

**Monday, June 15, 2020**  
**Regular Board of School Trustees Public Meeting**  
**White River Valley School Corporation**  
**Minutes**

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular public session on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7PM in Room 110/111 at White River Valley High School in Switz City. The meeting will be held face-to-face with social distancing and participants in masks. There is an executive session scheduled at 5:45PM prior to the public meeting in the WRV Administrative Center that may also extend into time directly following the public session. Six (6) members were present: Mr. David Reed, 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, Mrs. Jill Staggs, and Ron Sparks.

This meeting was called to order by President David Reed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Public Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 6-0.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Mr. Shake made a motion to approve the Certification of the Executive Session Memorandum for June 15, 2020 Regular Public Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

**CERTIFICATION OF  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Corporation claims from April 21 through May 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

Grant Acceptance—Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the following Grants: Indiana Safe Haven Grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and State Matching Connectivity Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

**GRANT APPROVAL**

**I. Old Business**

**A. Summer Maintenance Project Update**

Maintenance in Gym, Air Quality Testing

**B. ROI Ready Schools Grant Update**

We have completed our presentation, received feedback and questions/concerns about our grant proposal, and have responded to those concerns from the ROI. We are now waiting on their notification as far as acceptance. It has been a ton of work, but I believe our students and staff are going to benefit greatly from the changes that we are going to look at moving forward. I will keep everyone briefed as I get information.

I would like to thank the ROI Design Team, our EWAT partners, the ROI advisors as we take a breath now and await the grant findings. I would also like to thank Dr. Beasley as he leaves our district and wish him well moving forward.

**NEW ROI GRANT  
APPROVAL**

As of this meeting I have been informed that we did receive the ROI Ready Schools Grant in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the newest ROI Grant for \$250,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

## II. New Business

### A. Budget Calendar 2021 Adoption

We received some information during the last month, which allows us to now recommend the finalization of our 2021 Budget Calendar. Again, you will see some noticeable changes, including no longer having to publish the proposed budgets in the newspaper. We will now load them on Gateway (online) and publish them on our corporation website. Other changes include the CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plans no longer needing published in the paper as well, and the formats for each of these Plans have been changed. These will need to be posted on our website and on gateway 10 days prior to the budget hearing.

### **BUDGET CALENDAR ADOPTION 2021**

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 6-0.

### B. 2020-21 Cafeteria Bids

Each summer, we work with the SIEC cooperative for competitive bidding for our food services contracts. This year's low bid for dairy was Prairie Farms. The low bid for food was Food 2 School. I would recommend each of these to you this evening for our 2020-21 food service contractors.

### **CAFETERIA FOOD SERVICE BID APPROVED 20-21**

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Food Service Bids as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The Motion passed 6-0.

### C. WRV/GCGH Athletic Trainer Agreement

Last year was our first year to have athletic training services for our student-athletes. We were very pleased with the training care that our kids received. The one concern that was had by some of our coaches was that we didn't have enough hours for follow-up care with our trainer for the athletes. Greene County General Hospital and Team Ortho Athletic Training have held meetings with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Greenlee, and me to address our current situation and we have been able to work out an agreement that will include follow-up care for 2020-21. We will have 25 hours of weekly service—up from 10-- where Ruth (our designated trainer) will be on-site to cover games and treat students. We would pay for these services through ¼ of athletic department funds (roughly \$4,000) and ¾ school operations (roughly \$12,000) fund as there are services provided within this contract at a cost of \$65 per student enrolled at the high school. It will be a

### **GCGH ATHLETIC TRAINER AGREEMENT APPROVAL**

monthly billing, so if COVID-19 would shut us down again, we would not have to pay until the services would start back up. We see this as an excellent service which needs to be provided for our students, athletes, coaches, and parents. The liability issues alone that our coaches—and we as district—are confronted with each year make this a great deal for us. When you throw in the COVID-19 situation, it really is a necessity for us.

Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the GCGH Athletic trainer Agreement for 20-21. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson. The motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Davis, and Mr. Decker voting no.

#### D. 2020-21 School Opening Plan—Discussion

We have been in consistent communication with the Indiana Department of Education, the Governor's Office, and both the Indiana State Department of Health and the Greene County Department of Health trying to formulate a safe re-entry for our students and our staff once August rolls around. There are still many uncertainties as we work our way through the details of what a return might look like. We are getting questions and phone calls on a daily basis regarding PPE, about temperature-taking, about social distancing. What might our bus routes look like? Right now, the CDC recommendations are serving as the recommendation from all of these groups.

