

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

6:06 p.m.

February 12, 2024

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 12, 2024, 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: None

All-State
Jazz
Ensembles
for Memorial
Park, North
Side, and
Snider

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

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize students from Memorial Park Middle School, North Side High School and Snider High School for their participation at the Junior Jazz All-State Ensemble and the All-State Jazz Ensemble Conference.

RELATED INFORMATION: Annually, The Indiana Jazz Educators Association offers both a Junior All-State Jazz Ensemble (grades 7-9) and an All-State Jazz Ensemble (grades 9-12) experience at the IMEA Professional Development Conference. These ensembles feature outstanding musicians, students of IJEA members, and students that are members in good standing of their school's jazz program throughout the year. The ensembles perform as a culminating event for the Indiana Music Education Association Conference. This year the performances for the All-State Jazz Ensembles will be held at Fort Wayne's very own Embassy Theater.

The following were recognized:

Memorial Park Middle School

Junior All-State Ensemble Students:

Miles Clark Ryan Thomson, Jazz Director
Braxton Davis Jacob Wyss, Assistant Principal
Sidney Frincke
Ira Patton
JohnPaul Ramsey
Stephen Robles
Nicholas Wilson

North Side High School

Junior All-State Jazz Ensemble Students:

Miles Stockslager David West, Principal
Daniel Musser

All-State Jazz Ensemble Students:

Liam Campbell-Carpenter
Zen Gunawardhana

Snider High School

Junior All-State Jazz Ensemble Student:

Grant Hirsch

Alexandra Moss, Teacher

Stephanie Leslie, Assistant Principal

All-State Jazz Ensemble Students:

Braxton Headley

Brody Hirsch

Vincent Hood

North Side High School State Wrestling

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize North Side High School senior Jackie Shackelford for placing 6th in the 106-pound weight class.

RELATED INFORMATION: Jackie will also compete in the Indiana All-Star Wrestling Tournament against girls from Illinois, she will be representing FWCS and North Side. Jackie has been wrestling for 2 years, and she intends to continue her wrestling career in college.

Jackie Shackelford was recognized with David West, Principal.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Daniel presented the following consent agenda items with recommendations for approval: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 22, 2024; Vouchers for the period ending February 12, 2024 and the payroll for the period ending December 29, 2023, January 12 and January 26, 2024; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures:

Minutes

The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held January 22, 2024, were distributed to Board members for review with a recommendation for approval.

Vouchers and Payroll

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the vouchers for the period ending February 12, 2024 and the payroll for the period ending December 29, 2023, January 12 and January 26, 2024.

RELATED INFORMATION: All vouchers paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools appear on a voucher listing totaling \$12,852,856.91.

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

Payroll period #01A-2024 ending December 29-Supplemental	\$25,430.44
Payroll period #02-2024 ending January 12	\$11,563,731.54
Payroll period #02A-2024 ending January 12-Supplemental	\$9,877.42
Payroll period #03-2024 ending January 26	\$12,385,154.35
Payroll period #03A-2024 ending January 26-Supplemental	\$14,146.38

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

STATUS

C Position Changed

L Leave

N New Position/Allocation

R Replacement

T Temporary Position

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Barnes, Samuel S.	Portage/ED	Terminate	11-06-23
Borchers, Tamara S.	Maplewood/Grade 3	Resign	01-31-24
Daniels, Jason L.	Snider/MIMD	Resign	01-08-24

TEACHERS(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Cooper, Kali D.	Certified Sub	Scott/Grade 3	R	01-11-24
Halluska, Daniel J.	Certified Sub	Wayne New Tech/ Chemistry	R	01-16-24
Peterson, Hannah S.	Certified Sub	Scott/Grade 5	R	01-08-24
Rudolf, Maggie M.	New	Snider/MIMD	R	01-25-24
Schultz, Brielle K.	Certified Sub	Jefferson/Social Studies	R	01-26-24
Trammel, Rachelle	Certified Sub	Price/Grade 2	R	01-19-24
Winter, Anita M.	New	Price/ Kindergarten	R	01-29-24

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Krouse, Camille L.	Bloomingtondale/Visual Art	Virtual Academy/Visual Art	R	01-18-24

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

Mann, Aaron K. Matarese, Phillip A.

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

Cupp, Kathryn M.	Osborn, Jennifer	Stephens, Brooke
Grant, Troyce C.	Peterson, David	Tapp, Tyler J.

