

**NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION**

FEBRUARY 9, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
NORTHWESTERN HIGH LIBRARY  
3431 N 400 W, KOKOMO IN 46901

The Board of School Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017. Board members in attendance included Bryan Alexander, Jonathan Underwood and Steve Jones, as well as Ryan Snoddy, Blake Betzner, Jamie Shepherd-Bryant, Scott Simmons and Mindy Hughes, and 8 interested parties. The minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting were presented and the Board unanimously approved the minutes on a motion made by Jonathan Underwood and seconded by Steve Jones. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Steve Jones and second by Jonathan Underwood.

Poor weather conditions necessitated the cancellation of school today. Students of the month and Top Tiger recipients will be recognized at the March meeting.

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Shepherd-Bryant reported to the Board that the debt service rate came in lower than projected.

**II. CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL**

Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve claims in the amount of \$496,951.50 and 3 payroll claim listings totaling \$698,299.47. Steve Jones seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**III. PERSONNEL**

Steve Jones made the motion to approve personnel recommendations. Jonathan Underwood seconded and the Board unanimously approved the following:

- A.** Accept the resignation of Jennifer Bare, library clerk at Howard Elementary, effective February 7, 2017.
- B.** Accept the resignation of **Cindy Ireland** as corporation bus driver at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- C.** Accept the resignation of **Renee' Hullinger**, Middle School FACS teacher and Food Service Director, effective July 1, 2017.
- D.** Grant the request of **Cindy Ireland** for 2 days unpaid personal leave on Jan 5-6, 2017.
- E.** Grant the request of **Marty Britten** for a continuance of unpaid medical leave through February 14, 2017.
- F.** Approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2016-17 school: Cailyn Kessler, Diana VanOsdell

**IV. RECEIVE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO SUMMER TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**

Mr. Simmons updated the Board regarding summer technology needs, plans and timeline. Also speaking were Bryan Alexander and Jonathan Underwood.

**V. CONSIDER ACTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION(s)**

The high school received several donations designated to the Robotics program, including \$200 from The Andersons Co. Inc., \$350 from Northwestern Boosters, \$200 from William Jr. and Martha Menges, \$100 from CHI of Indiana, and \$200 from Kokomo Grain. Steve Jones made the motion to graciously accept all donations; Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**VI. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

Mr. Davis recommended the addition of a theatre class to the middle and high school curriculum beginning the 2017-18 school year. He further recommended Jacob Everetts for the position. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve the recommendation. The Board unanimously approved following a second from Steve Jones.

**VII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO OUT-OF-STATE AND/OR OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST(S)**

Mrs. Bilkey requests permission for the AP Physics class to travel and stay overnight in Mason, Ohio on May 14, 2017 as a part of King's Island's Education Day. Mrs. Bilkey also requests permission for high school students and their sponsoring teacher(s) who advance and qualify to travel to the

International Science Fair. This year's International Science Fair will be held May 14-19, 2017 in Los Angeles, California. And, Mrs. Bilkey requests permission for the Robotics team to stay overnight on Sat., March 11, 2017 in Mishawaka at district competition, as well as permission to attend and stay in St. Louis, MO for World Championships April 26-29<sup>th</sup> if they advance in competition. All trips were unanimously approved following a motion from Steve Jones and second from Jonathan Underwood.

**VIII. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO LILLY GRANT APPLICATION**

Mrs. Geana Moore applied and was awarded an Eli Lilly Counseling Initiative Planning Grant in the amount of \$26,600. Mr. Snoddy thanked Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Melissa Rarick for their work in completing this grant application. Jonathan Underwood made the motion to approve the application and receipt of the funds. Steve Jones seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**IX. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES**

Mr. Betzner recommended the purchase of 2 84-passenger buses through IAESC school bus purchasing program at a cost of \$229,388. Discussion with regard to air-conditioning ensued including comments from Steve Jones, Jonathan Underwood, Blake Betzner and Jamie-Shepherd-Bryant. Following discussion, Steve Jones made the motion to approve the purchase the 2 84-passenger buses recommended without the air-conditioning upgrade at a cost of \$213,318. Jonathan Underwood seconded and motion passed unanimously. Steve Jones then made a motion to grant Mr. Betzner authority to receive bids and purchase an additional 72-passenger bus on a 78-passenger body, not to exceed \$150,000. Jonathan Underwood seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**X. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED RENOVATION OF AN IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

Mr. Snoddy presented 3 Resolutions for adoption including:

- A. Resolution Determining Need for the Project addressing financing of the project
- B. Resolution Approving Form of Lease submitted by the School Building Corporation
- C. Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation

Jonathan Underwood made the motion to adopt all 3 Resolutions as presented. Steve Jones seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**XI. CONSIDER ACTION WITH REGARD TO DESIGN-BUILD PROCESS FOR ATHLETIC PROJECT**

Mr. Snoddy will presented a Resolution for adoption to utilize Design-Build process for the athletic field project and use Warehouse Services, Inc. and Jim Peck as the criteria developer. The Board unanimously approved the Resolution on a motion made by Steve Jones and seconded by Jonathan Underwood.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – David Inskeep, high school science instructor commented with regard to Mr. Snoddy's comments in The Perspective regarding the recent appointment of Betsy DeVos as US Secretary of Education. He encouraged the Board to be proactive in supporting local control of education.

**XIII. BOARD COMMENTS** - none

There being no further business, Jonathan Underwood made a motion to adjourn. Steve Jones seconded the motion and the board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

Next Meeting – Mar. 9, 2017 – Northwestern High School Library – 7:00 P.M.

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Northwestern School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at Northwestern High School Library, 3431 N 400 W, Kokomo, Indiana, on February 9, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President Bryan Alexander.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Bryan Alexander, Steve Jones, Jonathan Underwood

Absent: Janet Lovelace, Ted Merrell

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

Mr. Alexander advised the Board that it needed to consider the financing of the renovation of and improvements to Northwestern High School, including the athletic complex. The Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit A by a vote of 3-0.

President Alexander stated that the Northwestern School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has approved and submitted to the School Corporation a proposed form of Lease Agreement (the "Lease"), which proposed form of Lease was examined by all of the members of the Board. After discussion of the proposed form of Lease, upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit B was adopted by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Alexander stated that the Building Corporation has previously been formed to assist the School Corporation in the financing of school facilities. After discussion of the proposed Building Corporation, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit C by a vote of 3-0.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:

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President, Board of School Trustees