

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46802

6:02 p.m.

February 13, 2023

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met in regular session in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. President Maria Norman, with there being no speakers on Public Comment Regarding Agenda Topics, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members in attendance:

Roll Call

Members present: Maria Norman, Chairperson  
Rohli Booker  
Stephen Corona  
Anne Duff  
Julie Hollingsworth  
Jennifer Matthias  
Noah Smith

Members absent: None

Nextech -  
CSForGood  
Computer  
Science  
Competition

Dr. Mark Daniel, superintendent, presented the following information and recommendations concerning awards and recognitions:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the Board recognize Towles New Tech students for participating as State Finalist in the Nextech CSforGood Computer Science Competition.

**RELATED INFORMATION:** During Computer Science Education Week, Towles New Tech students, along with three other top teams in the state, were invited to the Nextech CSforGood Celebration at the Indiana Statehouse. While there, they showcased their projects, presented how they honed their problem solving, teamwork and CS skills, to a panel of judges, legislators, policy leaders, influencers and the tech community.

The following were recognized:

Ruby Jones, Student	Mr. Mario Garcia-Teacher
Marin Spahr, Student	Jennifer Witzigreuter, Principal
Carter Stahl, Student	Angie Everly-Anderson, Director

Consent  
Agenda

Dr. Daniel presented the following consent agenda items with recommendations for approval: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 23, 2023; Vouchers for the period ending February 13, 2023 and the payroll for the periods ending December 30, 2022 and January 13, 2023; and the Personnel Report.

Minutes

The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held January 23, 2023 were distributed to Board members for review with a recommendation for approval.

Vouchers  
and Payroll

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board approve the vouchers for the period ending February 13, 2023 and the payroll for the periods ending December 30, 2022 and January 13, 2023.

**RELATED INFORMATION:** All vouchers paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools appear on a voucher listing totaling \$9,859,378.27.

Gross wages and fringe benefits paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools appear on the following Payroll Certification documents:

Payroll period #1 ending December 30, 2022 \$8,654,694.04  
 Payroll period #2 ending January 13, 2023 \$8,786,265.36

Detail of all paid vouchers and payroll remains on file in the Business Office until audited by the State Board of Accounts. Following the audit, these records are stored as required by record retention regulations.

Personnel Report

FUNDS

0101	Education	3769	Gifted & Talented	6840	Title II
0300	Operations	4120	Delinquent	6880	Title III
0800	Food Service	4170	Title I	6880	Refugee Children Impact Grant
0900	Textbook Rental	5110	Steward B. Homeless Asst	7923	ESSER
1400	Career Center	5200	Special Education Fund	7931	ESSER II
1705	Warehouse	5430	Pre-School Special Education	7940	Geer
2100	Donations Fund	5550	Adult Basic Education	7941	ESSER I
2110	Access Channel	6260	Perkins Grant	7950	ESSER III
2200	Alternative Ed Grant	6460	Medicaid Reimbursement	7970	Magnet
3710	Non-English Speaking	6730	Gear Up		

STATUS

C Position Changed                      N New Position/Allocation                      T Temporary Position  
 L Leave    R Replacement

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Guerra Aravena, Felipe A.	Nutrition Services/Dietitian, SS III, Group 21, Step 34.0	Chief Operations Office/ Director Nutrition, SS I, Group 25, Step 41.2	R	0080	02-14-23
Hissong, Chris A.	Student & Family Support/ Administrative Additional Services	Student & Family Support/ Substitute Administrator	R	0101	01-31-23

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR  
 RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/DECEASED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Dyson, Edward C.	Harrison Hill/Physical Ed	Resign	0101	02-11-23
Green, Jason K.	Career Education/Fire Science (.50)	End of Assignment	1400	01-18-23
Horsley, Megan Y.	Human Resources/Teacher Regular Contract Sub	Resign	0101	01-31-23
Stine, Amber L.	Career Education/Military Leave	Resign	1400	01-19-23