Ivers, Hannah J.
 McCrady, Loren R.
 Nestor, Bradley T.

Piercy Putt, Elizabeth K.
 Reuille, Jeweleen A.
 Sanderson, Jordan B.

Underwood, Rubbie J.
 Weaver, Anthony J.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR HOMEBOUND ASSIGNMENT(S)

Andreas, Lisa K.
 Bodenstein, Grace A.
 Evans, Jadon M.
 Givens, Kelly A.
 Harris, Jeannette L.

Henry, Michael F.
 Hormann, Kimberly S.
 Plasterer, Derek J.
 Ragukonis, Christina M.
 Richey, Kathleen M.

Robinson, Kailey M.
 Royal, Nakia T.
 Smith, Samantha S.
 Wilson, Angela M.
 Wyatt, Marie R.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT(S)

Ash, Briana N.
 Barnes, Spencer J.
 Cooke, Kyle E.
 Dean, Victor J.

Duque, Yasmin M.
 Dwire, Christine M.
 Heiniger, Andrew M.

Koontz, Ruth A.
 Lozano, Izabelle R.
 Reed, Ashley N.

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Bergle, Kim M.	Lindley/School Assistant	Resign	01-19-24
Carpenter, Pacia L.	Memorial Park/Cafeteria Assistant	Resign	02-01-24
Crutchfield, Monica A.	Transportation/SPB Driver	Terminate	01-30-24
D-Dunning, Maxcine M.	Transportation/Bus Assistant	Resign	01-16-24
Dyson, Edward C.	Snider/Assistant ISS	Resign	02-13-24
Fletter, Luke J.	Transportation/Bus Driver Substitute	Terminate	01-31-24
Gaff, Renae C.	Northcrest/School Assistant ELL	Resign	02-01-24
Garrison, Stefanni D.	Franke Park/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	01-23-24
Good, Janet K.	Transportation/Manager	Resign	01-04-24
Gooden, Antonio L.	North Side/Assistant ISS	Resign	01-19-24
Hayden, Janice L.	Irwin/School Improvement Liaison	Resign	02-02-24

Hines, Kathy I	North Side/School Assistant	Retire	01-31-24
Johnson, Keymerra J.	Brentwood/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	01-22-24
Kane, Jennifer K.	Arlington/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	02-09-24
Prezbindowski, Jean L.	Transportation/Coordinator	Resign	01-04-24
Richards, Blake M.	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	Resign	12-22-23
Roberts, Teresa M.	Health & Wellness/Nurse	Resign	01-15-24
Rodriguez, Kassandra	Shawnee/School Assistant Special Ed	Terminate	01-09-24
Stephan, Tina R.	Jefferson/Cafeteria Assistant	Resign	01-04-24
Thatcher, Arielle M.	Shawnee/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	01-10-24
Vanhoosear, Matthew P.	Haley/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	01-26-24
Walker, Lawanna E.	North Side/School Assistant Special Ed	Terminate	02-05-24
Young, Jaymes A.	Nutrition Process Center/Cafeteria Assistant	Discharge	01-25-24

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

It was recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following:

Pay Scale 32: Administrative Assistants, School-Year Hourly Coordinators and Advisors

Add: Student Advocate
Group 2, Steps 1.0 – 5.0

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Allison, Afrika Y.	New	Northrop/Student Advocate	N	02-19-24
Brown, Ezekiel I.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	R	01-25-24

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Delira, Elvira D.	New	Towles/School Assistant	R	01-29-24
Gilbert, Cory	New	Maintenance & Operations/ Grounds Keeper	R	02-05-24
Hall, Nanci N.	New	Jefferson/Cafeteria Assistant	R	02-05-24
Hampton, Dontae T.	New	Adams/School-Year Secretary	R	01-22-24
Lincner, Zorana	New	Security/Supervisor	R	02-12-24
Lloyd, Bryan W.	New	Transportation/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	R	01-30-24
McCue, Charles D.	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	01-22-24
Meeks, Jared T.	New	Wayne/Student Advocate	N	02-05-24
Morrison, Ryan L.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	R	01-24-24
Murray, Allison T.	New	Student & Family Support/Gear Up Advisor	R	01-13-24
Neloms, Marquita L.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	R	01-13-24
Phillips, Adrian	New	South Side/School Assistant	R	02-06-24
Reilly, Katherine	New	South Side/Cafeteria Assistant	R	02-05-24
Roberts, Teresa M	New	Health & Wellness/Sub Nurse	R	01-16-24
Scott, Ricky K.	New	Nutrition Services/School Coordinator	R	01-24-24
Vetter, Sarah J.	New	Bunche/School Assistant	R	01-20-24
Voglewede, Sandra	New	Wayne/52 Week Secretary/ Treasurer	R	02-12-24

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following:

Pay Scale 70: Special Office Assignments

Add: Security Clerk
Group 2, Steps 1.0 – 9.0

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Barnett, Daniel O.	Kekionga/School Assistant Special Ed	Kekionga/Student Advocate	N	01-13-24
Desrosiers, Kalen R.	Northrop/School Assistant Special Ed	Amp Lab/Student Advocate	N	02-05-24
Good, Jerri M.	Accounting/Clerk	Purchasing/Clerk	R	01-22-24
Graves, Kristen M.	Harris/School Assistant Special Ed	Student & Family Support/ Assistant Liaison	R	03-4-24
Henriquez, Norma L.	Kekionga/Cafeteria Assistant Temp	Kekionga/Cafeteria Assistant	R	01-24-24
Henry, David A.	Transportation/Coordinator	Transportation/Manager	R	01-16-24
Hildenbrand Ashley N.	South Side/Baker	Northrop/Temporary Assistant Cafeteria Manager	T	01-31-24
Johnson- Steinke, Tonya M.	St. Joe Central/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	Security/Clerk	N	02-01-24
McAtee, Ryan P.	Technology/Software Architect	Technology/Supervisor	R	01-22-24
Nguyen, Scott V.	Memorial Park/Social Studies Teacher	Memorial Park/Student Advocate	N	01-24-24
Nichols, Madeline M.	Shambaugh/School Assistant Special Ed	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	R	01-16-24
Nyangy, John K.	Transportation/Sub Bus Driver	Transportation/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	R	02-05-24
Seifert, Davanna L.	Lindley/School Improvement Liaison	St. Joe Central/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	R	02-01-24
Sharp, Bryson M.	Northrop/Secretary	Northrop/Student Advocate	N	02-05-24

Thomas, Gabrial E.	Wayne/School Assistant Special Ed	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	R	01-10-24
Vazquez Maldonado, Jessica	Bloomington/School Assistant Pre-School	Bloomington/School Improvement Liaison	R	01-29-24
Williams, Alicia M.	Northrop/Assistant Cafeteria Manager	Lane/Cafeteria Manager	R	01-26-24
Wilson, Jacklyn	Lane/Assistant ISS	Lane/Student Advocate	N	01-18-24
Woods, Creea N.	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Asst Sub + Clerical-Sub + Food Service-Sub	Snider/Student Advocate	N	02-5-24

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT(S)

Clark, Kristin A. Hillyard, Juanita P.	Lozano, Jr., Jose I. McNeil, Kassina A.	Pressley, Linda S. Thatcher, Arielle M.
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Required
Disclosures

It was recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the hiring or continued employment of individuals convicted of certain offenses and other misconduct listed in IC-10-26-5-11.2.

Recommended Candidates for Employment:

Position:

Groundskeeper

Certified Substitute

Cafeteria Assistant

A motion was made by Noah Smith, seconded by Anne Duff, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 22, 2024; Vouchers for the period ending February 12, 2024 and the payroll for the period ending December 29, 2023, January 12 and January 26, 2024; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Dedicated
Internet
Access

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Dedicated Internet Access:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve a three-year contract for Dedicated Internet Access from Comcast Business Communications, LLC of Philadelphia, PA in the amount of \$90,000.

RELATED INFORMATION: Comcast has provided FWCS with Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) since 2016. This three-year contract will provide internet bandwidth, up to 20 gigabit per second (20 Gbps), to all FWCS schools and administrative buildings.

An RFP process was conducted through the Federal Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) E-Rate program in conjunction with the FWCS Purchasing Department's legal requirements and procedures. Through E-Rate discounts, FWCS is only responsible for \$90,000 of the actual contract cost of \$227,700.

Funding will come from the Operations Fund.

