

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the F.L. O’Neal Administration Building, 310 Stadium Drive, Brownsburg, Indiana.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Katie Dixon, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members in attendance included Ms. Jessica Heffernan, Mr. Gordon Hayward, and Dr. Matthew Freije. Administrators present were Dr. Kat Jessup, Mr. Shane Hacker, Mrs. Jodi Gordon, and Mr. Corey Ebert. Chief Scott Dunning was also present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Dr. Dixon asked for a moment of silence for reflection.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Commendation – BHS Girls Lacrosse Team State Champions – Ms. Murphy

Ms. Murphy recognized the BHS Girls Lacrosse team for winning 2026 State. Coach Lawson stated that this is the first girls state champion in the history of BHS. These girls’ years of experience range from 1 year to 10 years. Addison Frieden, class of 2028, spoke about last season how they lost by 1 in the state championship. This year it ended being state champs, Addison scored the winning goal with 18 seconds left in the State Championship. Coach Lawson shared that half of their goals were assisted in the state championship game, ending the game with 30 assists.

B. Brownsburg Education Foundation Report – Dr. Dixon

- **Chip in for the Kids Golf Outing** is presented by Summers Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling will be held on June 12, 2026, at West Chase Golf Club. Contact the BEF office for sponsorship opportunities or individual team registrations. Registration is online, as well. There are only two foursome spots left.
- **BEF Pioneer Camp** takes place the week of June 22nd at the Log Cabin Homestead Property behind Central Office. Exiting third, fourth, and fifth graders will be participating in this fun, educational and hands-on day-camp experience.
- **Ford Drive 4 UR Community Event** presented by Bill Estes Ford will be on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at East Middle School from 1 to 5 pm. More information will be on the BEF website, newsletter, and social media.
- **Bags and Barrels Bingo** presented by Adelsperger Orthodontics will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Doors will open at 5:30pm and BINGO will start at 6:30pm. Tickets include 20 rounds of Bingo and are on sale starting in August or September. More information can be found on the BEF website.

C. Operations Update – Mr. Hacker

Mr. Hacker reported that the Facilities Services team is completing a significant amount of work in-house this summer. He recognized Buddy Faulkner and his team for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Hacker also shared a spreadsheet outlining the projects and improvements scheduled for completion during Summer 2026.

Mr. Hacker shared the success of the 2026 Graduation Live Stream, noting that Site Sessions recorded 1,573 online viewers. Family members and supporters tuned in from around the world, including Canada, Chile, the Dominican Republic, China, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela, among many other countries, to celebrate the Class of 2026.

Mr. Hacker reviewed the May 2026 Circuit Breaker data and shared the accompanying table with the Board.

He explained that the Certified Maximum Levy is provided by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The Supplemental Homestead Credit is new for 2026 as part of Senate Enrolled Act 1 and varies based on the number of homesteads within a taxing district.

Mr. Hacker noted that the Circuit Breaker calculation remains based on tax caps; however, the composition of a taxing unit significantly impacts the resulting loss. Communities that receive a greater portion of revenue from the 3% business property tax cap may maintain lower tax rates, but they also experience greater losses through Circuit Breaker deductions. Total deductions represent the amount removed from the levy, with the remaining balance constituting the net levy. Brownsburg's current projections indicate a 59% loss from the maximum levy.

Mr. Hacker expressed appreciation for the partnership with the Town of Brownsburg, which is expected to provide temporary support beginning in 2026 and lasting for one year.

He further explained that, in 2026, schools are permitted to reallocate Supplemental Homestead Credit funds from debt service. However, this flexibility will no longer be available beginning in 2027. Mr. Hacker stated that this change aligns with the district's long-term projections and is a significant factor in the need for additional budget reductions in both 2026 and 2027.

Mr. Hayward commented that Brownsburg's Circuit Breaker losses appear significantly greater than those of surrounding communities and asked when commercial properties within TIF districts would begin generating revenue for the district once those obligations expire. Mr. Hacker explained that BCSC is unlikely to receive substantial revenue from existing TIF districts. When additional bonds are issued within a TIF district, the timeline effectively resets, extending the life of the district and delaying any potential pass-through revenue. Based on conversations with district financial advisors, there are currently no anticipated TIF revenues that can be relied upon in future budget planning.