TEACHERS(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

Employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>EXP</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Butler, Ella C.	Purdue University Fort Wayne BS	0.0	Certified Sub	Lindley/ Kindergarten	R	0101	01-09-23
Green, Jason K.	Work Experience	15.5	New	Career Education/ Fire Science (.50) (1400)	R	1400	01-19-23
Islas, Vanessa N.	Grace College BS	0.0	Certified Sub	Fairfield/ELL	R	0101	01-23-23
Kern, Amber N.	Indiana University Indianapolis MA	6.0	New	Croninger/ Resource Teacher	R	0101	01-13-23
Mamani, Paula L.	Xavier University MA	0.0	Certified Sub	Kekionga/ MIMD	R	0101	01-30-23
Rebrovich, Jill M.	Purdue University Fort Wayne BS	0.0	Certified Sub	Whitney Young/ Kindergarten	R	0101	01-16-23

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Abram- Odigboh, Judith E.	Portage/MIMD	Portage/Sick Leave	L	0101	01-25-23 to 05-22-23
Aytch, Odessa J.	Portage/MIMD	Bloomington/MIMD	R	0101	01-24-23
Cain, Tiffany E.	Arlington/Family Medical Leave	Arlington/Leave of Absence	L	0101	01-27-23 to 03-01-2023
Chalifoux, Wendi L.	Northrop/Family Medical Leave	Northrop/Economics	R	0101	01-09-23
DeMarco, Christi A.	Harrison Hill/Kindergarten	Harrison Hill/Leave of Absence	L	0101	02-10-23 to 03-17-23
Detter-Smith, Nicole M.	Snider/English	Northwood/ TV Broadcasting	R	0101	01-19-23

Douglas, Rebekah D.	Croninger/Grade 2	Croninger/Leave of Absence	L	0101	01-02-23 to 02-03-23
Hettinger, Riley M.	Lakeside/Grade 6 Social Studies	Lakeside/Family Medical Leave	L	0101	01-19-23 to 02-14-23
Kaylor, Pamela K.	Glenwood Park/Grade 1	Glenwood/Sick Leave	L	0101	02-07-23 to 05-01-23
Lepper, Erin M.	Washington Center/Kindergarten	Washington Center/Sick Leave	L	0101	01-26-23 to 05-26-23
Wright, Rachel N.	Abbett/Sick Leave	Abbett/Leave of Absence	L	0101	01-23-23 to 05-26-23

SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/  
TERMINATION/END OF ASSIGNMENT

Daugherty, Crystal A.	Khan, Katherine E.	Sanchez, Andy
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SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE POSITION(S)

Bledsoe, Kaylin M.	Keating, Jacqueline B.	Robinson, Sara E.
Be, Joe M.	Keening, Colin L.	Sanderson, Jordan B.
Crabill, Brandon A.	Kelly, Lydia D.	Seewald, John C.
Donoghue, Tarah M.	Kindy, Audrey L.	Starks, Chloe M.
Farrell, Annemaria L.	Naish, Jenna M.	Teitzel, Joseph D.
Hawn, Abigail M.	Pierce, John D.	Trammel, Rachelle K.
Houser, Allison R.		

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR HOMEBOUND ASSIGNMENT(S)

Bandor, Keira J.	Lee, Kevin B.	Thomas, Hannah K.
Graham, Joseph C.	McDowell, Emily E.	Walker, Joseph L.
Gray, Warren J.	Miller, Kent A.	Woehnker, Janaya N.
Heiniger, Andrew M.	Shade, Gregory R.	Young, Mark E.
Hupe, Maren A.	Spuller, Angela R.	
Koenemann, Abigail S.	Steele, Courtney J.	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT(S)

Adama, Sumaila	Foss, Kristina E.	Miller, Dawn M.
Adams, Connor M.	Fry, Bronte A.	Miller, Kent A.
Biard, Anthony M.	Gray, Warren J.	Muncey, David A.
Byler-Getts, Janeen	Guntle, Jacob A.	Pruitt, Gradlin
Carter, Joseph M.	Kraner, Kevin L.	Ruppert, Courtney M.
Davidson, Michael P.	Laudeman, Laura E.	Schacher, Jonathan T.
Diem, Nicholas S.	Mannan, Austin M.	Sprunger, Braelynn M.
Duque, Yasmin M.	McMullen, Scott M.	Stassen, Ariane E.
Figel, Ellen M.	Mertes, Matthew G.	

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR  
RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/END OF ASSIGNMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Batt, Anne M.	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/ 0800	01-08-23
Bradford, Kimberly A.	Bunche/Montessori Asst	Resign	0101	01-19-23
Brown, Jaimie M.	Shawnee/School Asst	Resign	0101	01-20-23
Childs, Vanessa D.	Transportation South/Bus Asst	Resign	0300	01-23-23
Clohessy, Katrina A.	Young Early Childhood/Media Clerk	Resign	0101	02-15-23
Cobb, Constance	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/ 0800	01-19-23
Davies, Stephanie R.	Transportation North/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	Terminate	0300	01-22-23
Diaz, Susana	Wayne/Cafeteria Asst	Resign	0800	02-02-23
Epps, Genevieve L.	Study/School Improvement Liaison	Resign	4170	01-20-23
Hagar, Candice A.	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/ 0800	01-23-23
Harris, Laketia A.	South Side/School Asst Special Ed	Resign	0101	11-15-22
Hodel, Amy E.	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/ 0800	01-13-23
Hullinger, Morgan R.	Abbett/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	Resign	0101	01-27-23
Janovyak, Jane F.	Special Ed Psychology/Secretary School Year (1.0)	Resign	0101	01-31-23
Langhorne, Janee L.	Wayne/School Asst	Resign	0101	12-22-22

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Mamani, Paula L.	Young Early Childhood/School Asst	Classified to Certified	0101	01-27-23
Rodriguez, Ernesto	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Classified to Certified	0101/0800	01-09-23
Rolling, Brenda L.	Weisser Park/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	Retire	0101	05-31-23
Roth, Holly R.	Health & Wellness/Nurse Sub	Resign	0101	02-08-23
Rutherford, Monica A.	Continuing Ed/Special Program Asst	Resign	0101	02-10-23
Sanders, Audrey A.	Northwood/Cafeteria Asst	Resign	0800	01-31-23
Stephens, Destini A.	Fairfield/School Asst	Resign	0101	02-02-23
Turnpugh, Melissa S.	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/0800	01-13-23
Waller, Omar T.	Kekionga/School Asst Special Ed	Resign	0101	01-24-23
Weaver, Andrea K.	Bloomington/School Asst	Resign	0101	02-10-23
Weemes, Jennifer L.	Arlington/School Asst Special Ed	Resign	0101	12-22-22
White, Brittany J.	Fairfield/Satellite Server	Resign	0800	12-16-22
Yarian, Harold K.	Maintenance & Operations/Mechanical Maintenance	Resign	0300	02-01-23

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Baumgartner -Marks, Penny L.	New	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	R	0101/0800	01-17-23
Birch, Andrew C.	New	Haley/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-30-23

Burns, Richard A.	New	Maintenance & Operations/Mechanical Maintenance	R	0300	02-06-23
Conley, Lula M.	New	Memorial Park/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-30-23
Ecclestone, Scott D.	New	Maintenance & Operations/ Groundskeeper	R	0101	02-08-23
Grindley, Chelsea A.	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	01-23-23
Gurney, Tammy L.	New	Washington Center/Secretary School Year (.72)	R	0101	01-30-23
Hurse, Makena S.	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	01-25-23
Khan, Katherine E.	New	Fairfield/School Year Administrative Asst	R	0101	01-30-23
Knepp, Amy L.	New	Northcrest/School Asst	R	0101	01-30-23
Man, Niang D.	New	ELL/ELL Interpreter/ Translator	R	3710	02-07-23
McFann, Mitchell L.	New	Special Ed Psychology/ Temp School Psychologist	T	6460	01-25-23 to 06-16-23
Miller, Mandy L.	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	01-23-23
Nelson, Debra M.	New	Student & Family Support/ School Asst Clothing Bank	R	0101	01-30-23
Reinke, Brienna K.	New	Towles/Montessori Asst	R	0101	02-06-23
Rodriguez, Kassandra	New	Shawnee/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-26-23
Smith, Kyra R.	New	Student & Family Support/ Secretary Special Assignment	R	0101	02-14-23
Stasko, Julie A.	New	Health & Wellness/Health Aide	R	6460	01-25-23

