

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
West Clark Community Schools
601 Renz Avenue
Sellersburg, IN 47172
Thursday, November 13, 2014

1. A duly advertised regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Brian Hurst at 7:37 P.M.
2. Board President Brian Hurst led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Board Secretary Doug Coffman gave the Invocation.
3. The roll was called with the following Board Members in attendance: President Brian Hurst, Vice President Joe Basham, Secretary Doug Coffman and Members Chris Hall and Rick Graf. Also in attendance were Superintendent Monty Schneider, Associate Superintendent R. Mac Dyer, Assistant Superintendent John Reed, Assistant Superintendent Chad Schenck, and School Attorney Mike Gillenwater.
4. The audience consisted of: Curt Daniel, Cory Daniel, Chris Cox, Ryley Gunther, Crystal Gunther, Jerod Clapp, Heather McNames, Ashley Granger, Doug Woodward, Jeremy Meyers, Robin Long, Susan Westfall, Amy Compton, Mike Crabtree, Janice Crabtree, Lisa Nale, Celia Winters, Susan Graston, Jeff Hurst, Haley Harvey, Christina Harvey, Todd Harvey, Matt McAfee, Martina Webster, Lindsey Rasmussen, Sandy Myers, Chris Myers, Elizabeth Baxter, Al Eckert, Brian Guernsey, Daniel Mills, Jon Banet, John Clark, Ethan Clark, Andrew Barret, Dylan McNames, Andrew Wilson, Donna Vibbert, Jacqueline Wilson, Darrell Wilson, Audrey Wilson, Charlie Vibbert, Jesse Vibbert, Aaron Banet, Cooper Wright, Michelle Shepherd, Vicki Higdon-Horine.
5. Associate Superintendent R. Mac Dyer explained cash/ fund balances.
6. Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Reed spoke to the Board about the Early Literacy Grant, Board Policies, and seclusion and restraint policies.
7. Assistant Superintendent Chad Schenck discussed the purchase of five school busses, applying for a transportation grant, athletic field maintenance, and SCHS tennis court renovation.
8. Superintendent Monty Schneider informed the Board of some upcoming activities.
9. Mr. Chris Hall moved and Mr. Rick Graff seconded a motion to start a football program at Henryville Junior High next school year with the West Clark Football Boosters funding for five years. The motion failed 2-3 with Mr. Hurst, Mr. Basham, and Mr. Coffman voting against the motion.

10. The following Consent Agenda Items were presented:

- A. Minutes of October 23, 2014 Executive and Regular School Board Meetings and November 5, 2014 Special Work Session Board Meeting.
- B. Claims - \$3,628,203.57
- C. Expenditures Greater than \$10,000

Clark County Special Ed Coop
Fall Payment
\$178,649.38

Discovery Education
Software Renewal
\$14,135.00

Kovert Hawkins
Professional Services for SCHS Tennis Courts
\$11,084.83

M&M Office Products
Corporation Copier Overages
\$15,844.88

New Albany Floyd Co Consolidated School Corp
Prosser Installment
\$164,232.50

Neace Lukens
Packaged Insurance
\$33,250.00

Wilson Education Center
Membership Dues
\$18,200.65

D. Permission to Pay Between Docket for Current Items:

Jostens
SCHS Graduation Supplies-Prior Year
\$2,111.58

Tyler Scott Deuser
SCHS Football Training Fee
\$1,046.25

Jewell's Body Shop
Repair Maintenance Truck

Misc. Items:

Several grants end this month. Approval to pay grant expenses between docket for November.

- E. Quotation Approval for Storage Structure for Borden – Jeff Cress \$16,200.00
- F. Engagement Letter Approval from George K. Baum & Company
- G. Declare Equipment Obsolete and Permission to Sell – 60 Optiplex 330 PC's
- H. Donations

<u>To:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
HHS	Clark Co. REMC	Promote Academic Achievement	\$750.00

