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

6:06 p.m.

November 27, 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, November 27, 2023, at 6:06 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:		Julie Hollingsworth			
Consent Agenda	N	inutes from the regular Bo	oard me	ollowing consent agenda items with eting, November 13, 2023; Vouc period ending November 3, 2023	hers for	the period ending	
Minutes	The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held November 13, 2023 were distributed to Board members for review with a recommendation for approval.						
Vouchers and Payroll				ommended that the Board approv for the period ending November			
	vc Co en Do	oucher listing totaling \$5,8 community Schools appear iding November 3, 2023. etail of all paid vouchers a	21,624. on the I and payr	l vouchers paid by the Fort Ways 72. Gross wages and fringe bene Payroll Certification document to oll remains on file in the Busines udit, these records are stored as r	fits paid taling \$ ss Office	by the Fort Wayne 11,828,828.80 for the period e until audited by the State	
Personnel Report	re	gulations.					
1	FUNE	S					
	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	4900	E.A.C.H. Mental Health	7923	ESSER	
	1400	Career Center	5110	Steward B. Homeless Asst	7931	ESSER II	
	1705	Warehouse	5200	Special Education Fund	7940	Geer	
	2100		5430	Pre-School Special Education	7941	ESSER I	
		Access Channel	5550	Adult Basic Education	7950	ESSER III	
	2200		6260	Perkins Grant	7970	Magnet	
	3710	Non-English Speaking	6460 6730	Medicaid Reimbursement Gear Up	7980	PEER	

STATUS C Position Changed L Leave	N New Position/A R Replacement	Ilocation T	T Temporary Position			
	TEACHER(S) REC RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION	COMMENDED FOR N/TERMINATION/I				
<u>NAME</u> James, Edward L.	ASSIGNMENT Blackhawk/Mathematics	STATUS Resign	<u>FUND</u> 0101	EFFECTIVE 12-04-23		
Thomas, Ashley N.	North Side/English	Resign	0101	11-08-23		

TEACHERS(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

<u>NAME</u> Jones, Adam M.	COLLEGE Indiana Wesleyan University BS	<u>EXP</u> 0.5	FROM New	<u>TO</u> South Side/ELL	<u>STATUS</u> R	<u>FUND</u> 0101	EFFECTIVE 11-09-23
Kelley, Brandon M.	Cincinnati Christian University MA	0.0	New	Snider/Social Studies	R	0101	01-08-24
Lewis, Shafonda M.	Trine University MS	0.0	Certified Sub	Fairfield/MIMD (0.50) + Young/MIMD (0.50)	R	0101	10-03-23

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u> Opper, Christopher B.	<u>FROM</u> Northrop/Biology	<u>TO</u> North Side/Biology	<u>STATUS</u> R	<u>FUND</u> 0101	EFFECTIVE 11-06-23
Strawbridge, Mallory K.	Lindley/Family Medical Leave	Lindley/Grade 3	R	0101	11-20-23
Whitesell, Elizabeth L.	Snider/French	Snider/Family Medical Leave	L	0101	11-06-23 To 11-16-23
Whitesell, Elizabeth L.	Snider/Family Medical Leave	Snider/Sick Leave	L	0101	11-17-23 To 02-23-24

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

Brazill, Seamus M.

Martin, Alexia S.

O'Connor, Asia N.

Kuker, John D.

McCracken, Jalen R.

Tieman, Melissa E. White, Olivia R.

SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE POSITION(S)

Baker, Elizabeth Braun, Nicholas J. Bubb, Paton B. Buford, Jennifer E. Clark, Kristin A. Davis, Emonie A. Eley, Starlene D. Khan, Katherine E. Koob, Olivia Mann, Christopher M. Matarese, Phillip A. Reyna, Marcos L. Schriber, Matthew I. Warnsley, Michael K. Wilkins, Connie S. Win, Khaing T.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR HOMEBOUND ASSIGNMENT(S)

Bandor, Keira J. Hoffacker, Michelle A. O'Sullivan, Megan Hubbard, Amanda K. Salgado, Joseph A. Cameron, Jennifer L. Johnson, Felicia R. Settle, Shane M. Carpenter, Kerry V. Sneary, Laura J. Casto, Kari L. Lewis, Ashley Souleimane, Valerie C. Cuellar, Cristina M. Matson, Sarah A. Tadeo, Melissa F. Dickerhoof, Rachael C. Meyer, Nichole C.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT(S)

Giant, Christine W.	Robinson, Clyde L.	Schweitzer, Peter D.
		Sprunger, Braelynne M.

