

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WHITE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

The White River Valley School Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at WRV High School Room 110 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. Beasley and Ms. Kelley.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Reed.

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017, Regular Public Meeting and the September 5, 2017 Budget Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Corporation claims from August 18, 2017 through September 20, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

APPROVE CLAIMS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: "Hats for Houston"

A contest among the three buildings to collect money for hurricane victims in Houston resulted in a total collection of \$1386.07. The elementary building won the contest.

OLD BUSINESS

A. NEOLA Policy Recommendations

We have received the 2nd edition of changes that need to be made for our NEOLA policies/procedures. Over the course of the next three months, I will be bringing you updates to our policies that are a result of updated laws and settled court cases. There is no board action necessary tonight; I am bringing this to you for informational purposes only. There are about two inches of changes coming. Discussion followed.

B. Programs Committee Recommendations

The Programs Committee that met over the course of my three years at WRV had its first 2017-18 meeting last week. This is a group of parents, patrons, staff, board members and administrators who talk together bringing vision and ideas forward for research in the areas of student academics and programs. Areas of Concentration for the first meeting included: The Gold Star Counseling Program, which was completed over the course of the last year for all three of our schools and will be the focus of a board report in the near future, the program entitled Teen Life, which was presented by Mr. Tyler Hodson, the youth minister from Linton First Christian Church. The upcoming High school Grades study committee was also discussed.

As far as board action as a result, tonight I would ask for the board's permission to look deeper into the Teen Life program for possible implementation in the second semester at the high school. Ms. Kelley and I have both had individual meetings with Mr. Hodson and his presentation to the Programs Committee on the program was very good. The program would give our students yet another resource that its foundation is building a safety net for students. It's tough growing up in this day, and the program focuses on positive relationship building and helping students make positive and productive decisions. This is a non-religious program.

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The Programs Committee is open to anyone who might be interested. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 at the HS Room 110.

Mr. Decker made a motion for Dr. Hacker to look further into the Teen Life Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

**PERMISSION HACKER
TEEN LIFE PROGRAM**

C. Machining Program and Agricultural Center Program Update

We continue to complete the work on our facilities at the high school. All of the machines are up and running now in the lab as the electrician's work has been completed. The hand tools have arrived and are ready to be put to use. The students are excited to have true "hands-on" learning ready to go. Today, the class traveled to Indianapolis for an Advanced Manufacturing Day. We are truly pleased and proud to have this program underway. We also have received the first certifications that were earned by the students in the "Skills for Success" program.

Ms. Kelley introduced the students taking the program.

The Agricultural Center continues to go through an update. Mr. DeMoss has led a group of individuals that are working hard to get the building updated and upgraded. We have the Center about ready for the green house. I need to bring it to you tonight for your approval. Mr. Zuckschwerdt has received quotes and has submitted the quote from Growspan. The footer and base are already been poured and prepared. The cost will be just over \$15,000. The purchase will come from the CPF Fund.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to purchase the greenhouse from Growspan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE G-HOUSE
FROM GROWSAN**

D. Principals CPF Report – Summer, 2017

As you'll remember last Spring, I asked you to grant me the opportunity to give each principal \$10,000 from our Capital Projects Fund to spend in the best interests of their respective facilities. I told you that we would have each of them give a short synopsis of their expenditures, and so tonight, here they are. Each principal will now have the opportunity to address the board.

Mrs. Staggs

Mr. Beasley

Ms. Kelley

NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt 2018 Budget

Tonight, I am asking the Board to adopt our 2018 budget. The 2018 budget will be based on an assessed valuation of \$270,000,000. Our advertised tax rate will be \$1.9540. For comparative purposes, the 2017 budget was advertised at an assessed valuation of \$280,000,000 and a tax rate of \$1.7993. We always advertise high and then the Division of Local Government Finance will review our budget funds. By law, we can cut our advertised rates, but we cannot raise the rates after a budget submission. The 2017 budget numbers ended up being a tax rate of \$1.0173 from an assessed valuation of just over \$347,099,000 with a Referendum Fund tax rate of .41.

I need the Board to adopt the 2018 budget. By law, the budget proposal had to be published in the media one time, which was on August 22nd in the Greene County Daily World. We also held a public hearing on the 2018 budget, the 2018 CPF plan, and the 2018 Bus Replacement Plan on September 5th. This will take a motion.

Mr. Porter made a motion to adopt the 2018 budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

**ADOPTED 2018
BUDGET**

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Thank you. Along with adopting the budget, there are a number of resolutions that must be passed in order for us to maneuver within that budget.

*2018 Budget Transfer Resolution – (This allows us to transfer money within funds and between funds.)

*Tax Neutrality Resolution – (This allows us to reduce levy for funds that will neutralize our pension bond of 2004.)

*Fall/Spring Budget Hearing Resolution – (This allows us to be able to make changes, adjustments or reductions to any of the 17 lines of Form 4B.)

*2018 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption Resolution – (This resolution states that we have an adopted Bus Replacement that was given a proper hearing and will be submitted along with the 2015 Budget.)

