

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

6:10 p.m.

January 8, 2024

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met for the organization meeting in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:10 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

Election of Officers

Maria Norman opened the floor for nominations of officers. Julie Hollingsworth nominated Maria Norman for the office of President; Rohli Booker for Vice President; and Noah Smith for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Anne Duff. There were no further nominations and Maria Norman asked for a vote. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none. The 2024 Officers for the FWCS Board of School Trustees are: Maria Norman, President; Rohli Booker, Vice President and Noah Smith, Secretary.

Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers:

RELATED RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that Sherry L. Nidlinger be appointed as treasurer, Stefan W. Pittenger and Elizabeth Riedinger as deputy treasurers for calendar year 2024, and that bonds for these positions be set as follows:

Treasurer	\$200,000
Deputy Treasurer	\$50,000
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It is further recommended that the administration be granted authority to execute any corporate resolutions required by the various banking depositories.

RELATED INFORMATION: IC 20-26-4-1 provides for appointment of a treasurer and deputy treasurers at the same time that the new Board organizes.

Ms. Nidlinger serves as the full-time treasurer for the corporation, Ms. Riedinger as the full-time deputy treasurer, while Mr. Pittenger serves the district as Director of Fiscal Affairs.

IC 20-26-4-5 provides that the treasurer and deputy treasurers give a bond for the faithful performance of duty in an amount determined by the governing body.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning the Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Comments

Board Member Julie Hollingsworth commented that graduation data came out for 2023 and she is proud to say that FWCS again exceeded the state average of 89%, with a 90% rate. Member Hollingsworth congratulated everyone from custodians, bus drivers, teachers and principals for a job well done, as they all have a positive effect on our students. Ms. Hollingsworth also congratulated FWCS graduate from Wayne, Fiona Quinn for being the first woman to call a Komet game.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias wished everyone a great start to 2024 as staff and students return this week from winter break. Member Matthias appreciates FWCS staff for getting students past the finish line.

Board Member Anne Duff hopes everyone had a great holiday.

Board Member Noah Smith congratulated FWCS graduate, from Snider, Jesse Bates for making the NFL All Pro team.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel commented that Fiona Quinn is also an intern for the FWCS Communication & Marketing department. Today was a teacher in-service day. Graduation data shows we are moving the way we want to go. Earlier today, a small group worked on Portrait of a Graduate planning and implementation discussing attendance, graduation rate, freshmen on track to graduate, and behavior metrics and moving this data in a positive direction. Superintendent is excited to see what will happen over the next several years. We will be bringing to a future board meeting some exciting things happening with regards to some new grants that we have received. These concern Early Childhood. Hopefully staff were able to recharge over break, always need bus drivers. Inclement weather is forecasted, so be aware of notifications on ParentSquare. We are doing our due diligence on making sure our district is safe.

Board President Maria Norman we start our Schools of Success Open Houses this week.
Thursday, Jan 11 – South Side | 6 pm – 7:30 pm Monday, Jan 22 – FW Virtual Academy | 4 pm – 5:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan 16 – North Side | 5 pm – 7 pm Wednesday, Jan 24 – Wayne | 6 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday, Jan 18 – Snider | 6 pm – 7:30 pm Thursday, Jan 25 – Northrop | 6 pm – 7:30 pm

You can attend any or all of the orientations. Intended for eighth graders, but anyone can attend to learn more about Schools of Success. The presentation, will have some consistent information, but each high school will have a different program depending on their Schools of Success. This gives schools/departments an opportunity to share why their program is so important. There will be a mix/variation. We will look into recording the main portion or having additional information on our website.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Signatures

Documents to be signed by members of the Board were the Amendment of the Contract of Employment Between Fort Wayne Community Schools and Dr. Mark Daniel; and the Bond Purchase Agreement

Adjournment and Dismissal

There being no further business and no general public comment, upon a motion by Noah Smith, seconded by Rohli Booker, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Maria Norman



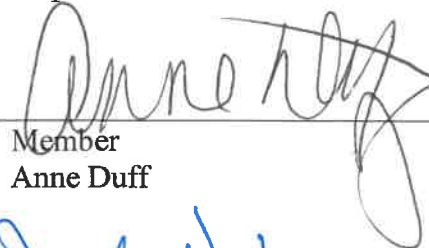
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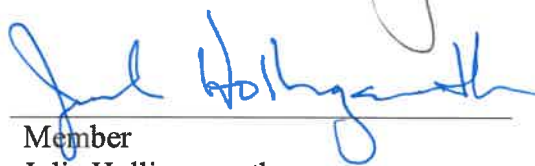
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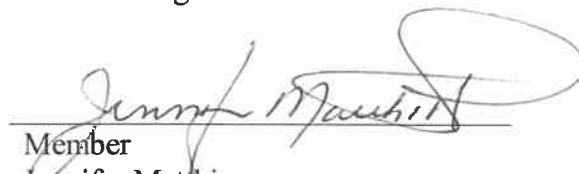
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