<u>FWCS Preferred Responses</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total (after discounts)</u>
Comcast Business (20 Gbps)	Philadelphia, PA	\$90,000
ENA by Zayo (20 Gbps)	Nashville, TN	\$174,150
<u>Non-selected Responses</u>		
Comcast Business (10 Gbps)	Philadelphia, PA	\$83,520
ENA by Zayo (10 Gbps)	Nashville, TN	\$107,550
<u>Responses not meeting Specifications</u>		
Frontier Communications (10 Gbps)	Norwalk, CT	\$7,344
Frontier Communications (20 Gbps)	Norwalk, CT	\$13,464

Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

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

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Student and Staff Lenovo Devices:

Student and Staff Lenovo Devices

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Chromebooks from Trafera of Saint Paul, MN in the amount of \$1,359,930.00 and various Lenovo computer models from ProSys of Indianapolis in the amount of \$342,941.02.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Trafera	3,170	Lenovo 300e G4 Chromebooks	\$1,359,930.00
Prosys	214	Lenovo 500W Yoga G4	\$92,754.02
Prosys	50	Lenovo Thinkpad E16 G1	\$46,027.00
Prosys	110	Lenovo Thinkpad P15v Gen 3	\$204,160.00
Total			\$1,702,871.02

RELATED INFORMATION: The purchase of the Lenovo 300e G4 Chromebooks will allow us to pilot the units at Blackhawk and Shawnee middle schools, replace aging devices at our Center for Academic Success at Nebraska and provide District spares. The acquisition of the Lenovo 500W laptops will provide the District with spare computers. The purchase of the Lenovo E16 laptops will be used for office staff replacements and District spares; and the acquisition of the Lenovo P15v laptops are a part of our annual computer purchase for New Tech Wayne.

FWCS was able to secure pricing from Trafera for the Lenovo Chromebooks that is 28% below the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) pricing. FWCS was also able to secure pricing from ProSys that is on average 44.6% below General Services Administration (GSA) pricing. Indiana law does not require public bidding for purchases made at or below approved corporative purchasing agencies and/or GSA pricing.

Funding will come from the Common School Fund (CSF) loan, the School Technology Advancement Account (STAA) and the 2024 Technology General Obligation Bond.

Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Student and Staff Lenovo Devices 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 the Board approve the purchase of Cisco wireless access points from Sentinel Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$744,418.90.

RELATED INFORMATION: This purchase of 745 Cisco wireless access points will replace wireless access points reaching their end-of-life. Schools included in this purchase are Adams, Arlington, Croninger, Irwin, and Price Elementary schools, Blackhawk, Memorial Park, and Shawnee Middle schools, North Side and Wayne High schools, the Career Academy at Anthis, and our Automotive and Parkview Educational Centers.

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% (\$111,662.84) of the actual cost of \$744,418.90.

Funding will come from the Operations fund and the 2024 Technology General Obligation Bond.

<u>FWCS Preferred Products</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (Cisco)	Downers Grove, IL	\$744,418.90
Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (Meraki, Option 1)	Downers Grove, IL	\$719,252.80
Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (Meraki, Option 2)	Downers Grove, IL	\$820,058.75
Diverse Tech Service, Inc (Meraki)	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,265,196.25
<u>Equivalent Products accepted by USF bidding portal but not accepted by FWCS</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vector Tech Group (Ruckus)	Holland, MI	\$555,025.00
Electronic Strategies, Inc. (FortiNet)	Indianapolis, IN	\$628,817.25
Qubit (Extreme Networks)	LaPorte, IN	\$566,378.80
CDWG (Extreme Networks)	Vernon, Hills, IL	\$564,710.00

Kevin Greubel, Manager of Technology, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning the Wireless Access Points be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

North Side
High
School Fire
Protection
Project
2024

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the North Side High School Fire Protection Project 2024:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract from Current Fire Protection for the base bid amount of \$159,798 for the 2024 North Side High School Fire Protection Project.

RELATED INFORMATION: The project consists of dry system fire suppression piping replacement and installation of a new nitrogen generator in the auditorium at North Side High School. Primary Engineering, Inc. designed the project. The project is funded from the Operations Fund, which is identified in the Capital Projects Plan and is within the program budget. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 1, 2024.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Fire Protection, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$159,798
Shambaugh & Son, LP	Fort Wayne, IN	\$172,686

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

A motion was made by Jennifer Matthias, seconded by Anne Duff, that the recommendation concerning the North Side High School Fire Protection Project 2024 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Plumbing
PPI
Projects
2024

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Plumbing PPI Projects 2024:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract with Schenkel Construction, Inc in the amount of \$462,235 for 2024 Plumbing Physical Plant Improvements (PPI) Projects.

