Monday, February 26, 2024

White River Valley School Corporation

Regular Public Session

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular open session on Monday, February 26, 2024. There is an Executive Session at 5PM prior to the 7PM regular monthly meeting. An executive session is also scheduled directly following the public session, if necessary. All meetings will be held at White River Valley High School in the Wolverine Center. There were seven board members present: Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Conner Hill, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Bruce Porter, and Mrs. Cleta Shake. Also in attendance, Mr. Mitch Hobson, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, and Mr. Doug Lewis.

OPEN SESSION and AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Call to Order Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board president Mr. Joe Decker.

II. Approve Minutes from January 15, 2024 Finance Board and January 15, 2024 Public Session **Approve Minutes**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2024 Finance Meeting and regular public session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

III. Certification of Executive SessionMemorandum for February 26, 2024

Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the certification of executive session memorandum for February 26, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Consider Approval of District Claims from January 12-February 24, 2024

Approval of Claims

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the district claims from January 13 through February 24, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

V. Recognition of Student Success

Recognition of Student Success

-ISSMA State Vocal Finalists (WRV HS)

VI. Public Oath of Office Ceremony for School Resource Officers

Public Oath of Office

- Mr. Bobby Pierce
- Mr. Jim O'Malley
- Ms. Brittany Ingram

VII. Donations Approval—WRV Shooting Sports Team

Donations

(Hicom-\$400/One Time Hunt Club-\$1,000/Todd Stipp-\$100/Dave-Jo Halt-\$200/Whitetails Unlimited-\$500/Kerns Excavating-\$200/George-Marilyn Dallaire-\$1,000)

VIII. Public Comment

Public Comment

By state statute, public comment must be made available prior to any old or new business decision items. Mr. Decker, as Board President, runs this portion of the meeting. A reminder that our administrator open office hours are next held on Monday, March 4th from 4-6:30PM.

IX. Old Business

A. Stephen Campbell Alumni Banquet Update

Campbell Banquet

The Senior National Honor Society members have been identified and inducted. They will be selecting their positive educator influences shortly. This year's alumni winners have been notified and will be in attendance. They are:

Switz City Central- Bill Sipes (1960) L & M- Tony Patterson (1985) Worthington- Leslie Ferris Yerger (1980) WRV HS- Doug Dayhoff (2004)

The banquet this year is on April 5th at 6PM. All board members and spouses are invited. Please RSVP to Mrs. Emmons. We look forward to the 11th annual evening honoring academic achievement, outstanding teaching, and great alumni contributions.

B. Wolverine Enterprise Report

Wolverine Enterprise Report

Miss Thomas joins us this evening to give us the Wolverine Enterprise update.

For the past five years, Mr. Davis and Mr. Hostetter have served on the executive board, which involves a couple of short meetings each semester. Is there anyone else on the board who would like to help out in this capacity?

C. Maintenance & Construction Report & Update Maint. & Construction Update

The last two months we have discussed the cafeteria work on the serving line at WRV High School. Mrs. Wiggington received three quotes for the work. Mr. Decker and I have met with the kitchen specialists to review the work and equipment needs necessary with Brian Barker, the project specialist Taylor Distributors of Southern Indiana. After that review, I am ready to recommend the work as proposed by Mrs. Wiggington and reviewed by Mr. Decker to upgrade the cafeteria line at White River Valley High School through Taylor Distributors. The expenditure is \$116,793 and will be taken from the cafeteria fund.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the work for the cafeteria line.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

Our Elementary gym sound system project is heading toward completion. This project was a joint project between the Greene County Foundation and our school district. We appreciate the partial funding granted by a Community Grant from the Foundation. I expect that project to be completed by mid week.

For years, individuals have been able to get into our facilities on one campus because of the old doors and frames. After speaking with Scott Stenftenagel about it, he referred me to Keusch Glass Inc. who had just done the same type of work at an older school in Posey County. They came up and took a look at our situation and are recommending the replacement of door frames, doors, and hardware in two main doors in our facility. I have a quote from Keusch to make the replacement to two sets of doors for a cost of \$30,150. The expenditure would come from Operations Funding for Summer 2024. These repairs would make our facility more secure and allow us to rekey this section of the building. We have an electronic fob system that has been in place for over a decade, but there are still hard keys out to the facility from years ago. This fix allows us to control the facility by fob or key assignment.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the replacement of the two sets of doors.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill . The motion passed 7-0.

D. WRV Student School Affiliated Donations

School Affiliated Donations

Every year, we have many students and student groups that take it upon themselves to raise money for a variety of special causes. This is one of the things I am most proud of our students for doing. We have many special causes, and our students really take great pride in serving others.

