

Monday May 15, 2023

White River Valley School Corporation

Regular Session Minutes

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in a regular open session on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7PM in the Wolverine Center at White River Valley High School in Switz City. The meeting will be held following the 6PM Executive Session, which is scheduled for 6PM in the Wolverine Center. Seven board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mrs. Cleta Shake, Mr. Conner Hill, and Mr. Joe Decker. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, Mr. Doug Lewis and Mr. Jason Walton.

I. Call to Order

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The meeting was called to order by board president Mr. Brock Hostetter.

**II. Approve minutes of the April 17, 2023
Public Session minutes**

Approve Minutes

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 public session.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Cert. of Executive Session Memorandums
From May 2 and May 15, 2023**

Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the certification of executive session memorandums from the May 2 and May 15, 2023 executive sessions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

**IV. Approval of Corporate Claims
From April 15-May 13, 2023**

Approval of Claims

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the corporate claims from April 15 through May 13, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

V. Public Comment

Public Comment

Via State Statute the Board must hold an opportunity for public comment prior to any old or new business vote. Mr. Hostetter as Board president runs this portion of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

VI. Donation Approval

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Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the Laura Johnson donation to WRV elementary school.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. WRVSD Recognition

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Mr. Tim Baker- 2023 Indiana University Armstrong Fellow Teacher

VIII. Old Business

A. Swearing-In of WRVSD Police
Resource Officer

Swearing-In WRVSD Resource Officer

In order for our new School Resource Officer to have jurisdiction over our properties and activities, we must officially swear him in at a public meeting. This swearing in is completed by the Board President per state guidelines. If we could have Mr. Michael Coy please come forward at this time.

Mr. Hostetter shall do the honors...

B. WRVSD Police Officer Report

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And now that everything is official, I have asked Officer Coy to make a presentation this evening relevant to the transportation needs of our new department/force. You each have received a copy of his information tonight. Officer Coy...

Officer Coy made his presentation and requested permission from the board to purchase

a vehicle for the WRVSD police force.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle in the price range of \$28,000 to \$32,000 and in the mileage range around 50,000 miles.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Wolverine Enterprises

Wolverine Enterprises

Miss Thomas is here with us this evening to update us on the Wolverine Enterprises LLC as we near the completion of our business year of operations. We've had quite a bit of excitement surrounding our program of late.

D. Maintenance Report

Maintenance Report

We are heading into a very busy time for our maintenance and custodial staff and a really busy time for our renovation projects. Here's Mr. Sims to update you on the work that is being done across the district. (There are some maintenance requests that were sent as a part of Chuck's report; you have the quotes.)

- Travis Egnew: drainage ditch \$11,000
- Hadar Flooring: 4 rooms elem \$22,500
- Neterfield: HS gym HVAC Plans \$8,000

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the maintenance request quotes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

I also have two cost opinions now as we look at our 2023 bond projects coming up. Scott Stenftenagel was asked to put these together. At the present time, we have the elementary roof project priced at \$376,000 and the middle school flat roof project at just over \$648,000. The third project included in the bond will be the HS gymnasium HVAC. We are working on getting that opinion as well.

E. WRV HS Athletic Moratorium Reminder

Moratorium Reminder

This is just a reminder to the public that we look to be close to back to normal for events this summer. We do have a board mandated moratorium that begins on Saturday, July 1 to Thursday, July 20, 2023. We feel that it is important for our students to have time off for some opportunities for family time. The board has already approved this moratorium time; this announcement just serves as a public reminder.

F. WRVSD Evaluation Program 1st Read

WRVSD Evaluation Program

Each year by state statute our school district must submit an approved evaluation system to the Indiana Department of Education. The administration has worked with the classroom teacher's association to help further develop our Indiana RISE 3.0 evaluation instrument. This is the first read for this year's evaluation instrument. I will come back in June and ask for approval.