RELATED INFORMATION: The project consists of partial plumbing fixture and distribution replacements in four buildings. Primary Engineering, Inc. designed the project. The project is funded from the Operations Fund, which is identified in the Capital Projects Plan and is within the program budget. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 1, 2024.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
C3 Construction Services, LLC	Fort Wayne, IN	\$589,800.00
G&L Corporation	Fort Wayne, IN	\$656,185.82
Schenkel Construction, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$462,235.00
Shawnee Construction & Engineering, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$548,000.00
Strebig Construction, Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$627,737.00

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 Plumbing PPI Projects 2024 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Site and
Traffic
Physical Plant
Improvement
(PPI) Project
2024

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Site and Traffic Physical Plant Improvement (PPI) Project 2024:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract for the 2024 Site & Traffic Physical Plant Improvement (PPI) Project:

<u>API Construction Corporation</u>	
Base Bid	\$1,035,000
Alternate 1 (Blackhawk)	\$51,000
Alternate 2 (Blackhawk)	Not Accepted
Alternate 3 (Miami Middle School)	Not Accepted
Alternate 4 (Shawnee Middle School)	\$27,000
Alternate 5 (Washington Center)	\$14,000
Total Contract.....	\$1,127,000

RELATED INFORMATION: The project consists of removal and replacement of existing concrete walks and asphalt paving and minor school sports site work at 18 sites. Martin Riley Architects & Engineers designed the project. The project is funded from the Operations Fund, which is identified in the Capital Projects Plan and is within the program budget. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 1, 2024.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
API Construction Corporation	LaOtto, IN	\$1,127,000
Brooks Construction Co. Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$1,168,279
Wayne Asphalt & Construction Co., Inc.	Fort Wayne, IN	\$1,172,274

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 Site and Traffic Physical Plant Improvement (PPI) Project 2024 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

South Side High School PA Replacement Project 2024

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the South Side High School PA Replacement Project 2024:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the following construction contract for the 2024 South Side High School PA Replacement Project:

<u>Premier Communications, LLC, Fort Wayne, IN</u>	
Base Bid	\$223,860
Total Contract.....	\$223,860

RELATED INFORMATION: The project consists of a new PA system installed at South Side High School. Primary Engineering, Inc. designed the project. The project is funded from the Operations Fund, which is identified in the Capital Projects Plan and is within the program budget. Project specifications require the work to be complete by August 1, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Noah Smith, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning the South Side High School PA Replacement Project 2024 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Alive Community Outreach Contract

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Alive Community Outreach Contract:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve a contract with Alive Community Outreach in the amount of \$500,000.00.

RELATED INFORMATION: This contract specifies Alive’s plan to provide a Peacemaker Program in each FWCS high school through the end of the 2024-25 school year. The current program at South Side High School has been in place for two years. Services will include a co-curricular Peace Club, a summer Peacemaker Academy, and a school-day community volunteer program (Grannies and Grampies). The contract will enable Alive to employ five Peace Advocates, and one Program Director to staff the Program.

Funding is provided by the School Safety Operations Referendum Fund.

David Amen, FWCS General Counsel and Matt Schiebel, Executive Director of Safety and Community Partnerships were available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Julie Hollingsworth, seconded by Rohli Booker, that the recommendation concerning the Alive Community Outreach Contract be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Approval of Scholarship Committee Member

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Approval of Scholarship Committee Member:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board appoint Willie Burton, Captain/Instructor Training Division of Fort Wayne Fire Department to replace Judge William Lee and Rosalind Walker-Lewis to replace Alicia O’Neal on the Scholarship Committee.

RELATED INFORMATION: Over the years, several trustees nominated Judge Lee to serve on the Scholarship Committee, the most recent of which was Noah Smith. Pursuant to the Committee bylaws, Mr. Smith has chosen Willie Burton to fill the vacancy created by Judge Lee.

Previously, Alicia O’Neal was nominated by Rohli Booker to serve on the Scholarship Committee. Pursuant to the Committee bylaws Ms. Booker has chosen Rosalind Walker-Lewis to fill the vacancy created by Alicia O’Neal.

