

School Board Notes

November 13, 2008

I. Roll Call

All Board members were present. Also present were Dr. Kathleen Steele, Paul Pfladderer, Greg Hunt, Alice Phillips, Darren Haas, and Kathy Keck.

II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - *Pillar of Trustworthiness*

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Dale Petrie led the pledge.

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (10-09-08) and (10-30-08), Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, and Register of Accounts Payable Voucher

Steven McLaughlin moved to approve Previous Meeting Minutes (10-09-08) and (10-30-08), Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, and Register of Accounts Payable Voucher. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

V. Old Business

1. Budget adoption 2009

Paul Pfladderer explained the 2009 budget has been advertised. It was delayed about two months for more current numbers. A public hearing was held on October 30 at the high school. Fund appropriations for Capital Projects and Bus Replacement were reviewed. Steven McLaughlin moved to approve the 2009 Budget. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

a. Consider adoption of the 2009 Capital Projects Fund Plan

The Capital Projects Fund is a three-year plan used primarily for maintenance of buildings and grounds. Steven McLaughlin moved to approve the 2009 Capital Projects Fund Plan. Alan Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

b. Consider adoption of the 2009 Bus Replacement Plan

The 2009 Bus Replacement Plan is a twelve-year plan. Ellen Ball moved to approve the 2009 Bus Replacement Plan. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

2. Camping trip for high school physical education - Darren Haas

Darren Haas presented information to the Board on the summer high school physical education canoeing and camping trip. This is a very popular program and the number of students participating has grown from 55 to 105. It provides an opportunity for students to earn their physical education credit in the summer. Many students have difficulty finding time in the high school schedule for physical education when they have a rigorous academic schedule or many extra-curricular courses. Mr. Haas explained that teachers have several parents help with the trip, approximately one adult to nine students. Todd Barton, EMT, has gone on the trip the last four years. Students are well supervised and precautions are taken to keep students in their assigned tents during the over-night camping experience. Dr. Steele reviewed the state high school course guidelines for 75 hours of instruction. The Board was pleased with the supervision and appreciated the details provided by Mr. Haas.

VI. New Business

1. Indiana Bond Bank Resolution

Mr. Pfladderer explained that the Indiana Bond Bank information usually arrives just before the regular November meeting. It has arrived, and we will borrow to make sure our money takes us through June and July of 2009. Steven McLaughlin moved to approve the Indiana Bond Bank Resolution. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Personnel

1. Request maternity leave for Janelle Ashwill, Nicholson/Bridges lab

2. Request maternity leave for Heather Allen, Hoover/Music

3. Consider resignation of Misty Jackson, Tuttle/Special education aide

4. **Consider resignation of Demaris Edwards, Tuttle/Special education aide**
5. **Recommend Kylie McFarland for Hose/Prime Time aide**
6. **Recommend Carolyn Tunin for Nicholson/Speech**
7. **Recommend Britney Carpenter for Tuttle/Special education aide**
8. **Recommend Brooke Wilson for Tuttle/Special education aide**

Steven McLaughlin moved to approve the maternity leaves for Janelle Ashwill and Heather Allen, the resignations of Misty Jackson and Demaris Edwards, and recommended the hiring of Kylie McFarland, Carolyn Tunin, Britney Carpenter, and Brooke Wilson. Alan Plunkett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

VIII. Report on Support Services

Paul Pfledderer reported that maintenance is putting the mowers away and getting ready for winter. A larger amount of sand and salt has been stockpiled because a shortage of salt has been predicted. Mr. Pfledderer reported that he is working on another resolution as an alternative plan because of the circuit breaker. He shared the proposed resolution with the Board. The resolution will be attached to the budget when submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). It is a way to be more aggressive. Steven McLaughlin moved to approve the proposed resolution. Susan Albrecht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kathleen Steele reported that human growth and development presentations at Hoover Elementary for fourth-grade students were on Nov. 11 in three sessions. The presentations were given by a staff member from the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center. There were 17 parents who attended the overview prior to the student presentations. Only one parent requested their child be exempt from the presentation. The middle school parent presentation was on October 30 with three mothers and one grandmother attending. The middle school student sexuality presentations will be on Dec. 11 for 8th graders taking PE the first semester and Jan. 14 for 8th graders taking PE the second semester.

The Health, Nutrition, and Fitness Committee met on November 11. This committee continues to work to improve the school breakfast/lunch offerings and monitor vending and fundraising activities. A lunch survey conducted by the Tuttle Student Council was shared and discussed.

Dr. Steele reported that flu vaccines were given to 300 employees. Hepatitis A & B vaccines will be given to staff members very soon. Chris Amidon was notified that our corporation's flu and Hepatitis immunization program is one of the best in the state and will receive recognition in a published article.

Dr. Steele met with the school nurses today. We have more students in elementary grades with severe diabetes. Dr. Steele also shared that there is an increased number of students at Hose Elementary with autism, defiant disorders, attention deficit disorders, hyperactive disorders, and other extreme behaviors.

Five administrators received the state School Safety training this past month.

The Crawfordsville High School Band received top gold honors in their competition.

The Camp Tecumseh camping experience for fifth graders was wonderful, and many parents attended and helped with the trip.

Hoover Elementary held an exceptional Veteran's Day program. Photos are on the CCSC website and also on the Wabash College website.

Dr. Steele and five middle school teachers attended the National Gifted Conference in Tampa, Florida. Pat Stull is working with high ability teachers to update the Language Arts Curriculum.

Career and Technical Education teachers and Dr. Steele will be attending the national conference in Charlotte on Dec. 4-6.

Dr. James Johnson has been scheduled to speak on people and jobs on the move and shifting demographics at our staff development day on Monday, January 19, 8:30 a.m. The community is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Dr. Steele and Mrs. Starlin submitted a counseling grant to fund our part-time counselor for a full-time position.

The lunchroom at Hose Elementary is organized much better this year. The schedule was changed, and students are grouped differently.

X. Board Members' Communication

Susan Albrecht expressed a concern that was given to her by a Hoover parent that felt they should not have had to pay to attend the camping trip because they worked at the camp. Some parents were not able to go because of the fee.

Alan Plunkett asked if any school property could be declared surplus and sold. Mr. Pfladderer responded that Mills does not house students or programs at this time, but it is used for storage of special education equipment for the West Central Cooperative and other school office and classroom equipment that is still used depending on student enrollment and program needs. The Probation Department is currently using space at Mills two nights a week.

Dr. Steele acknowledged the dedication of Doug Hunt for attending and reporting on the Crawfordsville School Board meetings for many years for the Journal Review. He was always responsive to the schools in publicizing educational news and events. Due to poor health, he has not been able to attend our meetings recently.

XI. Patron Comments

None

XII. Adjournment

Alan Plunkett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Ellen Ball seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.