

OCTOBER 19, 2017
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WHITE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The White River Valley School Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at WRV High School Room 110 with six (6) members present: Mr. David Reed, 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. Kelley. Mr. Joseph Decker was absent.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Reed.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Regular Public Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Shake made a motion to approve the Certification of Executive Session Memorandum for September 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hostetter. The motion passes 6-0.

CERTIFICATION

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Corporation claims from September 21, 2017 through October 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hostetter. The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVE CLAIMS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Greene County Foundation Presentation - Cam Trampke presented the Board with a \$20,100 Competitive Grant to help with the machining program
- B. WRV Cross Country Team/Individual Recognition – Ms. Kelley introduced Coach Records and Coach Hill. The coaches highlighted the cross country season and recognized Christiane Davis and Jaelyn Lundy for the girls. Christiane ran in the Sectional, Regional and Semi-state. Jaelyn ran in the Sectional and Regional. Dakota Sparks, Joe Records and Beau Driscol were recognized individually for the boys cross country. Joe Records and Beau Driscol ran in the Sectional and Regional while Dakota Sparks ran in the Sectional, Regional and Semi-state.
- C. High School Fall Musical “Grease” – Ms. Kelley introduced the Drama Club sponsors, Travis Hutchens and Conner Hill. The cast gave a snip-it of the play. The Drama Club received a donation from REMC for \$1000 to help with more sound equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. High School Presentation on Teen Life – Ms. Kelley and Tyler Hodson
- B. Snow Removal Contract Bids for 2017-18
During the September meeting, we asked for individuals interested in doing our snow removal this winter to submit quotes. We have secured snow removal for both the WRV Elementary and Middle School campuses. We are still looking for quotes for the High School campus at Switz City. Anyone interested in preparing a quote should contact me at the administrative center at their earliest convenience.

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C. Programs Committee Report

The October Programs Committee centered on Indiana's School Accountability Grade System. School Grades just came out from the state for the 16-17 school year, and we have already begun the 2017-18 and 2018-19 strategies. This year the Federal ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act. With this change, comes other changes in the accountability program. Discussion followed.

D. High School Grades Committee Report

September marked the first meeting of the High School Grades Committee. Like I update you on the Programs Committee, I will also spend a little time each month talking about the proceedings of this committee. There are two teachers, two parents/patrons, two board members, the guidance department chair, the principal and myself on this committee. Our first meeting was spent going over a number of problems that we are encountering with our grade system, with our student information system in regards to grade calculations, and issues related to these items. A number of different things were put out by the committee, including a number of possible changes that need researching. This committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month and will have some recommendations to make to this board by the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018-19 School Calendar Discussion

Time is flying by and October and November are the traditional months to set the school calendar for the next year, which would be 2018-19. We find ourselves in an interesting position this year. We have been told that legislation is coming that would prohibit the start of school until the last Monday of August. With the session not beginning until after Christmas that would put us very late in the process. I would like to put together two different calendars...one if legislation passes and one if it does not. Spring Break is the last full week of March in alignment with the other districts in the county. The year would culminate with graduation on Friday evening prior to Memorial Day at 7:30PM in the WRV gymnasium.

I have already held Formal Discussion with the Teachers' Association. The superintendents are meeting next week to discuss the possibility of all of us being on the same calendar. The final authority lies with the Board of Education, and so tonight I would like to get some input before making a formal recommendation at our November meeting. I am asking for some input at this time. Discussion followed.

B. Life Insurance Renewal – Principal

It is also time to renew our term group life insurance, our accidental death and dismemberment, and our child life insurance services. We are pleased to announce that there is no rate increase this year, which is outstanding. It is my recommendation to go with Principal Life Insurance for these services.

Mr. Porter made a motion to stay with Principal Life Insurance for our group life insurances, accidental death and dismemberment and our child life insurance services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 6-0

**RENEW LIFE
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PRINCIPAL LIFE**

C. NEOLA Policy Updates – Part One First Reading

We are continually updating and revising our NEOLA policies. I am introducing a batch of NEOLA changes for first reading this evening. The Board does not have to take any action with this material until next month. Please take the month to look at the recommended changes of policy.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Hostetter made a motion to hire Jill Wilkes, ½ Homebound Instructor – WRV MS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

**HIRE J WILKES
½ HOMEBOUND**

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Mr. Shake made a motion to hire Rebecca Harris, ½ Homebound Instructor – WRV MS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

**HIRE R HARRIS
½ HOMEBOUND**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to hire Brian Hostetter – WRV HS Boys Varsity Assistant BB Coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed. The motion passed 4-1-1. Mr. Porter voted against. Mr. Hostetter abstained.

**B HOSTETTER -
BOYS VAR ASS'T**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to waive the policy on Public Comment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 6-0.

**WAIVE PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment – Matt Hockman – rumors concerning his son Evan.

INFORMATION

ISBA Fall Meeting	Oct. 30	6:30PM	DePauw University
Mr. Reed, Mr. Decker, Mr. Davidson			
Programs Committee	Wednesday, Nov. 8	5:30PM	WRV HS Room 110
Veteran’s Day Programs	November 10, 2017		
WRV High School & Middle School jointly		9AM	
WRV Elementary		1:30PM	
Regular Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017	7PM	WRV HS Room 110
Executive Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017	6PM	WRV Admin Center
Superintendent Office Hours	Monday, Nov. 6, 2017	5-8PM	WRV Admin Center

Mr. Hostetter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passes 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT