

**March 16, 2020**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**White River Valley School Corporation**  
**Minutes**

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees met in regular open session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00PM in the Cafeteria at White River Valley Elementary School in Worthington. There was an executive session scheduled at 6:30PM prior to the public meeting that may also extend into time directly following the public session. Seven (7) members were present: Mr. David Reed, Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Roger Shake, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Andrew Davis, Mr. Joseph Decker, and Mr. Bruce Porter. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mr. Doug Lewis, Mr. Jason Walton, and Mrs. Jill Staggs.

This meeting was called to order by President David Reed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Shake made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2020 Regular Public Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the Certification of the Executive Session Memorandum for March 16, 2020 Regular Public Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

**CERTIFICATION OF  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Corporation claims from February 18 through March 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

**OPEN SESSION BUSINESS**

- I. Student Recognition—ISSMA State Finalists/BPA State Finalists
  
- II. Grant Announcements and Acceptance Approvals
  - A. Technology-Community Advisor Grant—DOE \$50,000
  - B. Governor’s Workforce Development Next Level Grant—WD  
--\$5,000 Planning with Competitive Grant for 2 \$50,000  
grants over 2 years
  - C. DOE Kitchen Equipment Grant—DOE \$37,000  
(WRV ES Equipment)

**TECHNOLOGY GRANT  
GOVERNOR’S WD GRANT**

**DOE KITCHEN EQUIP  
GRANT**

Mr. Shake made a motion to approve all three grants as presented.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Old Business**

- A. Stephen Campbell Alumni Banquet Update (Friday, April 3, 2020 6:00PM)  
I did want to update the Board on our upcoming Alumni Banquet. We will need to postpone the event. Depending on this situation and how everything works out, I will look for a date in early May that we might be able to have our banquet in some form. We have notified all four of the Alumna of the Year recipients:  
L&M: Mr. Joe Cabel Class of 1979  
Switz City Central: Mr. Teddy York Class of 1968  
Worthington-Jefferson: Dr. Dan McKee Class of 1965  
WRV: Mrs. Brenda Reetz Class of 1997

I will keep you posted on this situation.

**B. 2020 Spraying Contract**

It is my recommendation that Lonetree Lawn Care receive the quote for spraying services at all three buildings with broadleaf/crabgrass spraying at the WRV High School property. With the spraying of nuisance weeds at all schools and two broadleaf sprayings being handled at WRV (April/October) to cost \$4,600. This shall be a one-year contract for services. This price has remained stable for the past three years.

**2020 NUISANCE WEED  
SPRAYING CONTRACT  
LONETREE LAWN CARE**

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the nuisance weed spraying contract to Lonetree Lawn Care for the 2020 year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**C. Current Maintenance Projects/Update**

HFI has completed their work in the administrative center. Jack Demoss has repaired the dropped ceiling track in all four offices and the board room. We appreciate his help. Stenftenagel Group is negotiating with the insurance company over the first submission of costs, which is the drywall, the carpeting, the ceiling, and the tile flooring. This, too, is a fluid situation as we continue to work through this situation. We have received the remediation and testing bills, which total over \$40,000.

I am waiting to finalize the summer projects list until some of this is settled. I have a some quotes coming in on some things, but until I know exactly where we are I hesitate to bring you anything new.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Field Trip Request—FFA Sam Zuckschwerdt**

We have a field trip request from the FFA and Mr. Zuckschwerdt to attend the Purdue University World Food Prized Youth Institute on April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. It would be an overnight field trip. I would guess that this would be canceled. We could approve it tonight and then give me the authority to cancel it should the situation dictate that I do so closer to the event.

**FFA FIELD TRIP  
APRIL 23-24, 2020**

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the FFA field trip as outlined by Dr. Hacker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**B. Permission to Request 2020 Hay quotes on Lyons Property**

It is that time of year where we put the hay cutting on our Lyons property out for quotes. I am asking for permission to do so with a deadline of Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at noon to submit this to me at the high school.

**HAY QUOTES  
2020**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the request to seek hay quotes for 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

**OWEN COUNTY  
STATE BANK  
APPROVAL**

**C. Banking Services Bids and Recommendations**

Over the course of the last two months, we have taken bids on our banking services. We have five different banks that turned in bids, and we had four of the five take personal meetings with Marilyn and myself. After reviewing the bids, it is our recommendation that we shift our banking services over to Owen County State Bank. I have placed the bid evaluation form that we used to review each of the services. Now this is not a changeover that can happen overnight. It takes time for these changes and a plan for the changeover will be put into place.