- I. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations
 - a. Ms. Julie Muffler, Instructional Assistant, BES, effective 11/14/14.
 - b. Ms. Christina Kern, Cafeteria, SCHS, effective 11/7/14.
 - c. Ms. Sara Keinath, Library Assistant, SCES, effective 11/14/14.
 - 2. Dismissals
 - a. Ms. Debra Wiggers, Custodian, SCMS, effective 11/5/14.
 - 3. Leaves
 - a. Ms. Cindy Mackey, Teacher, SCHS, Maternity Leave from approximately 2/2/15 – 4/3/15.
 - b. Ms. Regina Hurst, Custodian, SCMS, Family Health Leave.
 - 4. Appointments
 - a. Ms. Mindy Siffard, Position #1280, Elementary Teacher, BES. (Temporary Contract Second Semester 2014-15 school year for Ms. Cindy Embry).
 - b. Mr. Gregg Seidl, Position #755, Custodian, SCMS.
 - c. Ms. Susie Phelps, Position #1277, Science Teacher, SCMS. (Temporary Contract beginning approximately 1/12/15 for Ms. Ashley Himmelhaver).
 - d. Mr. Tim Hardin, Homebound Teacher, Corden Porter School.
 - e. Ms. Jessica Boice, Position #1279, Homebound Teacher, HES.
 - f. Ms. Karen Albert, Position #1282, Homebound Teacher, HHS.
 - g. Ms. Cara Martin, Position #1283, Homebound Teacher, BES.
 - h. Ms. Debra Rieger, Homebound Teacher, SCHS.
 - i. Ms. Katrice Ellis, Position #757, Custodian, SCMS
 - j. Ms. Terri Williams, Position #759, Cafeteria, SCHS.

5. ECA

- a. Ms. Hayley Schmidt and Ms. Courtney Ehringer, Co-5th Grade Cheer Coaches, SCES.
- b. Ms. Megan Walton, Elementary Cheer Coach, HES.
- c. Ms. Jackie Martin and Ms. Alissa Akers, Co-7th Grade Girls Basketball Coaches, BHS.
- d. Ms. Jessica Atchley, 6th Grade Cheer Coach, BES.
- e. Ms. Kayla Plaiss, 5th Grade Cheer Coach, BES.
- f. Mr. Mathew Carter, 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, BES.
- g. Mr. Tim Coomer, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, BES.
- h. Ms. Lori Woodward, Elementary Track Coach, SCES.
- i. Mr. Jack Brooks and Mrs. Judy Johnson, Sophomore Class Sponsors, HHS.
- j. Mr. Kyle Lewis, Sponsor for Junior High Student Council, HHS.
- k. Mrs. Amy Jo Hester and Mr. Jared Hill, Sponsors for High School Fellowship Christian Athletes, HHS.
- l. Mrs. Johnica Branaman, Sponsor for Junior High Fellowship Christian Athletes, HHS.
- m. Mrs. Jeanette Guernsey, Sponsor for Junior High National Honor Society, HHS.
- n. Ms. Ashley Pierce, Jr. High Cheerleader Coach, BHS.
- o. Ms. Tina Korfhage, Volunteer Jr. High Assistant Cheerleader Coach, BHS.
- p. Mr. Jeff Schroeder, Head Baseball Coach, HHS.

5. Substitutes

- a. Teacher – Mr. Jared Kempton, Ms. April Evans, Ms. Chelsey Combs, Ms. Debra Lehr, Ms. Heidi Sellers, Ms. Brittany Goode, Ms. Verbal Alexander
- b. Instructional Asst. – Ms. Tracy Montgomery, Ms. Amanda Lincoln
- c. Nurse – Ms. Michelle Law
- d. Custodial – Mr. Gregg Seidl, Ms. Sarah Amos, Ms. Sheila English
- e. Bus Aide – Ms. Amanda Lincoln

J. Approval to Purchase Five (5) School Busses

K. Approval of Go Solutions Contract

L. Other

1. Approval to apply for Early Literacy Grant – SCPS
2. Approval of Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM for Regular December School Board Meeting
3. Approval of First Reading of Restraint and Seclusion Policy
4. Approval to apply for Transportation Grant

11. Mr. Joe Basham moved and Mr. Doug Coffman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

12. Ms. Crystal Gunther spoke to the Board concerning facilities. She questioned whether the demographic study looked far enough into the future. The Board did not have the luxury of time and should embrace community input.
13. Mr. Joe Basham moved and Mr. Chris Hall seconded a motion to adjourn the Meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Attest:

Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to again address the school board. I truly appreciate the encouraging conversations that I have had over the last few weeks with board members, administrators, and other community members and I want to emphasize that my questions and interest are not intended to create conflict or dissention.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Between the information from the feasibility study, the multi-facility, multi-project proposals, and the idea of a looming referendum process, there is a lot to digest and a lot of questions to be asked and answered. After extensive review of the feasibility study, I don't know how anyone can confidently say they understand it completely. It is full of mind-numbing data that would best be interpreted to the board, administrators, and the community by the consultant who performed the demographic portion of the study. And if the study was completed in early spring and reviewed by the board over the summer, I have to ask why board conversation about it has just recently begun. With no clear explanation of the study, too much can and will be left to individual interpretation which can be quite dangerous considering the facilities crisis we are faced with. We can't forget that this study is merely a tool that is typically used for strategic planning purposes and although the data is helpful in guiding decision making it clearly states in the study narrative that it is imprecise and imperfect and enrollment will likely deviate from the projected figures.

