

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the East Noble Middle School.

Mr. Beall called the meeting to order with Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Schellenberg, Mr. Lutter, Dr. Holliday, 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

Mr. Beall read the following opening statement: “The Board and Administration value the public’s input on any and all topics. We in fact would appreciate more ongoing feedback from the communities we serve. That being said, there is no interest in disrespectful or violent commentary. School corporations across the country have experienced unspeakable violence and to think that some adults in the East Noble community would do anything referencing such violence is beyond disappointing.”

3. INTRODUCE CITIZENS

Mr. Beall asked the following citizens to introduce themselves: Dan Diggins, Nancy Bodeker, Andrew Deming, Kimberly Williams, Dave Leamon, John Arnold, Bryan Munoz, Debbie Boone, Karen Gandy, Michael Bitar, Tony Blomeke, Mike Campbell, Jim Swartzlander, Ron Frick, Kara Hand, Kim Schwarz, Joby Morr, Dennis Park, Kathy Longenbaugh, Tom Foster, Charlie Barber, Ryan Rowe, Laura Sibert, Josh Buhro, Larry Holbrook, Michael Wagner, Bill Knox, Neal Schaab, Steve Peterson, Terry Sibert, Christian Doak, Karen Patrick, Jane Doyle, Yvonne Strack, Dave Deming, Terry Deming, Jerry Karst, Craig Hamlin, Cheryl Hamlin, David Carteaux, Mark Pfeiffer, Frank Walkup, Jo Smith, Jen Blackman, Eric Blackman, Sgt. John Dixon, Sgt. Chris Shearer, Dave Pine, Loren Allen, Gary McKinley, Mike Shultz, and Dennis Nartker.

4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mr. Loren Allen spoke regarding safety issues and concerns with the proposed SR3 site location for the middle school project.

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Mr. Andy Deming and Mr. James Swartzlander spoke in support the proposed middle school project and thanked the School Board for all of their hard work and dedication to this project and the school corporation.

Mr. Gary McKinley asked that the Board consider an additional site for the proposed middle school project. The site he would like to discuss with the School Board is owned by his family and located at the corner of SR3 and US6.

Mr. Mike Campbell shared that he is not opposed to the need for a new middle school but is opposed to the proposed costs of the project.

Mr. Ron Frick spoke in opposition of the proposed Middle School project.

5. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mr. Pyle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting as presented.

6. CLAIMS OF OCTOBER 29, 2014

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the claims of the October 29, 2014 meeting as presented.

- Handwritten checks #34183 - #34321, dated 9/18/14 – 10/23/14 in the amount of \$1,704,307.55
- Checks #34322 - #34490, dated 10/29/14 in the amount of \$230,726.78
- Self-Insurance Fund checks #2207 - #2215, dated 9/22/14 – 10/21/14 in the amount of \$311,465.03
- Construction Fund check #1161 dated 10/22/14 in the amount of \$864.50
- September payrolls: P-19 & P-20 in the amount of \$1,401,317.61

Grand Total: \$ 3,648,681.47

7. PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of **David Stinson** as Assistant Principal at East Noble High School effective October 30, 2014, and **Michael Campbell** as Special Education teacher at East Noble High School effective November 7, 2014.

B. Reassignments

None

C. New Hires

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires (pending the completion of the required Expanded Criminal Background Screening): **Kathryn Longenbaugh** as Assistant Principal at East Noble High School effective November 5, 2014. The Board also approved the following ECA positions: **Jordan Vaught** as eighth grade boys' basketball coach, and **Matt Brian** as seventh grade boys' basketball coach at East Noble Middle School for the 2014/2015 season.

D. Leave Requests

Following a motion by Mrs. Schellenberg, and seconded by Dr. Holliday, the Board voted unanimously to approve an unpaid medical leave for **Tara Ortiz**, sixth grade teacher at Wayne Center Elementary School, through the end of the 2014/2015 school year; and an eight to twelve week unpaid medical leave for **Joyce Neilson**, Instructional Assistant at Avilla Elementary School, beginning November 21, 2014.

