williams, Andrew Deming, Tom Foster, Nancy Bodeker, Abby Cole, Lawrence Marty, Mike Shultz, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Dudley Chester addressed the Board with concerns about the possibility of the new Middle School building site being in close proximity to his daughter's home.

With the recent developments of the referendum Jim Swartzlander spoke to Board to encourage them to continue to stay on course and build the much needed new Middle School.

5. MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2014

Following a motion by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting as presented.

6. CLAIMS OF JULY 16, 2014

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the claims of the July 16, 2014 meeting as presented.

- Handwritten checks #33425 - #33513, dated 6/20/14 – 7/9/14 in the amount of \$3,924,858.39
- Checks #33514 - #33630, dated 7/16/14 in the amount of \$245,623.41
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #2186 - #2190, dated 6/20/14 – 7/7/14 in the amount of \$167,460.19
- June payrolls: P-12, P-13 & P-13A in the amount of \$1,520,622.20

Grand Total: \$ 5,858,564.19

7. PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following resignations: **Michele Grimm** as Special Education Coordinator/School Psychologist effective at the end of the 2013/2014 contract year, **Raihanne McPherson** as fourth grade teacher at Wayne Center Elementary School effective June 23, 2014, **Samantha Baker** as second grade teacher at South Side Elementary School effective July 12, 2014, **Lynette Foote** as elementary teacher at Rome City Elementary School effective July 15, 2014, **Colby Rigelman** as fifth grade teacher at Wayne Center Elementary School effective July 14, 2014, **Rebecca Moore** as sixth grade teacher, National Elementary Honor Society sponsor, ECA Technology Coordinator, and School Newspaper sponsor at North Side Elementary School effective July 30, 2014, and **Audrey McSorley** as Instructional Assistant at Avilla Elementary School effective July 16, 2014.

B. Reassignments

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter and seconded by Mr. Wicker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following transfers: **Katy O'Neill** from Reading Recovery teacher to first grade teacher at Wayne Center Elementary School, **Carrie Demske** from Special Education teacher at North Side Elementary School to Special Education teacher at East Noble Middle School, and **Linda Potter** from instructional assistant at North Side Elementary School to instructional assistant at East Noble High School.

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Pyle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires: (*Pending completion of the required Expanded Criminal Background Screening*): **Glen Mell** as East Noble School Corporation Special Education Coordinator/School Psychologist, **Michael Wagner** as

Principal of North Side Elementary School for a two year contract effective August 1, 2014, **Taehyun Kim** as East Noble School Corporation School Psychologist, **Jennifer Yuska** as French teacher at East Noble High School, **Jordan Vaught** as Social Studies teacher at East Noble Middle School, **Megan Opliger** as first grade teacher at North Side Elementary School, **Abigail Bennett** as sixth grade teacher at North Side Elementary School, and **Linda Littlebrandt** and **Samantha Taulbee** as Bus Drivers. The Board also approved the following ECA positions: **Steve Denton** as head boys' tennis and assistant girls' tennis coach, **Hillary LoVerde** and **Ashrie Onion** as Volleyball coaches, **Scott Speheger** as assistant basketball coach, **Bill Krock** as assistant Cross Country coach, **Nick Maksimchuk**, **Cliff Hannon**, and **Kristian Jarrett** as assistant varsity football coaches, **Richard Bentz** a head girls' golf coach, **Paul Cook** as head girls' soccer coach and **Nicole Baker** as assistant girls' soccer coach at East Noble High School for the 2014/2015 season.

D. Leave Requests

None

8. INSTRUCTION:

A. Update on Online Courses

East Noble High School teacher and online coordinator Amy DeWitt presented an update and background on how the Online Learning Program has progressed from being a credit recovery program started over three years ago. Students must apply and participate in a 2 hour orientation to be eligible to be in the program. Current East Noble High School students and home school students are encouraged to participate. Teachers in the program are all highly qualified to teach online classes, are available for office hours to meet twice a week, and make personal contact with students and parents. Many students who participated in the program this year were present at the meeting and shared their learning experiences.

9. BUSINESS:

A. Action to Approve 2014/2015 Textbook Rental Fees

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted 4-1-0, with Mr. Wicker voting against the motion, to approve the 2014/2015 Textbook fees as presented.

B. Update on Middle School Project

Mrs. Linson presented an update on the proposed East Noble Middle School/High School project and explained that a petition has been filed and verified by the Noble County Clerk's office. The request to place the financing question on the November 4, 2014 ballot now goes to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance for approval, and then back for final approval by the Noble County Election Board. The referendum question will

appear on the ballot as follows: "Shall East Noble School Corporation issue bonds or enter into a lease to finance the construction of a new East Noble Middle School and mechanical and roof improvements to the East Noble High School, which is estimated to cost not more than \$37,880,000 and is estimated to increase the property tax rate for debt service by a maximum of \$0.3547 per \$100 of assessed valuation over the 20 year life of the bonds?" This wording is mandated by the State. She explained that this does not tell voters that the tax rate will be unchanged, and when the bonds for this project come due the tax rate will be lower than it is now. She also reviewed the details from the 1028 hearing.

Business manager, Brian Leitch also reported additional details on the two possible building sites for the new Middle School. He announced that the corporation has received approval to seek appraisals and conduct soil boring on two properties along S. R. 3. Both options met the school district's criteria for a central location with access to S.R. 3 and enough land for a single story building that will house up to 1000 students, athletic fields, parking and undeveloped areas for nature walks.

10. LATE ITEMS:

None

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Babcock adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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, **August 6, 2014** at the **East Noble School Corporation Central Office** beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

President

Secretary