*Rainy Day Fund Transfer Resolution – (This will allow us to transfer up to \$100,000 from any of the funds other than the general fund at the end of Budget Year 2016 to move into the Rainy Day at the of 2018.)

*And the 2018 Capital Projects Plan Adoption Resolution – (This resolution states that we have an adopted Capital Projects Plan that was given a proper hearing and will be submitted along with the 2018 Budget.)

The Board has already adopted a HB1192 Resolution that allows us to adjust our other levels to offset its pension fund levy. It, however, needs to be included in these resolutions as well.

These resolutions need Board action to be adopted. You may do them all at once or individually.

Mr. Hostetter made a motion to adopt the following resolutions: 2018 Budget Transfer Resolution, Tax Neutrality Resolution, Fall/Spring Budget Hearing Resolution, 2018 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption Resolution, Rainy Day Fund Transfer Resolution and the 2018 Capital Projects Plan Adoption Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

We must now take some time to publicly sign all of these resolutions along with Indiana Budget Form 4.

B. Update on Stephen Campbell Alumni/Academic Banquet

Work is underway to prepare for the 5th annual Stephen Campbell Alumni Honors Banquet. This year's event will be held on Friday, April 6th at 6PM. All three school alumni groups are happy to help us with this project. I am announcing this evening that applications for alumnae of the year at each of the schools and from WRV are available through our school's website. I am hoping the local paper helps us out with a story on this as well. We will accept applications year-round for this program, but this year's applications will be due up to December 1st here to me at our Administrative Office. If you have turned in an applicant before who has not yet been honored, then his/her application is still active. I will continue to keep the Board updated on the work of our project. You can nominate somebody for this award, or a person can nominate him or herself. The date of the event is Friday, April 6th.

C. Permission to Advertise for Snow Removal Quotes for 2017-18

It is getting to be that time of year again. Tonight, I am asking the Board to grant me permission to advertise specifics for our snow removal needs for the 2017-18 winter months.

Mr. Hostetter made a motion to give Dr. Hacker permission to advertise for snow removal at the high school for 2017-18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

ADVERTISE SNOW REMOVAL 2017-18

I would ask that anyone interested in putting in a quote for this service to our school corporation, please bring it addressed to me at the Administration Center by noon on Thursday, October 12. Quotes must include services for the high school campus. A plan is already in place at the elementary and middle school.

D. Renewal of Group Dental – Health Resources Inc.

September 30 is the annual renewal date for dental insurance services. We quote this out to a variety of vendors through Larry Dyar. The low bid is the same provider that we are currently with, Health Resources Inc. There was a slight increase in premium. I included the recommendation in your board packet.

Mr. Decker made a motion to renew dental insurance with Health Resources with a 1% increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**RENEW DENTAL INS
HRI 1% INCREASE**

E. Principals Report on 2017 Testing/RTI

The state DOE recently released the 2017 ISTEP+ results. As you know, the state has discontinued the ISTEP+ series after this year...moving on to I-LEARN, which has yet to be developed. I have asked each principal to summarize their results and give a brief report on how they are using the results to help our students grow academically/

We will start with the elementary with Mrs. Staggs and progress up the ladder.

Mrs. Staggs

Mr. Beasley

Ms. Kelley

F. 2017-18 Teacher Contract Negotiations (tentative)

The Indiana Education employment Relations Board introduced a new set of bargaining rules and recommendations this year. One of those new rules was moving back the time span during which we may negotiate a teacher’s contract with our local association. Usually we can start the year with a new contract; however, that date has now been moved back to September 15th/ were able to have informal bargaining, but not formal until just this week.

Tonight, I am recommending the board’s approval of the 2017-18 Teacher’s contract with the following:

1. The trimming of the compensation columns from three to two, recognizing experience, teaching evaluation quality, and School Academic Needs:
2. A \$1,000 stipend (meaning no percentage on the base) with one payment on December 1, 2017 and April 1, 2018. The April 1 payment is contingent on health insurance premiums as we did with the 2017 contracts.
3. The insertion of our NEOLA policy on Teacher Criminal History Checks into the contract,
4. A completely revamped ECA scale based on a \$33,000 base salary index,
5. All remaining language is the same.

It is my recommendation that we ratify the contract as the board of education.

Mr. Porter made a motion to ratify the 2017-18 teacher contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**RATIFY 2017-18
TEACHER CONTRACT**

PERSONELL

Resignations – None

Recommending Appointments

1. Colten Gregory – 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve Colten Gregory as 5th/6th grade boys basketball assistant coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE C GREGORY
5TH/6TH BOYS BASKET
BALL COACH**

Public Comment

Mr. Shake made a motion to waive the public comment policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hostetter. The motion passed 7-0

WAIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

Information

End of 1 st Grading Period	Friday, October 6		
Fall Break	October 13-16, 2016		
Regular Meeting	Thursday, October 19	7PM	Room 110
Executive Session	Thursday, October 19	8PM	Admin Center
Supt Office Hours	Monday, October 9	5-8PM	Admin Center

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

ADJOURNMENT