Swymeler, Ava M.	New	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	R	0101/0800	01-24-23
Torres, Amanda N.	New	Abbett/School Asst	R	0101	02-02-23
Verduzco, Lu I.	New	Nutrition Process Center/ Cafeteria Asst (1.0)	R	0800	02-06-23
Williams, Jaiya E.	New	Haley/School Asst	R	0101	01-30-23
Williams, Maureen M.	New	Nutrition Process Center/Cafeteria Asst	R	0800	02-06-23
Williams, Rebecca J.	New	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	R	0101/0800	01-18-23
Woods, Gertyra T.	New	School Asst-Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical-Sub (0101) + Food Service-Sub (0800)	R	0101/0800	01-18-23

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following:  
 Pay Scale 78: Supervisory Non-Exempt  
 Add: Substitute Scheduler/Lead Dispatch  
 Group 4, Steps 1.2 – 7.2

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Almonrode, Dawn C.	ACJC/School Asst Special Ed	Haley/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-23-23
Barnfield, Keosha M.	Croninger/School Improvement Liaison	Title I/Secretary Special Assignment	R	4170	02-06-23
Beatty, Renee	Towles/Cook	Scott Academy/Cafeteria Manager Satellite Elementary	R	0800	01-30-23
Bell Smith, Kristin L.	Fairfield/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	South Side/Secretary Special Assignment	R	0101	01-26-23
Brookens, Hannah M.	Shambaugh/Leave of Absence	Shambaugh/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-26-23
Clopton, Molly K.	Croninger/School Asst Special Ed (0101)	Croninger/School Improvement Liaison (1.0)	R	4170	02-06-23
Cook, Danielle C.	Glenwood Park/School Improvement Liaison (4170)	Technology/Temporary Senior Network Technician	T	7923	03-06-23 to 6-30-24



Daugherty, Crystal A.	Glenwood Park/School Asst	Price/Case Manager (1.0)	R	0101	01-23-23
Dibiasio, Katarina L.	Student & Family Support/ Manager Student Recruitment & Retention	Communications-Marketing/ Manager Student Recruitment & Retention	R	0101	01-02-23
Fuentes, Dalia	Nutrition Process Center/Sick Leave	Nutrition Process Center/ Cafeteria Asst	R	0800	01-30-23
Gorrell, Brittany J.	Scott Academy/School Asst	Scott Academy/School Asst Special Ed	R	0101	01-30-23
Grote, Denise M.	Forest Park/Licensed Therapist	Forest Park/Family Medical Leave	L	4170	02-06-23 to 04-21-23
Jones, Allyson P.	Croninger/Licensed Therapist	Croninger/Family Medical Leave	L	5200	01-25-23 to 03-24-23
Kanalos, Becca E.	Health & Wellness/Nurse	Health & Wellness/Family Medical Leave	L	0101	01-10-23 to 03-07-23
Latham, Rebecca A.	Adams/Media Clerk	Adams/Leave of Absence	L	0101	01-16-23 to 02-20-23
Lindsey, Arijeh J.	Adams/School Asst Special Ed	Adams/Sick Leave	L	0101	01-26-23 to 03-06-23
McBride, Saprina R.	Transportation South/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	Transportation North/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	R	0300	01-30-23
Moriarity, Brian D.	Transportation/Coordinator	Transportation/Lead Dispatcher & Sub Scheduler	N	0300	01-30-23
Morris, Romeo T.	Student & Family Support/Manager Student Recruitment & Retention	Communication-Marketing/ Manager Student Recruitment & Retention	R	0101	01-13-23
Olry, Elizabeth M.	Lindley/School Improvement Liaison	Bunch/Montessori Asst	R	0101	02-13-23
Poor, Dawn S.	Northcrest/Family Medical Leave	Northcrest/School Improvement Liaison	R	4170	01-18-23
Rose, Frederick R.	Transportation South/ Family Medical Leave	Transportation South/ Family Medical Leave, extended	L	0300	02-01-23 to 03-07-23
Wheeler, Laura E.	Northrop/Sick Leave	Northrop/Cafeteria Asst	R	0800	01-30-23

