

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 19, 2015

MINUTES

Board of School Trustees of the Center Grove Community School Corporation met in regular session beginning at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, in the Board Room at the Education Service Center, 4800 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, Indiana.

Board members present:

Carol Tumey, President	<u>X</u>
Adam Norman, Vice President	<u>X</u>
Rob Richards, Secretary	<u>X</u>
Scott Alexander, Member	<u>X</u>
Jack Russell, Member	<u>X</u>

Also present:

Rich Arkanoff, Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Bill Long, Assistant Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Sally Hacker, Human Resources Director	<u>Absent</u>
Paul Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer	<u>X</u>

Jack Parker, Assistant Director, CIASE
Brian Proctor, North Grove Elementary Principal
Jeff Qualkinbush, Barnes & Thornburg
Mike Schumaker, City Securities
Ron Siner, North Grove Elementary Assistant Principal
Dave Statler, Facilities Engineer
Jason Taylor, Chief Technology Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Carol Tumey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

North Grove Elementary student Lauryl Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was recommended that the agenda for the February 19, 2015 regular meeting of the board be adopted as presented.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Richards vote 5-0

4. RECOGNITION / PRESENTATIONS

In the Spotlight

This evening's In the Spotlight featured North Grove Elementary School (NGES). Principal Brian Proctor recognized third grade student Lauryl Sullivan for exemplifying the Viking Virtues by being respectful, responsible and safe all day and every day. Principal Proctor also recognized custodian Marvin ("JR") Carter for being patient, dedicated, committed, friendly, caring and hard working. School Psychologist, Diann Hunter was recognized for leaving a lasting impression with all that she has done during her time working with NGES students, parents and team.

President Tumey took this opportunity to express her gratitude to principal Proctor for all the fine work he is doing at NGES and for recognizing these three wonderful individuals.

Strategic Planning Update

Assistant director of curriculum, instruction, assessment and special education Dr. Jack Parker gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning process. President Tumey and superintendent Dr. Rich Arkanoff expressed their gratitude to Dr. Parker for his leadership.

Academic Achievements & Highlights

Throughout the year, the board will continue to highlight academic achievements. The board wants to focus on the achievement of our students and feels this is a great opportunity to let students know how proud the board is of all they have accomplished.

The following Academic Achievements were highlighted:

- High School - Violinist Lisa Kim has been chosen to perform with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as part of their Side-by-Side program.
- Middle School North - Two (2) sixth grade students won 1st and 2nd place in Johnson County for the Greenwood Sertoma Club "What Freedom Means to Me" essay contest.
- Maple Grove Elementary - In all, 115 fifth grade students participated in the science fair at Maple Grove. Jeet Kekra and Henry Leardi tied for Grand Champion.
- Sugar Grove Elementary - Led by Jon Rugenstein, two (2) students won the National Honor Roll title and 14 students received National Honorable Mention in the Noetic Learning Math Contest.

President Tumey took this opportunity to express here gratitude to all the principals for highlighting the skills of their students.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

It was recommended that the following Consent Items be approved as presented:

Approval of Minutes (1/12/2015 Executive Session/Regular Meeting), Personnel Report, Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims, Field Trip Report and Declaration of Surplus Equipment.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

7. ACTION ITEMS

Close 2014 Unused CPF Projects

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve carrying over 11 Capital Projects Fund (CPF) projects and closing the remaining 2014 projects totaling \$327,989.78.

Chief financial officer Dr. Paul Gabriel provided additional information on the CPF projects. At the end of each calendar year, the business office presents a list of projects to be carried over into the next calendar year. The amounts in other accounts are then closed and become part of the year-end cash balance in the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Norman vote 5-0

Approve Resolution for 2014 End of Year Transfers

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve the transfers that were made as the books were closed for 2014.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on the resolution. The authority to make these transfers was granted at the December 2014 board meeting. A total amount of \$1,099,653.72 in transfers were made as follows: General Fund - \$136,958.12; Debt Service Fund - \$10,292.04; Capital Projects Fund - \$952,403.56

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board member Jack Russell: These are transfers made within each fund. No transfers have been made from one fund to another.

Approve Resolution Establishing Fund for ISTA Settlement Proceeds

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution to establish Fund 3952 and authorize a transfer of \$221,904 to the General Fund to pay the corporation share of health insurance for ten (10) new teaching positions and for people who joined our plan during open enrollment.

Dr. Gabriel provided additional information on Fund 3952 and the transfers. We have received guidance from the State Board of Accounts regarding how to account for money received as part of the settlement (approximately \$600,000) with ISTA. Fund 3952 has been established for these funds. The allowable use of these funds is to help pay for the cost of medical benefits for employees.

Motion by Richards seconded by Alexander vote 5-0

Point of clarification for board members Scott Alexander and Russell: Center Grove received these funds in October 2014 – they have been in Fund 3952 all along. This resolution will establish the fund retroactively.

