

NOVEMBER 16, 2017  
REAPPROPRIATION HEARING  
WHITE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The White River Valley School board of Trustees met on November 16, 2017 for a Reappropriation Hearing at 6:50 pm at WRV Middle School Library with seven (7) members present: Mr. David Reed, Mr. Joseph Decker, Mr. Andrew Davis, Mr. Roger Shake, Mr. Jason Davidson , Mr. Roger Shake and Mr. Bruce Porter. Also: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mrs. Jill Staggs, Mr. Jimmy Beasley and Ms. LeAnne Kelley.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Hacker.

Dr. Hacker requested a reappropriation of \$500,000 additional to the Referendum Fund. WRV needs the extra appropriations to pay payrolls and claims. The cash is available.

Mr. Shake made a motion to close the Reappropriation Hearing.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

**CLOSE  
HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2017  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WHITE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The White River Valley School Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at WRV Middle School Library with seven (7) members present: Mr. David Reed, Mr. Joseph Decker, Mr. Andrew Davis, Mr. Roger Shake, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Brock Hostetter and Mr. Bruce Porter. Also: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mrs. Jill Staggs, Mr. Jimmy Beasley and Ms. Leanne Kelley.

**ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by President Reed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Regular Public Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hostetter. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Certification of Executive Session Memorandum from October 19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passes 7-0

**CERTIFICATION**

Mr. Davidson a made motion to approve the Certification of Executive Session Memorandum from November 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**CERTIFICATION**

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the Corporation claims from October 19, 2017 through November 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 7-0

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Troy Greenlee, Athletic Director, introduced student athletes Carter Davis and Alex Wolfe. They were selected All-State Academic Tennis Team.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Re-appropriation Resolution**

Prior to the public session this evening, we hosted a re-appropriation hearing to re-appropriate \$500,000 of expenditures for the General Fund Operating Referendum Fund. This is money that we already have in place that has to be appropriated to spend.

I am recommending the following resolution: Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now therefore:  
Sec.1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Board of Trustees of White River Valley School Corporation, Greene County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purpose specified, subject to laws governing the same: Referendum Fund Requested Amount \$500,000.

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the Re-appropriation Resolution for \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION  
REAPPROPRIATION**

**B. NEOLA – 2<sup>ND</sup> READ**

Last month I introduced two NEOLA policy changes. They are as follows:

Bylaws #0145

Board Members Conflict of Interest Involved in ECA Positions

(Current Coaching Board Members are allowed to finish their current coaching positions through to completion of their choosing)

A heated discussion followed.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Bylaws #0145 policy on Board Members Conflict of Interest Involved in ECA Positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 4-3. Mr. Davis, Mr. Hostetter and Mr. Shake voting against.

**APPROVE BYLAWS  
#0145**

Operations #8330 – Student Records

Language changes, definitions of school officials/personnel, redefines procedures for Student Records (Board Action Necessary)

**C. SNOW REMOVAL QUOTE – SWITZ CITY CAMPUS**

We have a plan in place for snow removal at both WRV Elementary and Middle Schools. Over the course of the last two months, we have been seeking quotes for services for snow removal at the high school campus. We have received a quote from Lonetree for services. I would like to negotiate with them a couple of changes in their quote: specifically, we don't need full snow removal in the east lot. We are storing the buses along an electrical line behind the portables. I would also like to call them when their services are needed. With those two tweaks, I would recommend going with Lontree for the 17-18 winter snow removal season. Discussion followed.

Mr. Shake made a motion to award the snow removal quote to Lonetree for the high school campus with the following changes: only part of the east parking lot to be removed and Dr. Hacker will call them when their services are needed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**LONETREE - HS  
SNOW REMOVAL**

**D. PROGRAMS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

We had 19 patrons and staff involved in the programs committee this past month and we covered a variety of topics.

The first topic of discussion was the new graduation paths that are being recommended later this month. I have included in your board packets a copy of the final draft that will go first to the State Board of Education and then on to the state legislators. Right now, by statute, the default diploma in Indiana is the Core 40. Due to the Federal ESSA law, the general diploma won't count starting this year. Let's take a look at the final draft. (GO TO DOE DOC) We also talked about the possibilities involved in the 18-19 school calendar. Parents in attendance were against going with a week fall break, but did understand that attendance is down during those weeks because many are taking vacations. They requested that the Fri-Mon set-up for fall break be changed to Thursday-Friday. School staff thought that was a good idea. WRV ES principal Jill Staggs updated the group on our Pre-Kindergarten program.

There was—as there always is—an opportunity to take parent input on issues. One issue raised was our current volunteer/criminal history check system. The system, which has already proven effective, does come with a cost and so I did tell the group I would check alternatives. One parent submitted a sample; the problem with the sample was that it did not include the check from Child Protective Services. All of the laws changed last July and there are more requirements. I am willing to look into other programs, however, I appreciate the strong parental support that our school system receives and we want to make sure we keep that in place. Discussion followed.