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (S)

Arney, Teagan A.	Giant, Christine W.	Robinson, Clyde L.
Booth, Paula J.	Gonzalez, Beatriz	Rodriguez, Kassandra
Brown, Bobby L.	Goodwell, Andre B.	Sanchez, San Juana
Crabill, Brandon A.	Gutierrez, Maria E.	Tassler, Kayden N.
Cutchin, Gregory C.	Henriquez, Norma L.	Taylor, Jeanne D.
Cutchin, Isabel C.	Herald, Gina M.	Thompson, Chad N.
Dodds, April L.	Licon, Solani A.	Tidwell, Joshua M.
Downs, Jeremy M.	Middlebrooks, Hannah D.	Waller, Omar T.
Dunn, Christian R.	Miller, Alan D.	Whitfield, Charles D.
Frevert, Charlene J.	Moreno-Munoz, Sanjuana E.	Williams, Alicia M.
Georgi, Anthony P.	Murray, Stacia M.	Witte, Kristine L.
Gerig, Jared C.	Rehrer, Brittany N.	

A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Noah Smith, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 23, 2023; Vouchers for the period ending February 13, 2023 and the payroll for the periods ending December 30, 2022 and January 13, 2023; and the Personnel Report. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Afghan  
Refugee  
School Impact:  
Support to  
Schools Grant

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Afghan Refugee School Impact: Support to Schools Grant:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of the Afghan Refugee School Impact: Support to Schools (SRSI S2S) Grant for 2022-23 in the amount of \$95,823 from the Indiana Department of Education.

**RELATED INFORMATION:** Funds from this grant will allow for services for the District’s refugee students who are newly arrived from Afghanistan. The grant supports personnel to provide English language development support.

This non-competitive grant was written by Emily Schwartz Keirns, Director of ELL. Ms. Schwartz Keirns was available to answer any questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Afghan Refugee School Impact: Support to Schools Grant be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Network  
Switches

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Network Switches:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that an award be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the purchase of 192 network switches to be installed at twelve FWCS locations.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vector Tech Group	Holland, MI	\$409,641.60

**RELATED INFORMATION:** This purchase for Ruckus network Power Over Ethernet switches will replace switches reaching their end of life at twelve FWCS locations.

A public bid was conducted through the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) portal in conjunction with the FWCS Purchasing Department’s legal requirements and procedures. Through USF discounts, FWCS is only responsible for 15% (\$61,446.24) of the actual cost of \$409,641.60.

Vector Tech Group (Ruckus, Option 1)	Holland, MI	\$ 409,641.60
People Driven Technology (Juniper)	Carmel, IN	\$ 448,911.36
Vector Tech Group (Ruckus, Option 2)	Holland, MI	\$ 559,584.00
Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (Meraki)	Downers Grove, IL	\$ 761,360.64
Riverside Technologies Inc (Meraki)	North Sioux City, SD	\$1,138,602.24

Funding will come from the Operations Fund and the Common School Fund loan. Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Julie Hollingsworth, that the recommendation concerning the Network Switches be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Lenovo L13  
Yoga G2  
ThinkPads

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Lenovo L13 Yoga G2 ThinkPads:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 648 Lenovo L13 Yoga G2 ThinkPads from ProSys of Indianapolis for \$640,807.20.

**RELATED INFORMATION:** The purchase of these laptops represents the second purchase for the 2023-24 school year and will ensure that teachers have current technology to support instruction. This is a part of our normal 4-year replacement schedule.

FWCS was able to secure pricing that was below General Services Administration (GSA) pricing. Indiana law does not require public bidding for purchases made at or below GSA pricing.

Funding will come from the Common School Fund loan. Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Ann Duff, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning the Lenovo L13 Yoga G2 ThinkPads be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Wireless  
Access  
Points

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Wireless Access Points:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that an award be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the purchase of 196 wireless access points.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sentinel Technologies, Inc.	Downers Grove, IL	\$237,667.64

**RELATED INFORMATION:** This purchase for Meraki wireless access points replaces wireless access points reaching their end-of-life at South Side and Levan Scott schools.

