

BOARD ACTION REPORT

Corporation Office

January 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hutson called the meeting to order and invited Mr. Kinkead to call roll.

-Those present were: Mr. Bannon, Mrs. Hess, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Kinkead, Mr. Mason, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Watson and Dr. Stephanie Hofer.

-Welcome & Recognition of Visitors:

We had student and staff of the month recognition.

-Reorganization of the Board:

President – Daryl Hutson

Vice President – Julie Hess

Secretary – Jerry Kinkead

Assistant Secretary – Eric Mason

-Appointed Corporation Treasurer – Kristin Charles

-Appointed Corporation Attorney – Dan Taylor

-Appointed Medical Advisor – Dr. Patel w/ProActive MD

-Approved Dates/Locations for School Board meetings.

-Appointed ISBA Legislative Liaison – Julie Hess.

-Appointed Policy Liaison – Eric Mason.

Board of Finance Meeting

President – Daryl Hutson

Secretary – Jerry Kinkead

-Chief Financial Officer Report:

-Mrs. Charles reported on the following:

1. Financial Indicators Report
2. Adjournment

-Revisions to the Agenda

-FFA to Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN – January 31, 2024 – February 2, 2025.

-Chad Hess – 6th grade Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach – Volunteer.

Public Comments:

-None.

Consent Agenda Items:

-Approved minutes of previous meetings.

-Approved claims and payroll claims.

-Approved resignation of Tiffany Collisi – Dual Credit Instructor – High School – effective December 20, 2024.

-Approved Request for Maternity Leave – Cadence Nichols – April 28, 2025 – end of school year.

-Mia Myers – Art Teacher – Ladoga & Walnut Elementaries.

-Early Literacy Grant stipends for K-3 teachers.

-Approved Nurse Compensation Scale.

-Cherish Covault – Special Education Aide – New Market Elementary.

-Aaron Charles – 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach - \$2000.00.

-Jake Frederick – 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach – Volunteer.

-Dan McCormick – JH Swimming Coach - \$1500.00.

-Mercedes McCormick – JH Assistant Swimming Coach - \$1200.00.

-Gary Smith – JH Swimming Assistant Coach – Volunteer.

- Chad Hess – 6th grade Girl's Basketball Coach – Volunteer.
- Ladoga-Clark Township Library Appointment – Ashley Halstead – January 28, 2025 through January 28, 2029.
- Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.
- Approved purchase of scoreboard with GO Bond Funds.
- Permission to purchase 2025 bus with Bus Replacement Funds.
- Donations made to Ladoga Elementary School in the amount of \$246.00.
- Approved School Board Goals.
- Approved FFA to Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN – January 31, 2025 – February 2, 2025
- Report from Superintendent:
 - Dr. Hofer welcomed Mr. Bannon to the team.
 - The following were discussed:
 - Scoreboard with GO Bond Funds.
 - 2025 Bus Funds.
 - School Board Goals.
 - Hello to Mr. Tricker.
 - Student and Staff of the Month – always so exciting!
 - Fantastic job YO Group!
 - Dr. Hofer also discussed the following notification:
 - Teacher Wage % - We received a notification from the IDOE Form 9 team that we are below the 62% of basic grant being spent on teacher salary and benefits for the 23/24 school year. As required by IC 20-28-9-27, we must report this to you in a public meeting and must put the notice on the website. Samantha will be putting this on our website. We have spoken with the Assistant Director for IDOE Finance, and we are currently walking through each line and cross walking the data from Form 9 IDOE with our data to see if there is something that did not pull through. We do not feel that we are below the required threshold, and it must be in the coding of what was sent in. Once this review is completed, we will share that data with you. There is no penalty associated with this from the state or the IDOE.
- Items for Discussion by the Board
 - Legislation stuff is starting – Julie Hess - trying to stay on top of everything. So far so good.
- Adjourned.