Hearing & Resolutions for GO Bonds for Pleasant Grove Elementary Project

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution approving the issuance of bonds for the Pleasant Grove Elementary project and a resolution approving an additional appropriation for these bonds.

This evening's meeting had been appropriately advertised as a hearing on the bonds for the Pleasant Grove Elementary project. As part of the hearing, Dr. Gabriel shared bonds will be sold in the amount of \$1,975,000. We expect to have these bonds paid off in two (2) years. The project will include four (4) additional classrooms, a gymnasium expansion and a few other minor renovations.

Following, president Tumey opened a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Secretary Rob Richards took this opportunity to mention that this project is part of our original facilities assessment plan and has been in the works for two (2) years.

Board member Alexander took this opportunity to express how happy he is that our tax rate will remain at \$1.00 in 2016, as it has been for the last few years.

Hearing & Resolutions for Bond Refinancing and STEM Lab Project

Superintendent's Recommendation: It is recommended the board approve a resolution approving first mortgage multipurpose bonds and amending the existing lease as well as a resolution establishing an additional appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the STEM Lab project.

This evening's meeting had been appropriately advertised as a hearing on refinancing of the 2000 Bonds and the STEM Lab project. As part of the hearing, Dr. Gabriel shared \$35,630,000 in bonds were issued in 2001 to finance the construction of Middle School North. In 2005, the bonds were refinanced for debt service savings. The current balance of the 2005 Bonds is \$25,545,000. We plan to refinance the current balance for 11 years at an expected rate of 2.27%, which should generate a savings of up to \$3,500,000. Part of that anticipated savings (\$2,000,000) will be appropriated for the STEM Lab project.

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Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0

Board member Alexander took this opportunity to express his gratitude to superintendent Arkanoff, assistant superintendent Dr. Bill Long, Dr. Gabriel, facilities engineer Dave Statler, Mike Schumaker from City Securities, and Jeff Qualkinbush from Barnes & Thornburg for accepting the board's challenge back in December 2014 to move forward with the STEM Lab project.

Secretary Richards commented that this action is consistent with the board's desire to lead the way in STEM curriculum and keeps us on course to reach this goal.

8. REPORTS

No reports were given.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Legislative Update

Superintendent Arkanoff recently testified in front of the House Ways & Means Committee as a member of the Fix-It Coalition. He has also been meeting in person and over the phone with legislators on the funding formula.

Board Member Russell

- Greenwood City Council - Recently attended meeting. They are moving forward with a downtown remodel.
- Center Grove Alternative Academy - 17 new students; 34 students recently became CPR certified; Jazzmin Wesle Brown from Jazzmin's Journey will be speaking to students on February 26, 2015.
- Center Grove Education Foundation - Gala for the Grove is February 28, 2015.

Board Member Alexander

- Insurance Committee - Committee met on February 18. New Castlight mobile app and health insurance reserves were discussed.

Secretary Richards

- Bargersville Planning Commission - Rezoning in place - will present for final approval.
- Greenwood Chamber of Commerce - WRTV 6 recently interviewed chamber president and CEO Christian Maslowski on why the chamber is supporting the I-69 project; there will be a community open house and presentation at Center Grove High School on February 23, 2015 for the I-69 project; secretary Richards requested some message points on economic development ties to the school corporation.
- Bargersville Town Council - In the Strategic Planning process; secretary Richards, board member Russell and Mr. Statler recently participated in a long-range plan workshop.

Vice President Norman

- Policies - Received next packet of updates from NEOLA. A first reading will be presented at the April board meeting.
- Negotiations - Attended an ISBA Collective Bargaining Seminar with superintendent Arkanoff, Dr. Long, Dr. Gabriel and director of human resources Sally Hacker.

President Tumey

- Central Nine Career Center - Two (2) students received CMA certification.
- Athletic Booster Club - Booster club members will sell programs at winter sporting events.
- Wellness Committee - Nothing to report.

STEM Advisory Task Force Update

Board member Alexander thanked Dr. Parker for his efforts with the STEM Advisory Task Force. He is excited to hear how we brought businesses, students, teachers and administrators together to collaborate.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Arkanoff took this opportunity to express his gratitude to Dr. Long, director of transportation Rick Pederson and director of maintenance Chris Painter for their teams' efforts during the recent weather delays. He also thanked Dr. Gabriel, corporation treasurer Sandy London and the business office for all their hard work preparing for this evening's meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tumey made the following announcements:

- March 4 - Enrollment Management Informational Meeting (7:00 p.m.; High School Auditorium)
- March 5 - Special Board Meeting/Work Session (8:00 a.m.; IT Center)
- March 16 - STEM Advisory Task Force Meeting (6:00 p.m.; ESC Board Room)

A special board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Alexander seconded by Russell vote 5-0