A public bid was conducted through the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) portal in conjunction with the FWCS Purchasing Department's legal requirements and procedures. Through USF discounts, FWCS is only responsible for 15% (\$35,650.15) of the actual cost of \$237,667.64.

FWCS Preferred Products

Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (Meraki)	Downers Grove, IL	<b>\$237,667.64</b>
Riverside Technologies Inc (Meraki)	North Sioux City, SD	\$296,959.60
Diverse Tech Service, Inc (Meraki)	Indianapolis, IN	\$404,598.88

Equivalent Products accepted by USF bidding portal but not accepted by FWCS

Vector Tech Group (Ruckus)	Holland, MI	\$161,174.72
People Driven Technology (Juniper, option 1)	Carmel, IN	\$260,146.88
People Driven Technology (Juniper, option 2)	Carmel, IN	\$299,960.36

Funding will come from the Operations Fund and the Common School Fund loan. Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Noah Smith, seconded by Julie Hollingsworth, that the recommendation concerning the Wireless Access Points be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Vehicles for Maintenance & Operations

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Vehicles for Maintenance & Operations:

**RECOMMENDATION:** It was recommended that an award be made to the lowest responsible and responsive vendor meeting specifications and quality standards:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
O'Daniel Ford, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$167,431.00

**RELATED INFORMATION:** This purchase is for one Ford Transit and three Ford F-350 trucks. These vehicles will replace older units that are due for replacement. The total includes a trade-in amount of \$19,800.

Invitations to quote were mailed to three prospective vendors with two responding.

O'Daniel Ford, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$167,431.00
City Ford, LLC	Columbia City, IN	\$174,780.00

This purchase will be funded from the Fund. Pete Smith, Manager of Maintenance and Operations, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Rohli Booker, seconded by Anne Duff, that the recommendation concerning the Vehicles for Maintenance & Operations be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Pre-K Programs Presentation

Mitch Sheppard, Director of Philanthropy and Kim Brooks, Title I Director provided an overview of the free Pre-K program offered by FWCS and the data-driven success that our children are experiencing. Rhian Fertil, Diverse Learners Manager and Katie Ziegler, Pre-K Coordinator were also in attendance to assist as support and were available to answer questions.

Comments

Board Member Steve Corona attended the NSBA winter meeting where a Georgetown University economist, Marguerite Roza spoke about nationwide educational funding and the "perfect storm" that will hit 2024-25. This perfect storm is due to ESSER expiring, Enrollment decline (as people are not having babies), inflation (districts who were overly generous to their teachers with pay raises), state revenue growth (Indiana is 16<sup>th</sup> on sales tax revenue at 28.5%). First time in 12-15 years, will affect from PreK on down the line. Don't be surprised. Member Corona is encouraging ISBA to bring Ms. Roza to Indiana to speak. FWCS has been prudent in not using large amounts of ESSER for recurring expenses.

Board Member Julie Hollingsworth concurred with Mr. Corona about bringing Ms. Roza in as there is a current bill wanting to add the minimum teacher salary. Member Hollingsworth is calling this legislative session a whac-a-mole season. From tonight's earlier presentation, it is good to hear there are 16 PreK bills on the slate, definitely on people's radar. Ms. Hollingsworth talked to the Journal Gazette today, where she told them she is opposed to the bill to make school boards partisan. She feels this is a public service position, not a political job. Looking back, she may not have run if she would've had to declare a party. People who run for school board are typically interested in serving the community, as it is a passion, not moving on to another higher paying job. Another interesting one is HB1635 which would make it mandatory for those who take the ASVAB for a graduation pathway to enlist in the military. She is not sure that is even legal. Yet another bill involves sharing tax bills with other school corporation or charters. She haven't seen anything about Charter schools and their embarrassing 47% graduation rate.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias commented that another concerning bill is stating that teachers can no longer talk to administration about curriculum or discipline. Today she sat with over 100 community members, teachers, students and staff at the Portrait of a Graduate event. It takes a village to move our students forward. How can a district move forward without listening to their teachers who have direct contact every day with students. Her Call of Action is to know what legislators are talking about.

