

Monday February 27, 2023

White River Valley School Corporation

Regular Session Minutes

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in a regular open session on Monday, February 27, 2023. There is a Public Board Work Session at 5:30 PM prior to the 7 PM regular monthly meeting. An executive session is scheduled directly following the public session if necessary. All meetings will be held at White River Valley Elementary School. Six board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mrs. Cleta Shake, and Mr. Conner Hill. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, Mr. Doug Lewis and Mr. Jason Walton.

- I. Call to Order **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by board president Mr. Brock Hostetter.

- II. Approve Minutes from **Approve Minutes**
Jan. 16, 2023 Public Session

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2023 public session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

- III. Approval of District Claims from **Approval of Claims**
January 13-February 24, 2023

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the district claims from January 13 through February 24, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 6-0.

- IV. Public Comment **Public Comment**

By state statute, public comment must be made available prior to any old or new business decision items. Mr. Hostetter, as Board President, runs this portion of the meeting. A reminder that our administrator open office hours are next held on Monday, March 6th from 4-7 PM.

There was no public comment made during this time.

V. Old Business

A. Stephen Campbell Alumni Banquet Update

Campbell Banquet Update

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

Switz City Central- Roger Weaver (1962)

L&M- Dr. Renee Fiscus Bauer (1977)

Worthington- Tom Franklin (1965)

WRV HS- Kelley Strickler Miller (1995)

The banquet this year is on March 17th at 6 PM. All board members and spouses are invited. Please RSVP to Mrs. Emmons. We look forward to the 10th annual evening honoring academic achievement, outstanding teaching, and great alumni contributions.

B. Wolverine Enterprises Report

Wolverine Enterprises

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

C. Maintenance & Construction
Report & Update

Maint. & Construction Report

This evening, we have plenty to talk about in regards to the work being done at all three schools. Obviously this evening, we are meeting in our brand new elementary cafeteria as construction winds down with our two building projects. There's much more going on in this district. With construction news and other maintenance information, Chuck Sims joins us this evening.

Mr. Sims made the following purchasing requests:

*WRV MS second section of roof repair-ARP Roofing \$9,600

*WRV MS hot water circulation pump replacement-\$4,400

*WRV MS TV/Interactive Board Completion-\$10,381

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the purchase requests for the MS.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Hostetter. The motion passed 6-0.

*WRV ES floor scrubbing machine-\$5,209.13

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of a floor scrubbing machine for the ES.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

Dana from The Stenftenagel Group gave her report to finish up the Maintenance and construction report update.

D. Work Session Update & Program
Discussion/Recommendations

**Work Session Update
& Program Discussion**

We've now held two work sessions on programs and facilities management in 2023. We've looked at our district's programming in regards to grade construction, building/facilities needs, and tonight we've heard funding possibilities. Now that we have some information, it is time to make some decisions and for the board to give the superintendent some direction as far as what you'd like to see completed both with Capital Projects Fund money and with debt that we need to restructure at the end of 2024.

In our discussions regarding facilities planning, it is time for the board to direct me to work to put a five year facility and maintenance plan together. After our last work session in January, the Board gave its approval for Mr. Hostetter and Mr. Decker to walk in the middle school with Mr. Sims, the building administrators, and myself. There are some heavy things that we must tackle together, but there are also some things that we can get done in the short term to begin the process...maintenance-wise. For example, the three items on Mr. Sim's list today that you approved. There will be other items, but we need a consistent plan down the road that will address some issues. I am asking the Board for a directive this evening.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion for Dr. Hacker to compile a list of items to address at the middle school.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

We also have discussed the grade configuration that would accompany some of these issues. During our December meeting I ask for a Board decision by the end of February. Do I have a motion this evening?

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to move the fifth grade back to the elementary

building.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 4-2, with Mrs. Cleta Shake and Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

We will continue to work on these issues and make the necessary plans to move forward in line with these Board decisions. Thank you for the extra time being dedicated to these issues by our board members. It is appreciated.

VI. New Business

A. Student Transportation-
Mr. Walton

Student Transportation

This evening, we have asked Mr. Walton to be here to report on the state of our student transportation services. We try to do this at least one time each year to keep the board educated as to our fleet and equipment. Mr. Walton works hard to keep everything working smoothly, and we appreciate his efforts. Mr. Walton..

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to allow Mr. Walton to begin exploring a possible partnership with Wagler's pertaining to transportation training.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

B. Summer CPF Building Report-
Mr. Walton

Summer CPF Report

In our Work Session last month, the board and I discussed the annual CPF dollars given to the principals to spend on their own individual buildings. This past year, we didn't do that with the elementary or the high school because they were in the middle of school improvements and renovation programs. We did, however, continue the program at the middle school. Since Mr. Walton was giving his transportation report tonight, I thought it might be a good idea for him to update the board and the public on how his CPF funds were spent. Mr. Walton gave his report stating the purchases were made on the following items: Viewsonic Interactive TV for classroom, carpet for classroom, bottle filling station, student desks, and a blower.

C. 2023-24 Pathways to Success

Pathways to Success

It is time to begin the scheduling process for the 2023-24 school year. Each year, our high school administration and guidance department publish a document that has course offerings and offering changes that we have the Board approve. Mr. Lewis and Mrs.

Mansfield have worked very hard to stay in front of changes at the state level, our program changes through ROI involvement, and local changes through our involvement with the University of Notre Dame's AP-TIP grant. The changes were outlined in your board packet. I would recommend that we accept the 23-24 Pathways for Success document for the high school in order for them to begin the student scheduling process.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to accept the 23-24 Pathways for Success document.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Permission to Seek Nuisance
Weed Spraying Quotes for 2023

Nuisance Weed 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 service. I am asking for quotes to be turned into me here at the high school by Thursday, March 9, 2023 at noon. Anyone interested can pick up our 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 allow Dr. Hacker to advertise for nuisance weed spraying quotes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 6-0.

