

**Monday August 15, 2022**

**Regular Open Session**

**White River Valley School Corporation**

**Minutes**

The White River Valley School Board will meet in regular open session on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7pm in the Wolverine Center at White River Valley High School in Switz City. There is an executive session scheduled at 6pm prior to the public meeting in the WRV Wolverine Center that may also extend into the time directly following the public session. Seven Board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Roger Shake, and Mr. David Reed, and Mr. Bruce Porter. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mr. Jason Walton, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, and Mr. Doug Lewis.

I. Call to Order

**Call to Order**

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

II. Approve Minutes of the July 18, 2022  
Regular Public Session Meeting

**Approve Minutes**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular public session meeting.

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

III. Certification of Executive Session Memorandum  
For August 15, 2022

**Cert. of Exec. Session  
Memorandum**

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the certification of executive session memorandum for August 15, 2022.

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

IV. Approval of Claims

**Approval of Claims**

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to approve the claims from July 15 to August 12, 2022.

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

V. Public Comment

**Public Comment**

By WRVSD policy and the new state statute, we open tonight's meeting with the Public Comment section of the meeting. (Brock Hostetter runs this portion.) Our next Superintendent Open Office Hours will be held on September 12, 2022 from 4-7PM.

VI. Grant Acceptance

**Grant Acceptance**

WRV Elementary School- named by the United States Department of Agriculture's Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the 2022-23 School Year: \$25,425.

Mr. David Reed made a motion to accept the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant for the elementary school.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. Old Business

A. Start of School Update

**Start of School Update**

It is a good thing we built a special school calendar giving us extra time to get ready for the start of school in 22-23. The renovation and construction work has been diligent over the summer, but extremely busy over the last month. We will be ready for staff tomorrow morning here at the high school with our 8AM opening meeting. The kids will join us for their first day on Wednesday. I appreciate all the hard work that is being put into our opening, including the preparation of our facilities. That comment is a good transition to Mr. Sims who is here to brief the board on maintenance and facilities issues.

B. Maintenance Report-Mr. Chuck Sims

**Maintenance Report**

C. Renovation/Construction Report-  
Mr. Scott Stenftenagel

**Renovation/Const. Report**

As we look at kids coming Wednesday, I have asked Mr. Stenftenagel to brief the

board this evening. Scott..

D. 22-23 Athletic Training Recommendation

**Athletic Training**

Last month, you directed me to explore all options for athletic training for the 2-23 for our student-athletes. In doing so, I found that other area services are having the same problem as Greene Co. General Hospital..too many open jobs. Good Samaritan in Knox County was short two trainers; Sullivan only had one person on staff. Daviess Co. was at their limit for services. I spoke with one private contractor at Washington. They did put in a quote, but it was for well over the GCGH quote and all supplies had to be supplied by us, which was another additional cost.

After all my research and consulting with Mr. Hostetter as the board so directed me to do, I took Mr. Lewis with me and met with Brenda Reetz, our hospital CEO and a WRV parent. In looking at the contract, we reduced the original cost back to \$65 per ADM student. We also agreed there would be no advertising without mutual agreement from both parties involved in the contract. All supply costs are built into the contract already, which is a great additional savings.

After all of the time and effort put in, it is my recommendation to the board to continue with Greene Co. General Hospital for our athletic training needs for the 2022-23 school year.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to continue with Greene Co. General Hospital for our athletic training.

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Reed. the motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Andy Davis and Mr. Joe Decker voting no.

VIII. New Business

A. WRVSD 2022-23 School Safety Plans

**School Safety Plans**

Each year, by statute, I have to bring the School Safety Plans before the Board for approval by September 1. Mr. Sparks has coordinated these plans and has met for plan to review with each of the building principals. The principals review the building plans with school staff as well as hold table talks and exercise school safety drills to practice our safety procedures. We hold training drills both internally and through the Greene County Safe Schools Commission.

