

**Monday, June 19, 2023**

**White River Valley School Corporation**

**Regular Session Minutes**

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular open session on Monday, June 19, 2023 in the Wolverine Center at White River Valley High School in Switz City. There is a Building Corporation meeting scheduled for 6PM prior to the public meeting in the WRV HS Wolverine Center. An executive session that may be held directly following the public session, if necessary. Seven board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mrs. Cleta Shake, Mr. Joe Decker, and Mr. Conner Hill. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker and Mr. Mitch Hobson.

**I. Call to Order**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board president Mr. Brock Hostetter.

**II. Approve Minutes of the May 15, 2023  
Public Session**

**Approve Minutes**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 public session.

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

**III. Approval of Corporate Claims  
From May 12-June 16, 2023**

**Approval of Claims**

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the claims from May 12 through June 16, 2023.

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

**IV. Employee Recognition**

**Employee Recognition**

- A. Rebecca Harris- Indiana Arts
- B. Ron Sparks- Outgoing School Resource Officer
- C. Sam Floyd- Retiring Bus Driver (55 years)

V. Old Business

A. Transportation Director's Report

**Transportation Report**

1. Purchase of Mr. Floyd's Bus

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the purchase of Sam Floyd's bus.

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

2. Contract with Wagler's for Bus Driver Training Partnership

After Board discussion, it was determined to wait another month and revisit the contract with Wagler's at the July board meeting.

3. Fuel: Permission to use the Co-Op (Premier) for fueling needs

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the use of the Co-Op (Premier) for transportation fueling needs.

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

4. Approval for Mr. Walton to train Norma Portlow with Wagler's.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve Mr. Walton to train Norma Portlow with Wagler's.

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

B. Summer Maintenance/Construction Update

**Maint./Construction Update**

Tonight, I would like to share the overall summer 2023 project list with the Board. There are a number of projects underway and budgeted for during this time. I would specifically like to make two requests:

1. Milestone Paving was awarded our paving project at WRV Elementary, which is set to start the last week of June. The Board requested that I get a quote to also repave the playground since they are going to be staged and onsite. That cost came in at \$48,000. The price is over \$12,000 less than any other competitor. It would be my recommendation to accept that quote and have the playground are redone as well.

2. The second request would be starting the replacement of the electrical situation at the middle school. We really can't do anything with the HVAC system until we have a

good handle on the electrical situation down there. We've had a couple of contractors come down and survey this situation for possible solutions. I would recommend to the Board tonight that we allow Woods Electric to replace five sub-panels throughout the building at a cost of \$35,000 for labor and materials. This is the first step in what will be a multi-phased project.

I would ask permission for both of these projects.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve both of the recommended projects.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 4-3 ,with Mr. Bruce Porter, Mr. Jason Davidson, and Mrs. Cleta Shake voting no.

That takes our budgeted projects list up to \$409,000. I budgeted \$400,000 for the summer work, so we are a little over budget; however, because I always budget conservatively, we should be very solid financially in our operations fund.

#### C. FFA Field Trip Adjustment

#### **FFA Field Trip Adj.**

Last month, the board approved an FFA overnight field trip to Patoka Lake for June 10th. Well, the FFA was asked to help with the Worthington-Jefferson Alumni Banquet over that weekend., and so they needed to move the field trip. They are now requesting that the trip be moved to June 24-25. I thanked Mr. Zuckschwerdt and his students for helping with the alumni banquet and recommend this date change on the field trip to the board for approval.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the field trip date change.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

#### D. 23-24 School Improvement Plan Approval

#### **School Improvement Plan**

Last month, I brought you each school's individual School Improvement Plan. Those plans have to be approved by both the board and signed-off on by me as the district superintendent and the classroom teachers association. Tonight is the second read on those plans, and so I am asking for the board's approval, so they can be sent to the Department of Education.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the school improvement plans.

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

## VI. New Business

### A. Request from Class of 2025 Regarding Prom 2024

### Prom Request

The class of 2025 is here this evening to make a formal request to the Board of Education regarding the 2024 Prom.

The class of 2025 is requesting prom be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 off campus at the Greene County Community Event Center.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the requested date and location for prom 2024.

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

### B. 2023-24 Cafeteria Bids Southwest Indiana Cooperative

### 2023-24 Cafe Bids

#### 1. Dairy-Prairie Farms

Each year, we have to put our food/milk needs out for bid; we do that through the Southwest Indiana Cooperative. We took care of our food items in May for the 23-24 school year. Tonight, Mrs. Wiggington is asking that we approve the milk needs through Prairie Farms Dairy. We have utilized them the past couple of years, and they are the low bid again this year.

Mrs. Cleta Shake made a motion to approve Prairie Farms for the school corp's milk needs.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

### C. NEOLA 35.2 Policy Update- First Read

### Neola 35.2 Policy Update

I have included our most recent NEOLA policy updates. These are based on the most recent legislative session and recent court rulings. This is a first read on these policies and so no board action is necessary. If you have any questions or concerns with any of these updates, please let me know.