We have also consulted our school attorney and there have been plenty of guidance provided to us by our liability insurance company and our workmen's compensation provider.

I have prepared a working document that is continually changing—because guidance is continually changing. The five superintendents have also been meeting because the CDC guidance will not change whether you're a student at WRV or a student at any other of the county schools.

We have a Return Team across the district that is meeting every other Friday to make sure we cover everything in regards to procedures and operations, cleaning, mitigation in case we get active cases.

Our teachers are taking a technology professional development course designed to upgrade skills in virtual education. Our Wolverine Academy can and will be accessible to our middle level and high school kids, if necessary. There are just so many things that need to be covered. We are mixing legal and health ramifications with common sense and what's best for our community. Right now, the number 1 question we're getting deals with PPE and mask wearing. What we have in guidance now might change by the time we get to August. The CDC recommendations that are coming from both the state and Greene County Health Departments are saying masks need to be worn by everyone in the building. We are still discussing this item. Where social distancing can be maintained...can we lighten this recommendation? Again, what this looks like could be different in August. If we take temperatures, can we relax on the mask guidelines? Again, we are prepared to take temperatures of staff and students before entering the building or boarding the bus.

I will continue to keep the board educated on these issues as we get closer to the start of school, but make no mistake about it, our top priority is the safety of our students and staff...and #2 the best education is a face-to-face meeting with the students and teacher.

I have asked Mr. Walton to come and talk to you about the transportation piece of this nightmare tonight, so that you can see the planning going into this process and so you can see the teamwork going on in our buildings. Mr. Walton, briefly talk about the process...

(DISCUSSION/Questions-Answers)

#### E. 2020-21 Faculty Guidelines and Expectations Document (All Schools) First Read

With the teacher evaluation process being interfered with by the COVID-19 situation, we wanted to put down in writing some important expectations that we need to have from all teachers as far

as job performance is concerned. These are some simple common-sense guidelines that will help direct teachers and administrators with consistent operations within our district. These guidelines and expectations will be the same across all three buildings and will make-up the first part of our certified employee handbooks. There is an opportunity for the individual building principals to add items that are specific to their own buildings, but we felt there were certain items that needed to be treated consistently across the district.

This is a FIRST READ tonight, so no board action is necessary. We have talked about this in discussion as we are meeting virtually with the teachers association every other Friday as we prepare to return to school.

Are there any questions regarding the document?  
(DISCUSSION, IF NECESSARY)

- F. Non-Certified Dental Insurance Renewal Recommendation **NON-CERT DENTAL INSURANCE APPROVAL**  
We are recommending we continue with Dental Health Options by Health Resources Inc. to provide dental insurance opportunities for our classified staff. There is a rate hold this year for those insurance needs. We, as a district, don't pay for those services, but our employees have the opportunities to purchase the insurance.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the Non-Certified Dental Insurance Renewal as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shake. The motion passed 6-0.

### III. Personnel

#### A. Resignations

1. Diann Puckett—WRV MS Secretary 33 ½ Years **RETIREMENT/  
D PUCKETT**
2. Ashley White—WRV MS Instructional Assistant **RESIGNATIONS/  
A WHITE, D NOLTING**
3. Debra Nolting—WRV ES Part-time RTI Assistant

#### Hiring/Assignment Recommendations

1. Shannon Pittman—WRV MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach **HIRING APPROVED  
S PITTMAN MS VB**
2. Allison Wininger—WRV MS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach **A WININGER MS VB**
3. Becky Greenlee—WRV MS Cross Country Coach **B GREENLEE MS CC**
4. Jamie Burton-WRV HS JV Volleyball Coach **J BURTON HS JV VB**
5. Kaelyn Shouse—WRV MS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher **K SHOUSE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Hiring/Assignment Recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Porter voting no.

### IV. 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 Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 4-7PM.

#### **WAIVE PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

Mr. Shake made a motion to waive the public comment policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker. The motion passed 6-0.

**XI. Information/Announcements**

- A. Executive Session      Monday, July 20, 2020    6:30PM      WRV Admin. Center
- B. Regular Session        Monday, July 20, 2020    7PM         WRV Room 110
- C. Supt. Office Hours     Monday, July 8, 2020    4-7PM      WRV Admin. Center
- D. Class of 2020 Graduation Saturday, July 25, 2020 10AM      East Lot  
(Rain Date: 7/25/2020 5PM; 7/26/2020 1PM)

Mr. Shake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Porter. The motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**