I think it is important that the board understands the extent of what our groups and students do. For example, every year our WRV HS Dance Marathon team and student body raises thousands of dollars for the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Our student leadership groups hold a blood drive each semester, which sends donations to the Regional Blood Center in both Bloomington and Indianapolis. Our boys and girls basketball teams pair with other schools in Greene County to raise money for cancer. The boy's donations go to the American Cancer Society for research, meaning the money goes to their foundation, which serves the entire state of Indiana. The girls' program this year chose as a team to make their donations to a couple of area hospitals. The middle school student council has worked with Erin's Purpose in Bloomfield. The elementary school works with Pennies for Pies with the local food bank.

Procedurally, administrative guidelines have always been for these types of activities to be governed by the building principals. Any financial donations from these activities are written by the school's ECA account treasurer and signed by both the principal and the ECA treasurer.

At this time is there any discussion about what our groups or students are doing in this regard?

No discussion at this time.

X. New Business

A. Summer CPF Building Plan

Summer CPF Plans

Mr. Decker, Mr. Hobson, and I have been meeting recently regarding summer projects, schedules, bond projects, and Operation fund projects for the upcoming summer. Our bond projects have been well documented through the RFP process with the board. In the near future, I will be bringing quotes and recommendations before the board on a variety of projects, including, but not limited to..

- the elementary public address and call button system
- the high school weight room upgrade
- the resurfacing of the high school track
- a carport to house our tractors after the paving project has been completed at the high school.

These are all items that need to be addressed and have been budgeted for in the CPF process. I am just giving you some information before Mr. Hobson and I complete the quote and scheduling process.

B. Student Survey for IU School of Public Health Partnership

Student Survey

Dr. Kyle Kercher, our partner in the Indiana University School of Public Health working with our middle school students and the district as a whole since last year is working with Mr. Hobson to help us design a health/wellness plan with our students in the district. They are asking the board to allow us to give a survey on a voluntary basis to our students that would record uses of social media and dietary habits, health and dietary habits, and self body analysis habits. The results of the survey would be our property and not released to anyone other than us as a school district.

The new law on student surveys requires board permission for these types of surveys. The survey was included in your board packets for this meeting. Mr. Hobson is there anything you would like the board to know? I am asking permission to utilize the proposed survey.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the proposed survey.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Permission to Seek Nuisance Weeds Spraying Quotes for 2024

Spraying Quotes

Each year, I ask the Board for permission to advertise for quotes for nuisance weed

spraying around our campus. It does take a special chemicals license in order to do this, which requires getting quotes for this service. I am asking for quotes to be turned into me here at the high school by Thursday, March 7, 2024 at noon. Anyone interested can pick up a quote specifications at our central office starting tomorrow afternoon. As always, we will advertise that we have freedom to accept or reject any bid for services. I am seeking Board permission at this time.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the advertising for spraying quotes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Hostetter. The motion passed 7-0.

XI. Personnel Personnel

- A. Resignations
- B. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations
 - 1. Paul Pierce- WRV HS Varsity Softball Coach
 - 2. Nathan Hostetter- WRV MS Assistant Baseball Coach
 - 3. Michael Stewart WRV MS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
 - 4. Kyle Koons- WRV MS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
 - 5. Joe Records- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach (Distance)
 - 6. Justin Keller- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach (Long Jump)
 - 7. Nathan Hostetter- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach (Throwers)
 - 8. Ashley Lafever- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach (Pole Vault)
 - 9. Levi Fulford- WRV HS Assistant Baseball Coach
- 10. Marisa Soliday- WRV MS Softball Coach
- 11. Cody English- WRV MS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach
- 12. Craig Blu Pierce- WRV MS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach
- 13. Chantael Elliott- WRV MS Volunteer Asst. Track Coach
- 14. Jeff Sams- WRV HS Volunteer Varsity Asst. Baseball Coach

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the hiring/assignment recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

15. Justin English- WRV HS Varsity Baseball Coach

Mrs. Cleta Shake made a motion to hire Justin English as HS varsity baseball coach.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Jason Davidson voting no.

**NOTE: All lay coaches are prohibited from working with our student-athletes until criminal history checks have been completed and the superintendent notifies the

building principal.

XII. Public Recognition

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-IHSAA Exemplary Behavior Report: WRV HS Varsity Boys' Basketball Teams vs. Sullivan 1/20/24

XIII. Information/Announcements

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- A. Kindergarten Round-Up: March 7/April 11 1-5 PM *Call for an appointment (812)875-3839
- B.Executive Session March 6, 2024 5PM
- C. Supt./Principal Office Hours Monday, March 4, 2024 4-6:30PM
- D. Stephen Campbell Alumni Awards Friday, April 5, 2024 6PM @WRV HS
- E. Board Work Session Monday, March 18, 2024 5:30PM at WRV ES
- F. Regular Session Monday, March 18, 2024 6PM at WRV ES

XIV. Adjournment

Adjournment

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

^{**}There will be an executive session following a brief intermission, if necessary.