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

<u>NAME</u> Baumert, Kim R.	ASSIGNMENT Human Resources/Specialist	STATUS Retire	<u>FUND</u> 0300	EFFECTIVE 12-29-23
Baumgartner-Marks, Penny L.	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	Terminate	0101/ 0800	10-20-23
Colon, Lori L.	St. Joseph Central/School Asst. Special Ed	Resign	0101	12-01-23
Demaree, Nicole L.	Irwin/School Assistant	Resign	0101	10-13-23
Henry, Teresa J.	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	Resign	0101/ 0800	11-01-23
Jennings, Jamie L.	Student & Family Support/ Well Being Advisor	Terminate	7923	11-10-23
Johnson, Aaron C.	Security/Security Guard Sub	Terminate	2100/ 0300	11-06-23

Masso Umbria, Jose A.	Transportation/Bus Assistant	Resign	0300	10-31-23
Millar, Trina J.	Health & Wellness/Nurse Substitute	Terminate	0101	11-06-23
Moore, Deidre M.	Student & Family Support/ Pathway Student Advisor	Resign	6730	11-28-23
Perez, Mary H.	Levan Scott/Leave of Absence	Retire	0101	11-08-23
Piatt, Dionne D.	Health & Wellness/ Health Aide	Resign	6460	11-08-23
Saylor-Hicks, Alexandria L.	Health & Wellness/Substitute Health Aide	Terminate	6460	11-06-23
Snead, Brittany J.	Price/ School Asst. Special Ed	Resign	0101	11-20-23
Spears Wells, Sarai E.	Fairfield/52 Week Secretary/ Treasurer	Resign	0101	11-21-23
Thomas, Aleasha A.	Arlington/School Asst. Special Ed	Resign	0101	11-15-23
Walker–Parker, Susan E.	Shawnee/ School Asst. Special Ed	Resign	0101	11-21-23
Williams, Damian T.	Bloomingdale/ School Assistant	Resign	0101	12-22-23

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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<u>NAME</u> Baker, Cynthia S	FROM New	TO Transportation/SPB Driver	<u>STATUS</u> R	<u>FUND</u> 0300	EFFECTIVE 11-29-23
Cardona, Nikolas A.	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	0300	11-29-23
Castillo, Angela	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	11-16-23
Chendori, Nandi A.	New	Forest Park/School Assistant	R	0101	11-20-23
Curry, Trevor E.	New	Technology/Senior Network Technician	R	0300	11-27-23

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Delagrange, Anne M.	New	Title I/Non-Public Tutor	Т	4170	11-13-23
Gooden, Antonio L.	New	North Side/ School Assistant	R	0101	11-14-23
Goodwin, Janice A.	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	11-20-23
Gray, Brittany R.	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	0300	11-15-23
Hernandez, Genesis A.	New	Northcrest/School Asst. Special Ed	R	0101	11-17-23
Howard, Damone M.	New	Fairfield/ Administrative Assistant	R	0101	11-13-23
Huguley, Akyra N.	New	Towles/ School Asst. Special Ed	R	0101	11-07-23
Kinsey, Stephanie A.	New	St. Joseph Central/ School Asst. Special Ed	R	0101	11-10-23
Lyon, Abigail M.	New	Title I/Non-Public Tutor	Т	4170	11-06-23
Mares, Smera S.	New	School Asst–Sub (0101) + Special Ed Asst Sub (0101) + Clerical–Sub (0101) + Food Service–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	11-09-23
McGraw, Dearil	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	0300	11-09-23
Miodus, Terriloyn L.	New	Transportation/ SPB Driver	R	0300	11-01-23
Nazemi, Samiullah	New	ELL/ Temp ELL Interpreter	Т	0101	11-20-23
Samuels, Devlon S.	New	Shawnee/School Assistant	R	0101	11-15-23
Sanchez, Kimberly D.	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	0300	11-27-23
Sanders, Emma G.	New	Northwood/Cafeteria Assistant	R	0800	11-14-23
Savino, Amy E.	New	Towles/Montessori Assistant	R	0101	11-13-23
Sharp, Alexandria N.	New	Abbett/School Assistant	R	4170	11-20-23