We take student safety extremely seriously here at WRV as the students and staff are our top priorities. We met with both the current and the sheriff-elect to look at our

situation here at WRV. In doing so, the Sheriff's Department announced that they would be ending our SRO partnership because of liability issues. We have consulted our school attorney and our liability insurer as we seek to start our own security staff. Mr. Sparks has served as the district SRO for a number of years. I am recommending to the Board this evening that we approve former Worthington police chief, Jim O'Malley, as a member of our school district security team. He recently retired from the WPD, but really enjoyed his work with the school district, and is very genuine in his desire to help us keep buildings in our district secure. He is also a very skilled law enforcement trainer. He will be based at Worthington, but will also spend time in our other facilities as well. We also-by statute- have to have trained school safety personnel. Mr. Sparks, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Staggs, Mr. Walton, and myself are all trained. We are going to send Mr. Hobson to training this fall. All of our buildings are covered in this way. We will be receiving an early September visit from the key consultant to school safety from the DOE as well. I recommend the approval of these plans for submission to the Indiana Department of Education and the hiring of Officer Jim O'Malley to our security team this evening. Of note, Officer O'Malley will be carrying a firearm on school property, which means that we will have open carry approved for approved school personnel.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the safety plans for submission and the hiring of Officer Jim O'Malley.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

**B. Disposal of Expired Science Chemicals**

**Disposal of Chemicals**

Every five years, our liability insurance carrier suggests looking at high school department chemicals to make sure everything is current. As North Central found out last Spring, expired chemicals can cause quite a problem, including explosive situations. We had Invironmental Technologies out of Evansville come up and take a look at our inventory. They found eight different problem areas. It is my recommendation that we allow them to dispose of these chemicals for us. The cost is \$4,987 to do so. It will be an Operations Fund expenditure, but one that is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to approve Invironmental Technologies to dispose of the expired chemicals.

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

**C. Group Term Life, Accidental Death/Dismemberment,  
Long Term Disability Insurance Renewal**

**Insurance Renewal**

We have good news on our insurance fronts for the aforementioned sets of insurance.

Principal has been our provider for the past seven years. We have received our renewal rates and there is a hold in two of the areas(Term Life and Accidental Death) and a slight increase in one area (Long Term Disability). Mr. Dyar and Mr. Ketron put these out to bid every year for us. My recommendation would be to continue with Principal for these services.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to continue with Principal.

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

D. 22-23 Adult Meal Prices

**22-23 Adult Meal Prices**

As we know, all of our students at WRV receive free breakfast and lunch because we qualify for the state's CEP program. Each year, Mrs. Wiggington has to put numbers into a state formula to set prices for adults. She is asked that we set the following prices for adults for the 22-23 school year through the results of that formula: Breakfast: \$2.95 Lunch \$5.

It is my recommendation that we accept Mrs. Wiggington's guidance.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to accept the breakfast and lunch prices for 22-23 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy Annual Acceptance (22-23)

**TAG Grant (22-23)**

As part of state statute, the Board of Education has to renew its policy on the Teacher Appreciation Grant each year. There has been no statutory change to the TAG grant for this year. All it needs is a change of its adoption date by the Board. I would recommend that we renew this policy, so I can file it with the State DOE.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to renew the TAG Grant policy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

IX. Personnel Matters

**Personnel**

A. Resignations

1. Shelley Bohnert- High School ECA Treasurer
2. Avery James- WRV Elementary Grade One Teacher

3. Ashley Roberts- WRV MS Instructional Assistant

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to accept the resignations.

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

**B. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations**

1. Brittany Allen- WRV MS Science Teacher
2. Jeff Richardson- WRV MS Social Studies Teacher
3. Kelly Cochren- WRV MS Special Education Teacher
4. Jan Abrams- WRV ES Grade One Teacher
5. Kathy Stahl- WRV MS Instructional Assistant
6. Bill Griffith- WRV HS Boys Tennis Coach
7. Jenny Rudolph- WRV MS Volleyball Coach
8. Kaitlyn Abrams- WRV MS Volleyball Assistant Coach
9. Levi Fulford- WRV MS Athletics Supervision-all seasons

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the hiring/assignment recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Reed. The motion passed 7-0.

**X. Out-of-District/Virtual Student Requests**

**Out-of-District/Virtual  
Student Requests**

We have a couple of out-of-district student requests to attend our schools. Mr. Lewis has done the administrative research and has submitted his recommendation to accept these students. It is a pleasure for me to recommend that the board accept the out-of-district applications.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to accept the out-of-district requests.

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

**XI. Information/Announcements**

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| A. Budget Hearing          | Tuesday, September 6, 2022 | 6PM   | WRV HS WC         |
| B. Supt. Open Office Hours | Monday, September 12, 2022 | 4-7PM | WRV Admin. Center |
| C. Executive Session       | Monday, September 19, 2022 | 6PM   | WRV HS WC         |
| D. Regular Session         | Monday, September 19, 2022 | 7PM   | WRV HS WC         |

**XII. Adjournment**

**Adjournment**

Mr. David Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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