Owen County State Bank is also very excited to be partnering with us in our Student-Led Business Program and our Freshman/Sophomore LifeSkills 9-week program on Financial Literacy as well.

One of the things that we talk about in our personal meetings with bidders was that we wanted a personal relationship with our providers, and I very much feel like this is going to happen with their involvement in our services to the school system, the possibilities for our employees, and involvement in our curriculum. At this time, Mrs. Burch and I am recommending that we begin the shift of our banking services over to Owen County State Bank.

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve Owen County State Bank as the new bank for White River Valley Schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Reed abstaining.

**D. Snow Day Reminders**

This is a reminder that we had two days canceled because of weather this winter. Those make-up days will be May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will talk about how this recent Pandemic situation will impact us here in just a minute.

**E. Advanced Manufacturing Equipment Request—Mr. Hancock**

Mr. Hancock has made an equipment request. His 3HP saw, which is 12 years old, is in need of repairs. The quote to fix it was \$830...in lieu of the fact that we are going to start up his student-led business in the fall and the amount of orders he has already taken without advertising for the 19-20 school year, I had him to get quotes on getting the old—twelve-year old saw—fixed and getting a second saw. Tonight, I am recommending we allow Mr. Hancock to purchase a 5HP saw from Jasper Industrial Supply for \$4,948 and get his old saw fixed at a cost not to exceed \$830. This repair and purchase will come out of the Operations Fund and be part of the summer plan.

**SAW PURCHASE  
ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING**

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the new saw purchase as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Emergency Preparedness Plan  
(UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE WITH EVERYTHING CORONAVIRUS)

G. Late Item  
Permission to add a late item to the agenda.

**LATE ITEM ADDITION**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to add a late item to the agenda.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion was  
Approved 7-0.

H. Emergency Closure Resolution  
I am recommending that we approve the Emergency Closure  
Resolution as presented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVAL**

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the Emergency Closure  
Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson.  
The motion passed 7-0-0

I. WRV MS Fire Alarm System Quotes  
Last year, our fire alarm system at WRV MS was tagged for  
replacement by the State Fire Marshal. Every year, we have to  
have our systems tested and registered. We have been able to  
limp along the last couple of years by finding replacement parts,  
especially in the heads and detectors in the facilities. Well, last  
year it was tagged for replacement. I have two quotes for you  
to consider: the low quote is \$11,568 from B-Tech and the work  
would be done this summer. I don't need a recommendation  
tonight if you want to sit on it for a month, but I am going to  
have to get on the company's work schedule in order for this  
to get accomplished over the summer months. What is the board's  
favor this evening?

**WRV MS FIRE ALARM  
SYSTEM QUOTES  
TABLED**

Mr. Decker made a motion to table the Middle School Fire Alarm  
system decision until further information was gathered. The motion was  
seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

V. Personnel  
We have a number of personnel matters this evening.

- A. Resignations
- B. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations
  - 1. Jacob Graham—WRVSD STEAM Coordinator

**JACOB GRAHAM  
WRVSD STEAM  
COORDINATOR  
APPROVAL**

Mr. Hostetter made a motion to approve Jacob Graham  
as the new WRVSD STEAM Coordinator. The motion  
was seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Positions to Be Filled  
(HS English, Grade 2, Grade 5/6)

VI. Student Transfer Requests  
Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Walton have received requests for out-of-district transfers. Both have followed the administrative guidelines and both are recommending acceptance into the district for these individuals. I would concur with their recommendations.

**STUDENT TRANSFERS  
APPROVED**

Mr. Shake made a motion to accept the out-of-district student transfers as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. Public Comment  
(Public Reminder: any patron wishing to address the Board of Education during the public business meeting of the White River Valley School District must make such a request 10 days prior to the public meeting. Open Office Hours are available to the public again on April 6, 2020 from 5-7:30PM.)

**WAIVE PUBLIC  
COMMENT POLICY**

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

VIII. Information/Announcements

- A. Executive Session      Monday, April 20, 2020 6PM      WRV Admin. Center
- B. Regular Session      Monday, April 20, 2020 7PM      WRV Room 110
- C. Supt. Office Hours      Monday, April 6, 2020 5-7:30PM      WRV Admin. Center
- D. Stephen Campbell Alumni Honor Banquet      POSTPONED

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

**ADJOURNMENT**