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Silowsky, Tammy A.	New	Tra	ansportation/ SPB Driver	R	0300	11-13-23
Simerman, Paxton A.	New	Sp Cle	hool Asst–Sub (0101) + ecial Ed Asst Sub (0101) + erical–Sub (0101) + Food rvice–Sub (0800)	R	0101/ 0800	11-08-23
Smith, Hunter M.	New	Nc	orthcrest/School Assistant	R	0101	11-17-23
Stucky, Kate M.	New		trition Services/ Cafeteria st. Transportation	R	0800	11-07-23
Summers, Tyler J.	New		ident & Family Support/"b" strumental Instructor	Т	2100	11-17-23
Tinker Jr., Johnny	New	Tra	ansportation/SPB Driver	R	0300	11-17-23
Turk, Jessica A.	New	Gl	enwood Park/School Assistant	R	0101	11-13-23
White, Melissa M.	New	Tit	le I/Non-Public Tutors	Т	4170	11-16-23
Wright- Thompson, Aamaya	New	W	ayne/School Asst. Special Ed	R	0101	11-13-23
	CLASSIFIED	PE	RSONNEL RECOMMENDEI	D FOR BOAL	RD ACTION	[
<u>NAME</u> Bajgoric, Jasmina	<u>FROM</u> Northrop/Cafeteria Assistant		TO Northrop/Sick Leave	<u>STATUS</u> L	<u>FUND</u> 0800	EFFECTIVE 09-25-23 to 03-25-24
Botale, Natacha N.	Nutrition Process Cente Family Medical Leave	er/	Nutrition Process Center/ Cafeteria Assistant	R	0800	11-01-23
Creech, Jessica L.	Abbett/School Assistan	lt	Abbett/ Family Medical Leave	L	0101	11-02-23 to 01-08-24
Garza, Sabie A.	Study/School Assistant	,	Study/School-Year Secretary	R	0101	11-09-23
Henkle, Andrea K.	Snider/School-Year Secretary		Snider/Secretary/ Registrar	R	0101	11-17-23
McGillicuddy, Jennifer G.	Shambaugh/School Assistant		Portage/School Asst. Special Ed	R	0101	11-20-23

Patterson,

Randy A.