If this data is what will be used to make facilities decisions and will be used to convince the rational mind of the potential voter, then the information should be properly translated so the board can plan appropriately for facilities and so voters can make a well informed decision. In recent email communication with one of the consultants of this study, she summarized her data as this. There has been and will continue to be significant population growth in our district, most of it occurring in the Sellersburg community over the next ten years. And although it may slow after ten years, growth will continue at a steady pace.

OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE:

So, I again ask that you think beyond five or ten years from now. What will this school corporation choose to do now that will positively affect the children in these communities twenty or more years into the future? And yes, proper handling of transfers is incredibly important, but let's not take our attention away from the fact that with transfers taken out of the equation there is still undeniable growth. We can't sit around just speculating what the taxpayers might think about all of this. If you are proactively communicating accurate information to them and including them in the conversations and discussion then there should be no concern that "the wool is being pulled over their eyes". Do they have a reason to not trust the school corporation? After all, the board and administrators are always thinking about all of the children in the district as a whole right? Yes, there may be township lines and different communities with distinct identities but wouldn't we all agree that any type of parochial allegiances within a school district does nothing but create walls and a sense of separation which leads to division.

It's undeniable that there is a facilities crisis in our school district, specifically on the Silver Creek Campus. There is a lot to do, including a thorough evaluation of the impact of several referendum rates on the taxpayers. Time is of the essence. We do not have the luxury of time. We must start thinking about how we are going to communicate a positive and convincing message to the voters. The referendum is necessary to ensure delivery of a quality education in our classrooms where we can

continue to graduate exceptional students that are capable of competing in a global economy and marketplace.

REFERENDUM

I recently read that preparing for a referendum is like preparing for a political campaign. The only difference is that there are children's faces on the yard signs and pin buttons rather than politician names. You must embrace community input because this is the same community that will be casting their vote. Preparation must be strategic with a positive message that everyone supports on a united front both in public and behind closed doors. We can't afford a divided community. All of our children and grandchildren are looking to us to make decisions in their best interest, regardless of which school they attend within the district and in absence of political agendas.

Thank you for your time.

Special Work Session Meeting Minutes
West Clark Community Schools
601 Renz Avenue
Sellersburg, IN 47172
Monday, November 24, 2014

1. A duly advertised special work session meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Brian Hurst at 6:30 P.M.
2. Board President Brian Hurst led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Board Secretary Doug Coffman gave the Invocation.
3. The roll was called with the following Board Members in attendance: President Brian Hurst, Vice President Joe Basham, Secretary Doug Coffman, and Member Chris Hall. Also in attendance were Superintendent Monty Schneider, Associate Superintendent R. Mac Dyer, Assistant Superintendent John Reed, Assistant Superintendent Chad Schenck, and School Attorney Mike Gillenwater.
4. The audience consisted of: Jerod Clapp, Chris Gunther, Crystal Gunter, Mike Crabtree, Larry Richmer, Lindsey Rasmussen, Brian Guernsey, Ben Compton, Amy Compton, Troy Compton, Robin Long, Michelle Shepherd, Donna Nelson, Fred Finch and Susan Westfall.
5. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss facilities with architects, public finance advisors, and school administrators.
6. Mr. Damian Maggos, a public finance advisor with George K. Baum & Company, made a presentation to the Board on the Refunding of Series 2005 Bonds as well as how the tax rate would be affected by any future building project.
7. Architects Hal Kovert and Jamie Lake of Kovert/Hawkins Architects were also present to provide input as related to their West Clark Facilities Use Assessment.
8. Much discussion concerning the financial report as connected to facilities needs and tax rates then took place among the Board, financial advisors, architects, school attorney, and administrators.
9. Mr. Joe Basham moved and Mr. Chris Hall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Attest:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Member

Member