Board Member Anne Duff did a shout out for the President's Day, 2 pm, February 20 "Day of Action" event at the State House. This is a great opportunity for teachers to have their voices heard and a good day to make appointments with your legislator. These events connect people with whom you may not have met in person during your fight for public education, which is always an uphill battle. Other opportunities include the March 1, 6 pm event at the downtown ACPL, "Public Education Update" where Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, President of the Indiana Coalition for Public Education (ICPE) and Jennifer McCormick, Board Member of ICPE and former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction will be talking about the landscape of public education and ways we can advocate for public schools.

Board Member Rohli Booker shared New Tech Academy at Wayne's Anti-racism exhibit at University of St. Francis, 6-7:30 pm tomorrow. This is opportunity is a great way for students to express their experiences and a way for them to share their stories and have meaningful conversations on what is going on in their lives.

Board Member Noah Smith thanked Sandy Adams for taking him around the multiple Career Academy buildings and seeing the kids prepare for Skills USA competition. He also recently was able to see 3DE in action at North Side and Snider. While at NSHS he was able to meet with management from Arbys. Students were presenting on how to get 12-17 year olds to eat at Arbys. One winning group from each school will continue to the next level of competition. Member Smith felt there was value of having management involved. He originally wanted to congratulate Snider girls basketball, but then he noticed all the other outstanding students who were successful over the weekend, including wrestlers from Snider and Northrop, the success of Wayne and Snider in swimming and diving and middle school basketball where Memorial Park girls won city and Blackhawk boys won over Miami. There was also middle school robotics occurring and NSHS string competition. Member Smith is proud of student athletes, musicians. Thanked Dr. Daniel, Charles, Krista for getting weather information out the night before with the recent inclement weather, parents appreciated the advance notice.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel commented that research shows that students who are involved in two or more extra-curricular activities have better behavior and their academics improve. Today we had a Portrait of a Graduate and Dr. Daniel showed the three posters that came out of the meeting where close to 40 students contributed to conversations. On March 13, we will continue to work on a three-year plan. He has been reminded that we have to go slow to go fast. Superintendent Daniel said that with the existing Junior Achievement contract, in 2023-24 we will have freshman and sophomores in 3DE at NSHS and Snider then in 2024-25 we will add South Side and Northrop and then the following year we will add Wayne. Next Board meeting we will have David Marcotte here to present. If something is tied to economics there is a pretty good chance it will move through legislation with early learning and cap stones. Lots going on.

Board President Maria Norman commented that her colleagues did a nice job of mentioning the bills she was going to mention. She encouraged everyone to contact your Legislators. Even if you aren't able to speak with them personally, they have interns that tally what people are wanting and they share that information with their legislator. President Norman would like to say "ditto" on what everyone has mentioned tonight. Ms. Norman attended her first ISBA President Roundtable which was a very good experience where she met lots of first year presidents. She mentioned that all the things Noah brought up this evening was just one day, a Saturday. She thanked everyone involved with these events, from teachers working to parents volunteering.

Next Meeting

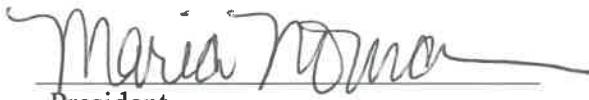
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.


Signatures


Board Minutes February 13, 2023

Documents to be signed by members of the Board were the Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 23, 2023; Vouchers for the period ending February 13, 2023 and the payroll for the periods ending December 30, 2022 and January 13, 2023.

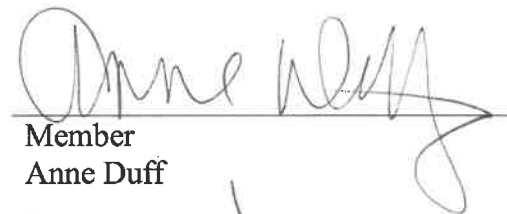
Adjournment and Dismissal                      There being no further business and no general public comment, upon a motion by Noah Smith, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


  
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