

School Board Meeting Recap

9/12/23

Public Hearings	<p>Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a), a public hearing was held to collect public testimony regarding teacher compensation and collective bargaining. No comments were made, and the public hearing was adjourned.</p> <p>A public hearing was held for the 2024 budget. Having received no comments from the public, the hearing was adjourned.</p>
Personnel Items	<p>A motion was made and passed to approve the following personnel items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resignations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cody Givens – Part-time Custodian</li> <li>○ Ashley Hicks – Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade TA</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Melisa Aguon – Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade TA – replacing Ashley Hicks</li> <li>○ Crystal Smith – Part-time Custodian – replacing Cody Givens</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New Role – Current Employee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After School Detention Supervisor – Pam Jones</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ECA Positions – see attached listing</li> <li>● FMLA Request</li> <li>● Coaching Recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interim Head Wrestling Coach – Robert Loshe</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
School Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Four sealed bids were received for the farm lease, and the bids were read and recorded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adams Swine Farms, LLC - \$264.00/acre</li> <li>○ L and E Farms, LLC - \$235.00/acre</li> <li>○ Grace Farms, Inc - \$250.00/acre</li> <li>○ Double L Farms, Inc - \$210.00/acre</li> </ul> </li> <li>● After the reading of the initial bids, each bidder was given the opportunity to increase his/her bid if so desired. Grace Farms, Inc increased their bid to \$275.00/acre.</li> <li>● A motion was made and passed to take the bids under advisement to determine the bids are responsive and reliable. Bids will be reviewed and a decision will be made at the October School Board meeting.</li> </ul>
Facilities/Construction Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drainage is almost completely finished. Mounds of dirt are being moved for seeding purposes. The turf is down, and the accessories (the star, hash marks, numbers, etc.) are expected to arrive later this week. Crews will work over the weekend to install these items.</li> <li>● The multi-function building is moving along. Once steel arrives, more activity will be seen in that area.</li> <li>● A pre-bid meeting took place for the tennis courts, and sealed bids will be received for consideration on September 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● The gym floor in the Stardome has had some issues, and Foster Flooring has been on-site to resolve these issues. These repairs are all under warranty.</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The yearly required review of CIPA compliance for e-rate funding was provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The internet filter, Content Keeper, is in place and is always running.</li> <li>○ The school’s internet safety policy is on our website and is also in the staff and student handbooks.</li> <li>○ It is required that training is provided to students regarding appropriate online behavior and covering cyberbullying. Cathy Bledsoe has come on-site in the past to speak with students and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>parents about these important topics. However, she is no longer able to provide that training. Myra Moore is looking into other platforms/speakers that would be available to provide this additional training.</p>
Safety/Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Cook has installed additional cameras on one of the buses to allow additional footage to address some issues.</li> <li>• The school will be receiving all the funding requested through the Secured School Safety Grant. The current camera server is maxed out, and additional servers were written into the grant. Nathan Houser is working on obtaining a quote.</li> </ul>
Policy Review and Transition/Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve the second reading of policy ISBA 4030 – Student Discipline Rules as presented.</li> </ul>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Appointment – Indiana School Board Association Legislative Delegate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Clouser-Penrod has asked if Zoom attendance would be possible for this meeting. She will reach out to the School Board members if this is an option.</li> </ul>
New Project Discussion/Updates – Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question had been received regarding the color of the new tennis courts. The designs are currently showing the colors to be the same as the existing tennis courts. Jason Arnold explained the coaches preferred the colors to remain the same, as they are consistent with the standard tennis court colors from a tennis association standpoint. There are additional standard colors available to choose from, and the colors could be updated, so long as they are selected from the standard color options.</li> </ul>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Obsolete Equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to deem an old Smartboard, typewriter, and digital cameras obsolete. The Smartboard was purchased through CTE funding. The Area 18 Director will need to be notified so it can be reallocated to another program if it is still useful.</li> </ul>
SEBT Teacher Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to accept the resignation of Rebecca Dailey as the SEBT teacher representative for South Adams Schools. A motion was made and passed to approve the recommendation of Jeannine Wurster as the new SEBT teacher representative for South Adams Schools.</li> </ul>
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion was made and passed to approve a recurring facility use request for community basketball on Sunday afternoons/evenings from now through July 2024. The group has been made aware that other received facility use requests may supersede their request as applicable.</li> <li>• Mrs. Clouser-Penrod will be speaking at the State of the School with the Berne Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at noon at Berne Dining Restaurant. A school tour will also be provided at a later time, following the completion of construction projects.</li> </ul>

## ECA Position Recommendations

### Elementary

#### ECA Team Leaders

- Kindergarten – Kaitlin Litwiller & Autumn VonGunten
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Wendy Baumer & Tiffany Gorrell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Lona Shuey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – JD Keller & Mackenzie Vergara
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Becky Dubach & Joni Bixler
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jen King
- Related Arts – Anita Goodwin
- Special Education – Kristi Plattner
- Title One – Kristie Brown

Student Council – Andy Lehman & Megan Page

ES Stem Club – Anita Goodwin

Elementary Yearbook – Jamie Gerber & Amy Yoder

Elementary Choir – Amelia Freeman

Chess Club/Game Sponsor – Aimee Lucabaugh

### Middle School

Literary – Gwen Habegger

SA Pencil Company – Gwen Habegger

Trip Fund – Ashley Fosnaugh

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor – Lyndsey Fox

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor – Ashley Fosnaugh

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor – Sabrina Grose

Student Council – VACANT

STEM – Kim LeFever & Erin Macy

Yearbook – Seth Sprunger (High School absorbed)

Related Arts – Sheila Graber

### High School

Drama/Technical Director – Spring Musical – Jill Baker

Musical Producer – HS Spring Musical – Curt Amstutz

Vocal Director – HS Spring Musical – Jennifer Thomson

Choreography – HS Spring Musical – Caley Dull

Accompanist (pianist) – Musical – Denise Habegger

Make-up – HS Spring Musical – Abby Lehman

Auditorium Director – Tyler Taing

Vocal Music – Jennifer Thomson

HS Yearbook – Seth Sprunger

Student Government (9-12) – Ashley Buckingham

Service Committee Advisor – Jenna Hart

Spirit Committee Advisor – Kim LeFever & Jason Arnold

National Honor Society – Chris Gilbert

SADD – Sheila Graber

Skills USA – Jerod Dailey & Brent Bush

Dots in Blue Water (DIBW) – Josh Roby & Jeff Lehman

FFA – VACANT

Business Professionals of America – Grant Moser

Innovation & Design (STEM) Club – Alissa Calhoun (HS) & Kim LeFever (MS)

Chess Club – Grant Moser

Auxiliary Corps Director – Curt Amstutz

#### Class Sponsors

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Buckingham
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Buckingham
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Beth Ann Hargrove
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Mara Myers

#### Department Chairs

- Language Arts – Seth Sprunger
- Health/PE – Ashley Buckingham
- Math – Craig McKean
- Fine Arts/Music – Curt Amstutz
- Science – Josh Roby
- Social Studies – Jessie O'Dell
- Career & Technical Education – Tony Heiser
- Special Education – Ashley Light
- Business – Grant Moser
- Student Services (Guidance) – Chris Gilbert