E. Request for Settlement Resolution
WRV to Settle JUUL MassAction Suit

JUUL MassAction Lawsuit

The Board voted last February to join the MassAction lawsuit against the makers of JUUL; the electronic cigarettes that young people are using. There were over 400 school districts across the United States that are entered into this lawsuit. The cases stated that JUUL has created a public nuisance and have cost the school districts a monetary amount trying to keep the JUULs out of the school environment.

In our case at WRV, we have purchased vape sensors for the high school bathrooms, which had to be installed through our network. We have video safety cameras that are pointed in the direction that see bathroom exits. We employ a School Resource Officer and administrators to affect discipline. The court case stated that this is a problem in our schools, which I did for the district.

We are now at the proposed settlement of the case. In order to settle, we have to pass another Board resolution, which I included in your packet and I will read at this time.

It would be my recommendation to the Board that we vote “yes” on the resolution and give me the authority to file the appropriate documents to join this Mass Action lawsuit.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the resolution to join the Mass Action lawsuit.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

We have been advised at this point in the settlement to make only one public statement, and so I’m making that statement now: WRVSD has reached an agreement/settlement with the JUUL company at this time. When results from the settlement become final, I will have a further statement.

F. Recommendation of Adoption of
the 2024-25 School Calendar

2024-25 School Calendar

I have had a district-level discussion with the teacher’s association regarding the school calendar for the 2024-25 school calendar. It mirrors the recently adopted 23-24 calendar on start and vacation dates. There is one glaring change: normally we have 180 student days and 181 staff days; however, as we begin negotiations for the next master contract, I would like to move to 182 days for staff. The extra day is upfront in the calendar and will include teaching time to make sure all 19 state mandated trainings are completed prior to the start of school. I have included the proposed calendar in your board packets. Tonight, I am asking for your approval for the 2024-25 school calendar for WRVSD.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to adopt the recommended 2024-25 school calendar.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Andy Davis voting no.

G. Open of Public Bid Documentation

Open of Public Bid Doc.

We work with Chriss Jobe to put out an RFP for our paving job at WRV Elementary School. As part of our facilities discussion, we know that the pavement has been falling apart and the construction would help increase the decay. We advertised the RFP on two different occasions in the Greene County Daily World and tonight we are opening the bids for advertisement purposes for the board.

We have two proposals with the base job being to do the same areas that contain pavement now with an alternate to add an island on the north side of the building to add additional parking spaces.

Let’s open the bids at this time:

-E&B Paving: Base bid- \$232,667 Alternate bid-\$40,035

-Milestone Contractors: Base bid-\$175,380.60 Alternate bid-\$34,519.40

This concludes the public bid opening for the WRV Elementary School parking lot. It would be my recommendation to table the bids for consideration at the March meeting.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to table the bids for the March meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

VII. Personnel

Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Geneva Webb-WRV Middle School Instructional Assistant
2. Amber Waggoner- WRV Elementary School Instructional Assistant

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to accept the resignations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

B. Retirement

1. Liz Tharp- WRV Elementary School Little Paws Preschool Director

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to accept Liz Tharp's retirement.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

C. FMLA Leave

1. Stephanie Watson- WRV Elementary School Technology Assistant
2. Jaclyn Totten- WRV Elementary School Teacher

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the FMLA leaves.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations

1. Rich Tarr- WRV High School Advanced Manufacturing Teacher (23-24)
2. Lisa Beatty- WRV Middle School Assistant Softball Coach
3. Amanda Lundy- WRV Middle School Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
4. Susan Sparks- WRVSD Substitute Bus Driver
5. Steven Williams- WRVSD Substitute Bus Driver
6. Steven Williams- WRV Middle School Substitute for Instructional Asst.
(Instructional Assistant and After School Program Assistant)
7. Denise Conder- WRV Elementary 1st Grade Instructional Asst. (Gilmore)

8. Linda Harris- WRV Elementary Kitchen Assistant
9. Jaclyn Totten- Move to WRV ES STEM Teaching Assignment (23-24)
10. Katelyn Abrams- WRV Elementary FMLA Leave Teaching Position
11. Justin Keller- WRV Middle School Volunteer Track Assistant Coach
12. Justin Scheller- WRV High School Volunteer Track Assistant Coach
13. Eddie Garcia- WRV High School Volunteer Track Assistant Coach
14. Joe Records- WRV High School Volunteer Track Assistant Coach

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

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 5-1, with Mrs. Clea Shake 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.

VIII. Transfer Student Request

Transfer Request

White River Valley High School has received an application for a transfer student. Mr. Lewis has done the investigation as called for the administrative guidelines for the acceptance of out-of-district transfer students. He recommends acceptance and I would agree and make that recommendation to the Board for approval.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to accept the transfer request.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

IX. Information/Announcements

Information/Announcements

- A. Kindergarten Round-Up March 2, March 18, April 27 by appointment
- B. Supt./Principal Office Hours Monday, March 6, 2023 4-7PM
- C. Stephen Campbell Alumni Awards Friday, March 17, 2023 5:30 at WRV HS
- D. Board Work Session Monday, March 20, 2023 5:30 PM at WRV HS
- E. Regular Session Monday, March 20, 2023 7 PM at WRV HS

****There will be an executive session following a brief intermission.**

X. Adjournment

Adjournment

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to adjourn the public session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 6-0.