The following members shall constitute the Scholarship Committee after this appointment:

- Nita Auer – Julie Hollingsworth
- Daysha Jackson-Sanchez – Maria Norman
- William Burton – Noah Smith (Upon Board Approval)
- TBD – Jennifer Mathias
- Alfredo Perez – Stephen Corona
- Michelle Bandor – Anne Duff
- Rosalind Walker-Lewis – Rohli Booker

Matthew Henry serves as an honorary member of the Committee.

Shenita Bolton, Executive Director of College and Career Readiness was available to answer questions about the Scholarship Committee and David Amen was available to answer questions about the nomination and appointment procedure.

A motion was made by Noah Smith, seconded by Rohli Booker, that the recommendation concerning the Approval of Scholarship Committee Member be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Instructional
Technology
Presentation

The presentation was on how Instructional Technology supports the district through aligning Blended Learning with district curriculum goals.

Our professional learning with teachers, along with, our STEM/STEAM innovations to support student centered learning environments was highlighted.

Shannon Quigley, Manager of Learning Technology, was available to answer any questions.

Comments

Board Member Steve Corona attended the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington DC, a couple of weeks ago, and they spoke about the legislation of IDEA. Back in 1975, when it was passed by Congress it was to be fully funded and provide special education services above and beyond what they were currently doing. It was to be funded at 40%; however it is only paid at 13% so funds are taken away from other areas. The new approach is to be 100% paid over 10 years. Needs to be bipartisan. Working with Indiana’s Senator Young. There is power in groups and friends. Need to build relationships and do the leg work, the value of working these events. Tough, but important work.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias spoke about the amazing amount of talent at FWCS: students, teachers, mentors, PeaceKeepers, Grammys/Grampies. We take for granted, that everyone has a talent, even though all are from different backgrounds. Member Matthias asked that in honor of Valentine’s day, thank someone for what they do, everyone is talented in some way.

Board Member Anne Duff spoke about her Jury Duty experience two weeks ago, which was after our discussion about the cell phone pilot. As cell phones are not allowed in the Court House, it gave her the opportunity to be present in the moment. Member Duff was entranced with what was happening, very eye opening. She is looking forward to our students also having the experience of not being interrupted by their cell phones.

Board Member Rohli Booker commented that our students are very lucky to have Peacemaker staff and the ability to expand the program, as people need to be seen and heard, and have the tools to assist. Member Booker wants to expand our impact with student groups, reach more of our community. Not just how people see us, but also how the students see themselves.

Board Member Noah Smith echoed what Rohli said.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel commented that later this week Stephen Covey will be in Carmel, speaking about building trust within communities. Superintendent Daniel spoke that Culture, is what is inside our buildings and our community. This morning he met with Parkview and they discussed what is happening in our community. What is safety and wellness of FWCS, SAFER school system serving staff and students on a daily basis. What is our next step? We are to involve city leadership, Ten Pointe Coalition and police. We need to move this violence out of our community. The common denominator is peace. Dr. Daniel thanked Alive Community Outreach for the work they have been doing at South Side, he is very pleased with their work. Today's report on Technology, mentioned the four Cs that are in our Schools of Success. It takes all of us to participate. This week we have a community meeting that will expand alumni associations to all of our high schools, which is another pool of volunteers. Tonight's Board meeting was inspirational.

Board President Maria Norman commented that it was a busy weekend. With the Middle School basketball championships where Memorial Park Girls and the Miami boys were winners; other activities included swimming, wrestling and lots of music competitions. She congratulated all the students and staff who orchestrated all of these events. Ms. Norman spoke that there has been a lot of tragedy in our community recently and asked how can she be a light in the darkness. She thanked Alive's Angelo and Chris as they are giving our students and city hope. We hope it feeds into the community, peace is needed in Fort Wayne.

Next Meeting The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 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 Minutes from the regular Board meeting, January 22, 2024; Vouchers for the period ending February 12, 2024 and the payroll for the period ending December 29, 2023, January 12 and January 26, 2024 and the Technology General Obligation Bond.

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 7:41 p.m.

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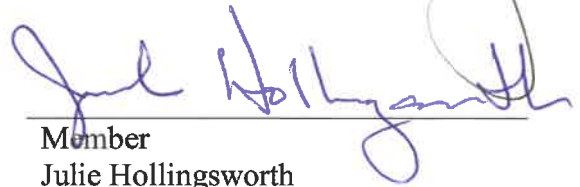
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