Mr. Hayward asked if Mr. Hacker could continue researching the issue. During the discussion, examples from other communities were referenced, including Plainfield, where annual laptop replacement cycles are partially supported through TIF pass-through dollars, helping reduce local tax rates.

Mr. Hacker noted that some commercial developments, such as warehouse properties near the airport, may eventually transition out of TIF districts; however, the timing and financial impact remain uncertain and should not be incorporated into current district projections.

D. Student Handbooks – Mr. Hacker

Mr. Hacker provided an update on the 2026–2027 student handbooks, noting that numerous revisions have been made to ensure consistency and alignment across all schools. Updates include changes to language, drug testing provisions, and other policy-related wording. He emphasized that these revisions do not include any programmatic changes but are intended to improve clarity and consistency throughout the district. No Board action was required at this time. The handbooks will return for a second reading in July.

Mr. Freije asked about the implementation of the new cell phone policy. Mr. Hacker shared that the administration is working closely with Dr. Balitewicz to ensure expectations and procedures are clearly communicated to both students and parents prior to the start of the school year.

E. First Reading of Policies (A301, C200, C350, C375, C425, C500, D200, D225) – Dr. Jessup

Dr. Jessup shared that, as discussed at the last several meetings, these policies are being presented as part of the new policy procedure. She explained that while there are numerous policies included in this update, the number of previous policies consolidated into these revisions was even greater. Dr. Jessup noted that no action was needed at this meeting and that the policies would be brought forward for approval in July.

- **A301 Wireless Communication Devices** – Currently BCSC Policy 4307, 4345, and 7500. This policy will consolidate and replace 4307, 4345, 7500, and 7542. This policy is required.
- **C200 Anti-Bullying** – Currently BCSC Policy 4300. This policy will consolidate and replace 4300. This policy is required.
- **C350 Student Discipline** – Currently BCSC Policy 4300. This policy will consolidate and replace 4300, 43012, 4304, 4305, 4306, and 4308.
- **C375 Suspension and Expulsion of Students** – This policy will consolidate and replace 4300, 4301, 4305, and 4306. This policy is required.
- **C425 Student Suicide Prevention and Awareness** – This policy will consolidate and replace 4300. This policy is required.
- **C500 School Trips and Privately Sponsored Activities Involving School Corporation Employees and Students** – Currently BCSC Policy 5510.
- **D200 Standard of Care and Supervision of Students** – Currently BCSC Policy 3320. This policy is required.
- **D225 Staff Ethics** – This policy will consolidate and replace 3350 and 3630.

V. COMMENTS FROM PATRONS

David Weyant – Brownsburg, Indiana: Mr. Weyant expressed his appreciation to Dr. Jessup and her team for their responsiveness and for providing copies of the policies and handbooks within the Board packet materials. Mr. Weyant also asked whether Dr. Jessup or Mr. Hacker could provide an overview of the next potential steps being considered by the Indiana General Assembly regarding public funding and revenue shortfalls. Referring to the financial data presented by Mr. Hacker, Mr. Weyant noted that it appears not all school districts are experiencing the same level of financial impact as BCSC.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS**A. Approval – Minutes**

- **May 11, 2026, Business Meeting**

B. Approval of Claims:

- **P/R#5/8/26 - \$2,021,997.87;**
- **P/R#5/22/26 - \$2,099,913.78;**
- **Claims 5/7/26 - 6/3/26 - \$8,930,412.30**

C. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report was presented as follows:

1. Termination – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Mindy Boyd	Nutrition Services	Café Team Member	May 20, 2026
b. Elaine Scott	Facility Services	Custodian	May 28, 2026
c. Amber Lacy	BHS	Special Education Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
d. Christina Schmidt	BHS	Special Education Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year

2. Retirements - Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Nancy Blair	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of the 2025-26 school year
b. Doug Sharp	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of the 2025-26 school year

3. Resignations – Certified Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Lynn Werckenthien	BHS	English Teacher / Secondary Department Head	End of the 2025-26 school year
b. Hunter Highley	Cardinal	Special Education Teacher	May 27, 2026
c. Lauren Falk	Eagle	4 th Grade Teacher	End of the 2025-26 school year
d. Shelby Uhl	Crossroads	4 th Grade Teacher	End of the 2025-26 school year
e. Kaylyn Harrell	Delaware Trail	1 st Grade Teacher	End of the 2025-26 school year
f. Rachel Morris	Cardinal	5 th Grade Teacher	End of the 2025-26 school year
g. Allison Ulrey	Delaware Trail	1 st Grade Teacher	End of the 2025-26 school year

4. Resignations – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Brittany Wright	ECC	Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year

b. Dani Tapia	WMS	Special Education Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
c. Mary Frost	Cardinal	Special Education Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
d. Maeshell Young	Transportation	Bus Driver	End of the 2025-26 school year
e. Leonor Palos Chavez	Nutrition Services	Café Team Member	May 19, 2026
f. Joseph Lembo	Transportation	Bus Aide	April 30, 2026
g. Heather Hansen	Eagle	ELL Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
h. Betsy Prentice	BHS	Athletics Administrative Assistant	May 20, 2026
i. Jacqueline Gunn	Transportation	Bus Aide	End of the 2025-26 school year
j. Tracy Gause	BCSC	Special Education Behavior Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
k. Abigail Stewart	Nutrition Services	Café Team Member	May 8, 2026
l. Elizabeth Ralph	Lincoln	Learning Lab Instructional Assistant	End of the 2025-26 school year
m. Sarah Johnson	ECC	Instructional Assistant	May 5, 2026
n. Pat Luckhaupt	Lincoln	Treasurer	End of the 2025-26 school year

5. New Employment – Certified Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Degree	Reason for Employment
a. Lyn Nolte	Lincoln	5 th Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Bill Burke
b. Sara Hester	White Lick	4 th Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Haley Alexander
c. Ashlyn Bradley	Reagan	1 st Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Christina Hopkins
d. Alyssa Hock	Reagan	4 th Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Haley Sharar
e. Paige Looney	Cardinal	1 st Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Masters	Replacing Amanda Probst
f. Samantha Osborne	Reagan	5 th Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Madison Estill
g. Lilian Simcox	White Lick	2 nd Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Lindsay Cox

h. Tyea Haskins	Crossroads	4 th Grade Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Shelby Uhl
i. Elena Groeschel	To be determined	To be determined	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Stephanie Girgis
j. Paige Gruenling	To be determined	To be determined	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Liz Robinson
k. Chad Kittaka	Lincoln	4 th Grade Teacher; Temporary contract	July 27, 2026 thru the end of the school year	Bachelors	While Mallori Newkirk is on maternity leave
l. Victoria Corder	BHS	Social Studies Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing JB McCallum due to a job transfer
m. Nathan Arnold	BHS	Spanish Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Matthew Williams
n. Sadie McClain	Brown	Special Education Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	New position
o. Brandy Ferguson	BHS	Business Teacher	July 27, 2026	Masters	New position
p. Samuel Godsey	BHS	PLTW Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Adam Popenfoose
q. Elizabeth Dombrosky	Cardinal	Speech Language Pathologist	July 27, 2026	Masters	Replacing Emma Conti
r. Mariel Inman	Brown	Speech Language Pathologist ; 4 days / week	July 27, 2026	Masters	Replacing Paige Stuckey
s. Maisyn Robrock	BHS	Special Education Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Ashley Lewis
t. Sammie Unger	Cardinal	Special Education Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	New position
u. Mary Fields	BCSC	School Psychologist	July 27, 2026	Masters	Replacing contracted services
v. Alya Calabrese	WMS	Language Arts Teacher; Temporary	July 27, 2026 thru the end of the school	Bachelors	While Heather Iles and Madison Malec are on

		Contract	year		maternity leave
w. Jonathan Shinn	BHS	Theater / Choir Teacher	July 27, 2026	Bachelors	Replacing Jamie Keeler
x. Abby Dennis	White Lick	PE Teacher; Long Term Substitute	July 27, 2026 thru August 28, 2026	Bachelors	While Olivia Jacobs is on maternity leave

6. New Employment – Support Staff

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date	Hours per Day	Reason for Employment
a. Rashel Brent	WMS	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Inclusion	July 27, 2026	7	Replacing Dani Tapia
b. Veronia Gold	ECC	Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026	7	Replacing Melodie Howes-Blaze
c. Nazirah Abdul	ALPHA	Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing contracted services
d. Ameenah Rasnid	ALPHA	Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing contracted services
e. Jennie Bick	EMS	Special Education Instructional Assistant – BASE	July 27, 2026	7	New position
f. Kayla Lents	ECC/ALPHA/Brown	School Nurse	July 27, 2026	8	Replacing Amanda Owens
g. Andrea Montgomery	ALPHA	Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing contracted services
h. Gurjeet Kaur	ALPHA	Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing contracted services
i. Brenda Boffo	ALPHA	Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing contracted services

j. Mariel Betancourt	Delaware Trail	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Bridge	July 27, 2028	7	Replacing Cassy Watkins
k. Doniece Alexander	WMS	Special Education 1:1 – Applied Skills	July 27, 2026	7	New position due to student needs
l. Janiyah Miller	Brown	Special Education Instructional Assistant – Applied Skills	July 27, 2026	7	New position

7. New Employment – Extra-Curricular:

Name	Building	Position	Effective Date
a. Mackenzie Moffitt	BHS	Assistant Varsity Cheer (Lay) Coach	For the 2026-27 season
b. Katherine Floyd	BHS	Assistant Varsity Volleyball (Lay) Coach	For the 2026-27 season
c. Emma Johnson	BHS	Assistant Varsity Volleyball (Lay) Coach	For the 2026-27 season
d. Mackenzie Steele	BHS	Assistant Varsity Cross Country (Lay) Coach	For the 2026-27 season
e. Madalyn Mitchell	BHS	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer (Lay) Coach	For the 2026-27 season

8. Change of Status – Certified Staff:

Name	Previous Position	New Position	Effective Date	Reason for Change
a. Dana Lewandowski	Harris School Counselor; Part-time	Harris School Counselor; 195 days	July 27, 2026	Change from part to full time
b. Alyssa Cotton	BCSC Speech Language Pathologist; Part-time	BCSC Speech Language Pathologist; 185 days	July 27, 2026	Change from part to full time
c. Mary Davidson	BHS Social Studies Teacher	BCSC Assistant Director of Nutrition Services; 260 days	June 29, 2026	Replacing Victoria Tudor

9. Change of Status – Support Staff:

Name	Previous Position	New Position	Effective Date	Reason for Change
a. Jill Miller	WMS Café Manager	Nutrition Services Catering Manager; 190 days	July 17, 2026	New position

b. Cassy Scott	Brown Special Education Instructional Assistant; Job share	Brown Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026	Moving from part-time to full-time
c. Rick Hawkey	Brown Special Education Instructional Assistant; Job share	Brown Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026	Moving from part-time to full-time
d. Mistian Whitfield	Cardinal / Delaware Trail Café Manager	WMS Café Manager	July 17, 2026	Replacing Jill Miller due to a job transfer
e. Alexandra Del Biondo	Café Team Member	Cardinal / Delaware Café Manager	July 17, 2026	Replacing Mistian Whitfield due to a job transfer
f. Elena Pineda	Café Team Member	BHS Assistant Café Manager	July 24, 2026	Open position
g. Phylicia Hanzlik	Café Team Member	WMS Assistant Café Manager	July 24, 2026	Open position

10. 2026-27 Job Share Applications:

It is recommended the Board approve the following job share applications for the 2026-27 school year:

- 1.) Janel Preller and Cindy Krapf will be job sharing an instructional assistant position at ALPHA.

11. Support Staff Reductions:

It is recommended the Board approval the end of employment for the following individuals due to staff reductions effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year. These support staff members were not interested in being placed in other open positions in the district.

- Elizabeth Wernsman, Lincoln Learning Lab Instructional Assistant
- Clarissa Black, Reagan Part-time Learning Lab Instructional Assistant
- Sarah Guise, BHS Media Center Instructional Assistant

12. 2026 Summer School Employment Revisions

It is recommended the Board approve the following summer school staffing changes.

High School

Caralea Anderson – added as a Math Teacher

Elementary

Cori Allen – removed as a Teacher
 Zoe Callies – added as an Instructional Assistant
 Anne Findley – added as an Instructional Assistant
 Kerri Jackson – added as an Instructional Assistant
 Cindy McNertney – added as an Instructional Assistant
 Christy Wahl – added as an Instructional Assistant

13. Clarification – Support Staff:

Name	Building	Position	Clarifying Statement
a. Christine Griffin	EMS	Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Griffin's last day was previously approved as June 5, 2026; her last day was actually June 3, 2026
b. Shannon Carroll	Delaware Trail	Media Instructional Assistant	Mrs. Carroll's last day was previously approved as May 29, 2026; her last day was actually May 15, 2026

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**14. Transfer – Certified Staff:**

Name	Previous Position	New Position	Effective Date
a. Alyssa King	Lincoln 5 th Grade	Cardinal 4 th Grade	July 27, 2026
b. Marci Davis	EMS GTT Teacher	BHS PLTW Teacher	July 27, 2026
c. Susan Carter	Reagan 1 st Grade Teacher	Lincoln Kindergarten Teacher	July 27, 2026
d. JB McCallum	BHS Social Studies Teacher	BHS Work Based Learning Teacher	July 27, 2026

15. Transfer – Support Staff:

Name	Previous Position	New Position	Effective Date
a. Dawn Isch	Brown Learning Lab Instructional Assistant	Brown Technology Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026
b. Karie Teaney	BCSC Registrar	BCSC Payroll Specialist	June 15, 2026
c. Katy Baily-Oles	Reagan ELL Instructional Assistant	Eagle ELL Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026
d. Gina Carty	BHS Special Education Instructional Assistant	BCSC Non-Public Schools Special Education Instructional Assistant	July 27, 2026

Dr. Jessup recommended the approval of the Consent Items. Dr. Freije moved to approve the recommendation, Ms. Heffernan seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

VII. OLD BUSINESS**A. Second Reading and Recommendation to Approve BOOST, Teacher, and Support Staff Handbooks – Mr. Hacker**

Mr. Hacker reported that Mrs. Gordon, Executive Director of Human Resources, was present to address any questions regarding the BOOST, Teacher, and Support Staff Handbooks. He noted that this was the second reading of the handbooks and recommended it for approval. No additional questions or concerns were raised prior to board consideration.

Mr. Hacker recommended the approval of the BOOST, teacher, and Support Staff Handbooks. Ms. Heffernan moved to approve the recommendation, Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

B. Second Reading and Recommendation to Approve Policies (A175, A225, A275, A325, A285, A300, A350, B125, B200, B250, C100, C150, C175, C450, C475, C550, C600, D150, D325) – Dr. Jessup

Dr. Jessup recommended that the following policies which were originally presented at the May 11, 2026, Board Meeting be approved:

- **A175 Whistleblower Protection** – Currently BCSC Policy 1800. This policy will consolidate and replace 1800 and 3800.
- **A225 Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect** – Currently BCSC Policy 3340. This policy will consolidate and replace 3340.
- **A275 School Wellness** - Currently BCSC Policy 6420. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 6420, 6410, and 6425. This policy is required.
- **A285 No Distracted Driving** - Currently BCSC Policy 3915.
- **A300 Responsible Use of Technology** - Currently BCSC Policy 4340. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 4340 and 7540. This policy is required.
- **A325 Communicable Diseases** - Currently BCSC Policy 3030. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 3040. This policy is required.
- **A350 Civility and Decorum**- Currently BCSC Policy 8520. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 8520, 4141, 4303, and 4308.
- **B125 School Board Leadership and Support** - Currently BCSC Policy 1201.
- **B200 Membership** - Currently BCSC Policy 1204. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 1204, 1103, 1104, 1106, 1205, and 1207.
- **B250 Board Member Ethics** - Currently BCSC Policy 1102.
- **C100 Entrance Requirements** - Currently BCSC Policy 4011.
- **C150 Homeless Students** - Currently BCSC Policy 4013. This policy is required.
- **C175 Attendance and Academic Engagement** - Currently BCSC Policy 4320. This policy is required.
- **C450 Drug Prevention and Drug Testing** - Currently BCSC Policy 4555. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 4555 and 4560. This policy is required.
- **C475 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions** - Currently BCSC Policy 4517 and 4520. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 4517, 5420, and 4516. This policy is required.
- **C550 Search and Seizure** - Currently BCSC Policy 4425. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 4425 and 4400. This policy is required.
- **C600 Withdrawal from School** - Currently BCSC Policy 5530. This policy is required.

- **D150 Board-Superintendent Relationship** - Currently BCSC Policy 2002. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 2002 and 1401.

- **D325 Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions of Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests** - Currently BCSC Policy 3010. This policy will consolidate and replace Policy 3010, 3340, and 3011. This policy is required.

These policies will consolidate 40 existing BCSC policies and are part of the New Board Policy Provider approved at the February 9, 2026, Board Meeting. The policies were previously shared with the Board on April 24, 2026, for review. Adoption of these policies is required. No additional questions or concerns were raised prior to board consideration.

Dr. Jessup recommended the approval of the Policies. Ms. Heffernan moved to approve the recommendation, Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Approve Resolution Authorizing Disposition of School Buses – Mr. Hacker

Mr. Hacker presented a request for Board approval to dispose of three buses through the bid process rather than utilizing a traditional trade-in option. He explained that the buses are due for replacement and that bids were solicited from two separate parties. Based on the bids received, administration recommended accepting the proposed purchase amounts and authorizing the sale of the buses.

Dr. Dixon commented that she was impressed with the dollar amounts received through the bidding process. Mr. Hacker noted that the proceeds are typically two to three times higher than what the district would receive through a trade-in and stated that all funds generated from the sale would be returned to the Transportation Department budget to help offset transportation costs.

Mr. Hacker recommended the approval of the Recommendation. Ms. Heffernan moved to approve the recommendation, Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

B. Recommendation to Approve Supplemental Fees for 2026-2027 – Mr. Hacker

Mr. Hacker revisited the discussion from the previous month regarding supplemental student fees that school corporations are permitted to charge under guidance from the Indiana Department of Education. He explained that the proposed fee schedule, which was included in the Board packet, outlines fee ranges by grade level and course enrollment. Elementary school fees range from \$22.68 to \$32.26 per student depending on grade level, while middle school fees range from approximately \$20 to \$27 per student. High school fees vary more significantly, ranging from \$5 to \$53 per student based on specific course selections. Mr. Hacker noted that the minimum fee covers items such as student identification cards and lanyards, while higher fees may be associated with advanced coursework or Work-Based Learning programs. He shared that Mr. Ebert and the Business Office worked closely with guidance from the Indiana Department of Education to develop the proposed fee structure and determine the most appropriate plan for the district.

Dr. Freije inquired about the timeline for fee collection. Mr. Hacker explained that fee statements will be distributed once student schedules are finalized and that payment will be due within the first quarter of the school year. He noted that procedures are in place to recover unpaid fees and shared that ParentSquare Pay will be available as an additional payment option this year. Mr. Hacker reported strong success with that platform and stated that, if balances remain unpaid at the end of the school year, the district may utilize TRECS, which allows school corporations to recover outstanding fees through state tax refund intercepts.

Dr. Dixon asked whether collected fees would be deposited into the Education Fund, and Mr. Hacker confirmed that all supplemental fee revenue would be allocated to the Education Fund.