	Ralli, Joshua G.	Northwood/Cafeteria Assistant	Northwood/ Cook	R	0800	11-10-23				
		CLASSIFIED PERSONNE	L RECOMMENDED FOR T	EMPORARY A	SSIGNMENT	'(S)				
		, Leah M. ell, Marcus A.	Hicks, Amy M. Stieglitz, Caleb W.	Thompso	on, Chad N.					
Required Disclosures			d approve the hiring or contin other misconduct listed in IC 2		nt of individual	ls				
	Recon	nmended Candidates for Em	ployment:							
		<u>Position</u> School Assistant								
	the pe	a items be approved: Minut riod ending November 27, 2	nne Duff, seconded by Jennif es from the regular Board mer 023, payroll for the period end irres. Roll Call: Ayes, unanim	eting, November ding November	r 13, 2023; Voi 3, 2023; Perso	uchers for				
Allen County Public Librar		Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Allen County Public Library Board Appointment and Report:								
Board Appointment and Report		RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board reappoint Ben Eisbart to the Board of the Allen County Public Library (ACPL).								
		RELATED INFORMATION: FWCS makes two appointments to the ACPL's Board of Trustees. This will be Ben's third term. His new term will begin January 1, 2024 and end December 31, 2027.								
	introd	Ben Eisbart and Martin Seifert are the current appointees. Executive Director Susan Baier will introduce ACPL's new Youth Services Manager Jacki Fulwood. They showed a video, presented on the 2023 successes in programs and services, and shared the recently approved 2024-28 Strategic Plan.								
	A motion was made by Rohli Booker, seconded by Noah Smith, that the recon concerning the Allen County Public Library Board Appointment and Report be approve Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.									
Title III Gran	t	Dr. Daniel presented the	following recommendation co	ncerning the Tit	le III Grant:					
			recommended that the Board a Department of Education in		•	Title III				
	RELATED INFORMATION: Funds from this grant will allow for the continuation of a range of supplemental services for the district's English Language Learners (ELL) program. The grant suppor supplemental instructional materials, professional learning and family engagement.									
	This non-competitive grant was written by Emily Schwartz Keirns, Director of ELL and she was available to answer questions.									
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A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Rohli Booker, that the recommendation concerning the Title III Grant be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Asbestos Abatement for Blackhawk Middle School

Aiphone

Project

Replacement

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Aiphone Replacement Project:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following equipment and construction contracts for the Aiphone Replacement Project:

BD101739 Aiphone Equipment: Graybar Base Bid\$345,556.40

RELATED INFORMATION: This project consists of the replacement of Aiphone entry door intercom systems at 63 buildings. The project will be funded from 2023 General Obligation Bond funds. Project specifications require the work to be complete by May 24, 2024.

Darren Hess, Director of Facilities, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Noah Smith, that the recommendation concerning the Aiphone Replacement Project be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Asbestos Abatement for Blackhawk Middle School:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract for the Asbestos Abatement for the Blackhawk Middle School Project:

Total Environmental Services, LLC

Base Bid	09,000
Total Contract\$20	09,000

RELATED INFORMATION: This project consists of asbestos abatement at Blackhawk Middle School. The project will be funded from the 2020 School Building Basic Renewal/ Restoration and Safety Project (Bond).

Darren Hess, Director of Facilities, was available to answer questions.

	Environmental	Total
	Management Specialists,	Environmental
Contractor	Inc.	Services, LLC
Base Bid	\$238,000	\$209,000
Recommendation	\$238,000	\$209,000

A motion was made by Steve Corona, seconded by Anne Duff, that the recommendation concerning the Asbestos Abatement for Blackhawk Middle School be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Chambers Field Improvements:

Chambers Field Improvements

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract for the Chambers Field Improvements at North Side High School. The work will include the replacement of the latex running track, installation of synthetic turf, sub-surface stormwater drainage and the relocation of track & field events.

The Motz Group	
Total Contract.	\$1,963,243

RELATED INFORMATION: The project was designed and procured through the Wilson Education Foundation, an Indiana approved educational purchasing cooperative program. Engineering Resources, Inc. assisted with the project's civil design and approval with the local authorities. This recommendation is within the program budget. The project is funded from the Operations Fund and is identified in the Capital Projects Plan. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 2, 2024.

Darren Hess, Director of Facilities, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Chambers Field Improvements be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Contract Amendment for North Transportation Center Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Project:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve a contract amendment with Blue Energy Equipment to replace the fuel distribution system at the North Transportation Center in the amount of \$898,998.

RELATED INFORMATION: This amendment will replace the existing underground fuel storage tanks, fueling islands and associated monitoring equipment to fully replace the fuel distribution system at the North Transportation Center. This amendment establishes the final price for the project. A prior Board recommendation on October 9, 2023, approved the pre-purchase of one 25,000 gallon underground fuel storage tank for diesel fuel and one 6,000 gallon underground fuel storage tank for unleaded gasoline fuel. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 2, 2024.

FWCS was able to secure pricing available through Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing organization. Indiana law does not require public bidding for purchases made at or below approved cooperative purchasing entities.