**E. HIGH SCHOOL GRADES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Our high school grades committee is continuing their monthly meetings, under Miss Kelley's direction. Last month, we reviewed current policies and had a great discussion regarding total points for figuring semester grades and percentages being utilized. We are also looking at ways in which we can change and improve the equity behind our weighted grade systems. Mr. Reed and Mr. Davis are representing the Board on this committee. Gentlemen, would you like to add anything at this time? Mr. Reed and Mr. Davis reported that the committee would probably have a policy ready for approval early spring. The goal of the committee is to make sure that we give our kids the best possible situation in as far as putting them into position to be successful in applying for colleges and post-secondary programs and competing for scholarships and grants.

**F. SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL – 2018-19**

After utilizing discussion in the October board meeting, teacher discussion two different times with the teacher's association, and discussion during the programs meeting, I am recommending the following calendar for next school year with an alternative in case legislation passes that requires a later starting time. This was a combination of the two samples I sent to the Board. It is my recommendation that we go with Calendar A. Some tidbits of information: New Teachers Report on August 7, All Teachers Report on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and School starts for students on the 9<sup>th</sup>. There are two solid weeks for Winter Break. Spring Break is common with the others in Greene County during the last week of March. There are four built-in snow days and graduation is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. It is a similar calendar to what we are used to having.

The alternative calendar that we would have if the legislation requiring a late August start passes is also included in your packet. In order to still have a graduation on the Friday before Memorial Day, we would have to have a shorter Winter Break. We would also look at applying for E-learning/Flex days for snow days, so that we don't extend the school year.

Again, my recommendation is Calendar A presented tonight with Calendar L ready in case we need it.

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve Calendar A for 2018-19 school year.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE 18-19  
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**G. TEEN LIFE PROGRAM**

The last two months the Board has heard presentations regarding the Teen Life program. This is a program that originated in Texas that helps provide extra coping skills to our students under stress or duress.

This evening, I am recommending approval of this program beginning with the second semester with the following requirement. All of the sessions held within the program should include a WRV female counselor. I want all students to feel comfortable and I feel it is important to have both a male and a female involved and that our certified counselor is involved. I have spoken with Mr. Hodson regarding this requirement, and he is 100% supportive and welcomes that extra help and school support. Discussion followed.

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the Teen Life Program with Mr. Hodson,  
a female, and female WRV counselor starting the second semester. The  
the motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE TEEN LIFE  
PROGRAM SECOND  
SEMESTER**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEOLA POLICY UPDATE – PART II**

I am introducing sixteen (16) new policies and policy revision for the Board to consider. They range from the ESSA Federal Education Act changes, food service policy changes, benefit changes, audiovisual recording...a broad spectrum from NEOLA. These are all first reads.

There is no action necessary this evening on this front. (No Board Action Necessary)  
Should you read through any of these and have questions, I invite you to contact me during the next month. This is the second of four months worth on NEOLA based board considerations.

**B. WRV HS AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION**

Over the course of the last two years, we have been updating equipment in a number of departments. One of the things we have discussed is a multi-use tractor that could be used by the district for agricultural student use, for bush-hogging, for snow removal, and other potential uses. If you will remember, we were waiting to see what kind of grants that we could apply for to see what type of funding could materialize. We have been a national finalist for a grant, but found out recently that we didn't receive the grant.

I have put together a couple of bids on a 75 Horsepower, Cab, with five year Lease to Own programs from two local dealers. Financially, I would like to wait until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to bring a final recommendation to you. Both involve an upfront payment and then an annual payment which would include interest. We would receive municipality lease rates on both with limited warranties.

I would like to do something after the first of the year in this capacity. I know we have quite a few board members with agricultural experience and I will be relying on you for help with this one.

Discussion followed. Instead of making payments and paying interest, some would rather make one payment and not pay interest.

**PERSONNEL**

**HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Porter made a motion to hire Bob Wilz, WRV HS Varsity Baseball Head Coach starting immediately. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**HIRE B WILZ-VARSITY  
HEAD BASEBALL  
COACH**

Mr. Shake made a motion to hire Matt Birt, WRV HS Machining Teacher beginning November 27, 2017 (Workplace Specialist Licensure). The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**HIRE M BIRT -  
MACHINING TEACHER**

Mr. Decker made a motion to waive the Public Comment Policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

**WAIVE PUBLIC  
COMMENT POLICY**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chris Cornelius commented that he was disappointed in the Middle School grade. Mr. Reed said the board is disappointed also. Mr. Beasley and staff are working diligently to improve the grade.

**INFORMATION**

Regular Meeting	Monday, December 21, 2017	7PM	WRV HS Room 110/120
Executive Session	Monday, December 21, 2017	6PM	Admin Center
Supt Office Hours	Monday, December 11, 2017	5:15-8PM	Admin Center

Mr. Porter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**