Mr. Hacker recommended the approval of the Recommendation. Ms. Heffernan moved to approve the recommendation, Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

C. Recommendation to Approve Resolution Authorizing Temporary Exemption of Policy 3110 – Mr. Hacker

Mr. Hacker revisited a topic that was introduced at the previous Board meeting regarding the Challenger 75 tennis tournament hosted through ATP. He explained that one of the tournament requirements is the presence of approved vendors on-site, including a vendor that would offer beer, wine, and a specialty beverage for purchase. Mr. Hacker noted that Board Policy 3110 currently prohibits the sale of alcohol on school property while students are present. To accommodate the tournament requirements, administration requested a limited exemption to the policy that would apply only during the dates of the Challenger 75 event and only at the tennis facility where the tournament is being held. He emphasized that the exemption would not extend to any other school property or district events and would expire immediately following the conclusion of the tournament. Mr. Hacker stated that hosting the event would generate additional revenue and support for the tennis program and requested Board approval for the temporary policy exemption.

Dr. Freije inquired about potential liability concerns and asked whether the school corporation could be held liable if an incident were to occur involving the sale or consumption of alcohol during the event. Mr. Hacker explained that while the district could potentially be named in a lawsuit simply because the event is being held on school property, the vendor assumes the primary responsibility and risk associated with the sale of alcohol. He noted that the vendor would be responsible for complying.

Mr. Hacker recommended the approval of the Recommendation. Ms. Heffernan moved to approve the recommendation, Mr. Hayward seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

*This was originally put into the Board Packet as Policy 3310, with the Resolution stating the correct policy number. The correct policy number is 3110, which is reflected in the Resolution that was signed by the Board Members.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Jessup congratulated the Class of 2026 and expressed her appreciation to everyone who contributed to making graduation a memorable and successful ceremony for students and their

families. She noted that while hosting graduation on campus provides a special experience for the community, weather-related uncertainties continue to create stress and anxiety throughout the planning process. Dr. Jessup also discussed House Bill 1242, which is currently being studied and focuses on school district operations funding on a per-student basis. She explained that the bill is intended to provide legislators with information regarding district facilities and operational needs to assist in developing future funding plans. While there is hope that additional support could become available, she cautioned that any funding adjustments may simply shift resources from one area to another. As a result, the district will continue moving forward with planned reductions for the 2027-2028 school year, remaining both hopeful and practical in its approach.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Freije congratulated the Class of 2026 on a successful graduation ceremony and commended everyone involved in making the event a success. He also congratulated the girl's lacrosse team on their accomplishments and expressed his hope for many more years of success for the program. He concluded by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mr. Hayward congratulated the girl's lacrosse team on their achievements and expressed gratitude that the weather cooperated for graduation. He thanked Kat, Shane, and the entire district staff for their hard work throughout a challenging year, particularly in navigating financial concerns. He acknowledged the support received from the Town and the district's efforts to avoid a referendum while continuing to serve students effectively. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ms. Heffernan thanked Kat and Shane for their leadership and efforts throughout the year, noting their commitment to educating and informing stakeholders during difficult financial discussions. She also celebrated the success of the girl's lacrosse team, sharing that her son played lacrosse for many years and reflecting on the tremendous growth of the program. She noted how meaningful it is for student-athletes and families to have the opportunity to compete at home rather than traveling long distances and commented on the strong fan support seen throughout the season. She also recognized the efforts of district staff, including Dee Dowler, Danielle King, and Scott Dunning, for their dedication, patience, and commitment to students. Additionally, she expressed appreciation that the weather held off and allowed the graduation ceremony to proceed as planned.

Dr. Dixon described graduation as a fantastic event and acknowledged both the challenges and successes associated with hosting the ceremony. She expressed appreciation for the support provided by staff and volunteers and emphasized the importance of holding graduation on campus, noting the value it provides to students in terms of safety, support, and school pride. She congratulated the girl's lacrosse team on its accomplishments and highlighted the district's ongoing work to review and streamline policies. She stated that maintaining updated handbooks, conducting annual reviews, and ensuring accountability are important priorities that will help make district policies easier to manage and maintain moving forward.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Dixon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Hayward moved for adjournment; Dr. Freije seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