8. INSTRUCTION:

A. Goal 1: Presentation on Digital Citizenship

East Noble Middle School Peer Coach, Laura Sibert, presented a PowerPoint presentation on teaching students good digital citizenship.

B. Goal 1: Action to Approve Band Trip Request

Following a motion by Mr. Lutter, and seconded by Mrs. Schellenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve a trip request made by East Noble High School Band Director, Bryan Munoz, to take approximately 100 band students to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida to participate in the nationally recognized "Disney Magic Music Days" from October 4 through October 9, 2015. This motion also included allowing this type of trip be made available to students twice, as opposed to once, during their four years of high school.

9. BUSINESS:

A. District Recognition for Energy Conservation

Mr. Michael Bitar, Cenergistic's regional president, presented the Energy Excellence Award to the East Noble School Corporation. Energy Education Specialist John Arnold reported that the corporation shows a cumulative cost savings of \$1,256,783 since beginning the energy conservation program four years ago. This energy reduction impact is equivalent to 2,439 passenger cars not being driven for one year or 300,191 tree seedlings grown for 10 years. He acknowledged the program's success would not have been possible without the support of the maintenance, custodians and entire East Noble staff.

B. Action to Approve Board Policies 5000s

Following a motion by Mrs. Babcock, and seconded by Mr. Lutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve School Board Policies 5000's (Students) as presented.

C. Discussion/Action on Middle School Property

Mr. Beall read the following statement: "The community is voting on funding a new middle school and high school improvements on November 4th in response to the 1028 Hearing held on June 11, 2014. The maximum amount established in June is not to exceed \$37.8 million with a maximum impact of .3547 cents per \$100 beginning in 2017 which is lower than the current impact of .4970 per \$100. Few, if any, districts in Indiana are in a position to actually reduce debt service while building anything. The process of building a new middle school started well over a year before the 1028 Hearing, and continues on today. Multiple opportunities were provided for community input along the way with limited response. The board and administration asked over and over again to hear from our constituency, while at the same time following the facts. It is unfortunately at this late date that some in our community are manipulating those facts to meet their own personal agendas. It is unacceptable that some of them are choosing inappropriate and hostile language to support their goals. The design of the building and its location is not what we are voting on on November 4th. There is much work to be done on those details after the community approves the financing. Yes, we have a general footprint for the building, but nothing is finalized, nor should it be at this stage in the process. It would be a waste of taxpayer dollars should the community not support the project on November 4th. The most time consuming piece has been the considering of land; specifically a location that meets the rigorous expectation of the board. We sincerely believe to have had that property identified and entered into a contingency contract depending on the results of the election. Much is now being said about a gas line running across the south side of the property. That line was identified in the early stages of looking at land, long before the contract was signed. As late as October we learned it was a large high pressure line which would present additional challenges to building on the site. Despite community pressure to react, we continued to do what we have always done, study the options and listen to the experts, which brings us to board discussion to move forward with the property along Highway 3 or to look at other options."

After further discussion and following a motion made by Mr. Pyle, and seconded by Mrs. Babcock, the Board voted unanimously to direct our Business Manager, Brian Leitch, to continue the search for suitable building sites for the middle school project.

10. LATE ITEMS:

Mrs. Linson thanked the School Board for all of the work that they have put into this project. We have repeatedly invited community members to meetings but until recently we have only seen a small number in attendance. She invited everyone to continue to

attend meetings and to listen to what we have to say and discuss with what we can reveal. Speak up, attend meetings, ask questions and give us your feedback.

11. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Beall read the following statement: “I ask the community to make an informed vote on November 4th for the financing outlined on the June 11th 1028 Hearing. If approved we will enter into the next phase of the project that includes building design with the communities input, as we have done with our other buildings. We will also continue the arduous task of identifying a safe and convenient location for this middle school. I personally ask that you return this sitting board to office to keep this process moving efficiently. There is well over 60 years of experience with this team which fundamentally asks with each project we enter: Is it good for our taxpayers? It is good for our community? But most importantly, is it good for our kids?”

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Beall adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The Board met for a Work Session following the regular meeting with an Executive Session immediately following per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, **November 5, 2014** at the **Central Office** beginning at **6 p.m.**

President

Secretary