The project is funded from the 2023 General Obligation Bond funds.

Darren Hess, Director of Facilities, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Noah Smith, that the recommendation concerning the Contract Amendment for North Transportation Center Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Project be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Real Estate Transactions Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Real Estate Transactions:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve real estate transactions for the following:

- Fairfield Elementary School Acceptance of the donation of property from the Lutheran Foundation.
- Towles Intermediate School Donation of right-of-way to the City of Fort Wayne.

RELATED INFORMATION: Lutheran Foundation has offered to donate 2.615 acres of property that is adjacent to the south of the current Fairfield school campus. This will allow flexibility for the school to create a parent pick-up lane and additional parking.

The donation of land by FWCS/Towles Intermediate School of the eastern 16.94' strip of land along Hanna Street from Pauling Road south to Burns Blvd. containing 0.593 acres to the City of Fort Wayne as permanent right-of-way to construct a portion of the Hanna Street Trail.

Amendment for North Transportation Center Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Project

Contract

Darren Hess, Director of Facilities, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Real Estate Transactions be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Group Health Plan Renewal Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Group Health Plan Renewal:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board renew the administration contract with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem") effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

RELATED INFORMATION: Anthem acts as a third-party administrator for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Group Health Plan, providing employees with access to broad-based PPO providers and network discounts. In addition, they manage claims processing services and all aspects of the provider network, perform utilization and medical management functions, provide enrollment support and customer service for our employees.

Administrative fees for medical, dental and vision are increasing 11.3% or about \$206,000. The increase is due to a 2.9% increase in Anthem's fee and a new consumer cost saving tool for employees called Healthcare Bluebook, which guarantees estimates of a 3.95% return on investment (ROI), and will guide covered employees towards the best quality service at the best price.

Our medical prescription plan will also remain with the current Pharmacy Benefit Manger (PBM) CVS Caremark through RX Benefits. FWCS continues to receive pharmacy cost savings through prescription rebates to the prescription plan in the sum of \$4.1 million. Reinsurance, or Stop Loss premiums are increasing 9.8% or about \$480,000. Administrative fees and reinsurance premiums are about \$6,815,000 or approximately 11% of the total expected cost of the health plan, \$61,514,385.

Rose Costello, Executive Director of Human Resources was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Group Health Plan Renewal be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Comments Board Member Jennifer Matthias is proud to be an alumni of Snider and the wonderful athletic program at the school. This time of year, it is important to let employees know how important they are and how thankful we are for them.

Board Member Rohli Booker thanked the community for their support for SAFER schools and for all the hard work that was put into making the referendum a success.

Board Member Noah Smith is happy and proud of being part of FWCS. He also congratulated the Snider football team for their state win last weekend. Member Smith also spoke about Snider being the only high school not having a home field.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel spoke about the celebration tomorrow at Snider for their State Football win. What happens in co-curriculars is very important, when things go well the entire school benefits, students are driven to great programs in arts and athletics. In the near future parents will be seeing lottery information. There are many opportunities for parents to visit high schools, especially Eighth grade parents will be given the opportunity to engage. Lottery will be extended for high school decisions.

Board President Maria Norman thanked the voters of Fort Wayne for voting yes for SAFER schools. Thanked Career Academy for making the Board sticker. President Norman also spoke about Memorial Park Officer's Block who has recently been promoted and how Memorial Park students celebrated her Sergeant promotion. Ms. Norman also congratulated Snider. Next Meeting The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Signatures Documents to be signed by members of the Board were the Minutes from the regular Board meeting, November 13, 2023; Vouchers for the period ending November 27, 2023; and payroll for the period ending November 3, 2023.

Adjournment and Dismissal There being no further business and no general public comment, upon a motion by Noah Smith, seconded by Steve Corona, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

President

Maria Norman

Vice President Rohli Booker

Secretary Noah Smith

Member Stephen Corona

Member Anne Duff

ABSENT

Member Julie Hollingsworth

autor

Jennifer Matthias