### D. Classified Employee Dental Coverage Renewal Recommendation

### Dental Coverage Renewal

We offer our classified employees dental insurance coverage at their costs. It is my recommendation that we continue through Paramount Dental. We have a rate hold

guaranteed for 48 months, which is very good. Mike Ketron helps us shop those coverages as Larry Dyer used to do for us. Again, my recommendation is staying with Paramount Dental for our classified employee dental coverage.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to stay with Paramount Dental for our classified employees dental coverage.

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

E. 2023-24 Surety Bonds  
Renewal Recommendation

**2023-24 Surety Bonds**

Each year we have to renew our surety bonds for our money-handlers prior to the start of the school year. Those employees and their bonding capacities are as follows:

Ashton Ison-\$8,500

Sue Quakenbush-\$8,500

Candace Clark-\$8,500

Teresa Craig-\$8,500

Kylie Enochs-\$40,000

Michelle Emmons-\$40,000

Employee Blanket Bond-\$100,000

These surety bonds are in place to protect the district. These bonds are through the Richard Brown Insurance Company in Worthington.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to renew the surety bonds for the 23-24 school year.

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

F. Resolution of Approval to **Resolution of Appr. Issuance First Mortgage Bonds**  
Issuance First Mortgage Bonds

As the Board voted to move earlier this year through the First Mortgage Bond process for a number of projects throughout the district and the Building Corporation moved to do the same earlier this evening, we must now officially pass the resolution to move forward in issuing one or more first mortgage bonds. This resolution will now put the public on notice of the board's intent and also allows me to move forward.

G. Baker-Tilly Municipal Advisory Services

**Baker-Tilly Services**

As we did in our 2021 First Mortgage Bonds issuance, I am recommending the hiring of Baker-Tilly US, LLP on an hourly basis to help the school district through the bonding process. They continue to do a great job advising us through the process with both Jeff Hammond and Belvia Gray working with us. As we prepare to move through this process

again, it is necessary to approve them officially as our bond advisor and security issuer.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve Baker-Tilly for their advisory services.

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

## VII. Personnel

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### A. Resignations

1. Teresa Mansfield-WRV HS Guidance Counselor
2. Charles Sims- WRVSD Maintenance Director
3. Jeannette Pittman-WRV MS Custodian

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the resignations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 6-1, with Mrs. Clea Shake voting no.

### B. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations

1. Kelsey Moody- WRV HS Guidance Counselor

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve Kelsey Moody as the WRV HS Guidance Counselor.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Brian Hostetter- WRV MS Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Brian Hostetter as the MS boys' head basketball coach.

The motion was seconded by Conner Hill. The motion passed 5-2, with Mrs. Clea Shake and Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

3. Carter Hostetter- WRV MS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Carter Hostetter as the MS assistant boys' basketball coach.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 5-2, with Mrs. Clea Shake and Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

4. Dane Emmons- WRVSD Grounds Assistant

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve Dane Emmons as WRVSD grounds assistant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

5. Craig Pierce- WRV MS Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve Craig Pierce as the MS girls' soccer assistant

coach.

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

6. Conner Rollins-WRV HS Custodian

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Conner Rollins as HS custodian.

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

7. Briar English- WRV MS Summer Student Custodian

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve Briar English as MS summer student custodian.

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

8. Keynan Gorby- WRV HS Summer Student Custodian

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve Keynan Gorby as HS summer student custodian.

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

9. Janet Harris- WRV HS Wolverine Academy Supervisor

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve Janet Harris as the HS Wolverine Academy Supervisor.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

10. Nicole Vandeventer- WRV ES Grade 5 Instructional Assistant (T1)

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Nicole Vandeventer as the ES grade 5 instructional (T1) assistant.

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

11. Jadon Rogers- WRVSD Special Projects Custodian- 16hrs/Week

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve Jadon Rogers as the WRVSD special projects custodian at 16 hrs/week.

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

C. Requests for Salary Increase

**Request for Salary Increase**

1. Renee Wiggington- WRVSD Food Service Director

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the salary increase for Renee Wiggington.

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

2. Kylie Enochs/Michelle Emmons- WRVSD Co-Treasurers

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the salary increase for Kylie Enochs and Michelle Emmons.

VIII. Out-of-District Transfer Requests

**Transfer Requests**

We have out-of-district transfer requests this evening for both the elementary and the middle schools. Mrs. Guthrie and Mr. Walton have done the administrative investigations as called for by board policy. They each recommend approval of these requests this evening. I would recommend we accept them as well.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to accept the out-of-district requests.

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

IX. Information/Announcements

**Information/Announcements**

- A. Executive Session Monday, July 24, 2023 6:00 PM @ WRV HS WC
- B. Regular Session Monday, July 24, 2023 7:00 PM @ WRV HS WC
- C. Supt. Office Hours Monday, July 17, 2023 4-7:00 PM @ WRV Admin Center

X. Add Agenda Item

**Add Agenda Item**

At this time, I will ask for permission to add an agenda item.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to add an agenda item.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

Via State Statute the Board must hold an opportunity for public comment prior to any old or new business vote. Mr. Hostetter as Board president runs this portion of the meeting. As this portion was missed at the beginning of the meeting, we will hold public comment at this time.

There was no public comment.

XI. Adjournment

**Adjournment**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.