G. 2023-24 Student Handbooks 2nd Read
And Recommendation for Approval

2023-24 Student Handbooks

I brought you the student handbooks last month for first reads. We have some printing deadlines that necessitate these being approved this evening. Does anyone have any questions? There were minimal changes, and our principals are here this evening if you have any questions. I am recommending their approval.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the 2023-24 student handbooks.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

H. 2023-24 Textbook Rental and Course Fees
Stops at 2nd Read via Legislation

2023-24 Textbook & Course Fees

Last month, all three schools turned in their textbook rental and course fees for 23-24. In the meantime, the state legislators passed a law that allocated \$60,000,000 per year for the next two years that will provide public school students with free textbook and fees. The law-HEA 1001-was part of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Agenda. We are just now receiving preliminary guidelines from the State Department of Education. I included it in your packet. Simply stated, they are estimating that each public school will receive approximately \$151 per student per year for textbook rental and fees. The law does allow schools to charge for damaged materials. In our case, that will mean damaged iPads. Therefore, we no longer need to move to accept the annual textbook rental and course fees structure for each school. I will keep you updated as we move forward in the summer and receive more guidance from the DOE.

I. WRVSD Building Corporation
Assignments and Bonding Schedule

WRVSD Building Corp & Bonding Schedule

Last month, you gave me approval to move ahead with the bonding process as we look at projects in the very near future. The first step in the process is to make sure we have five landowners in the community to be part of the Building Corporation. Mr. Hill was on that Board of Directors. He now is on the Board of Education, so we need to replace him. Jerri Vandeventer was also on that board. He has resigned that position. We need to accept those resignations.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to accept the resignations.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clea Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

We have two landowners in the community who have consented to join the building corporation: Stacy Hill of Switz City and Dylan Emmons of Lyons. We need to approve those members.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the new members.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

The two new members will join previous members: Marco Brown, Dennis Buckley, Randy Koenig and Scott Kaho. The Building Corporation will meet at 6PM on Monday, June 19th to continue this process with Jeff Qualkinbush.

I have included in your packet that schedule of events for this process. Please make sure that you take the time to go over those specifics. Are there any questions?

IX. New Business

A. 2023-24 School Year Board of Education Meeting Schedule

2023-24 Board Meeting Schedule

As we look forward to another new school year, it is time to announce the schedule for our public session Board of Education meetings. I have included the schedule in the packet for tonight. We will meet on the third Monday of the month unless otherwise stated. The start time is 7PM for all public meetings unless noted.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the 23-24 board of education meeting schedule.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clea Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Calendar for 2024 Budget Adoption

Calendar for 2024 Budget Adoption

Every year, at this time, we have to publish our budget calendar as we begin the budget building and adoption process. We begin in June with our process and we get the first copy to the Board of Education by August 1st. Our statutory hearing is scheduled for September 5th with our budget adoption taking place in our September 18th public session board meeting. We do have to adopt the calendar, and so I present it to you now for approval to publish.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the calendar for the 2024 budget adoption.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

C. District School Improvement
Plans for 23-24

23-24 District School Improvement Plans

Every year by state statute, every school must produce a School Improvement Plan. I included each school's SIP in your board packets. Tonight is just a first read of those plans, so you have some time to look them over and develop any questions you might. Our principals are here if you have any preliminary questions?

D. 2023-24 Virtual Curriculum Continuation

23-24 Virtual Curriculum Cont.

For the past three years, we've used Imagine Learning for our virtual curriculum at the middle level and the high school level. It has helped us in a number of situations to get kids graduated and keep some situations where students needed this type of intervention. The state allows us to use this format as long as it is DOE approved, and we get 85% of our ADM on a virtual student. We are seeing a 2% increase with the program, but it is a program our administrators and teachers like because it is easy to transition a student into and it meets all state standards. We will keep this virtual option in place under our policy restrictions for the 23-24 school year.

The cost for the high school is \$14,140 and the cost for the middle school is \$6,930. This expenditure comes from the Education Fund.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the virtual curriculum.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

E. FFA Field Trip Request

Field Trip Request

Mr. Zuckschwerdt has submitted two field trip overnight requests. The first is for June 10-11, 2023 for the annual FFA camping trip to Patoka Lake. The second is for June 20-22, 2023 to attend the Indiana state FFA Convention in Indianapolis. These have been regular trips for our FFA over the years, and I would recommend that we grant approval.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the FFA field trip requests.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

X. Personnel

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A. Resignations

1. Gracyn Wallace- WRV HS Dance Coach
2. Ann Drappo- WRV HS Art Teacher
3. Claire Records- WRV HS Wolverine Academy Teacher (Retirement)
4. Christina Franklin- WRV ES Grade 1 Instructional Assistant

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to accept the resignations/retirement.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Assignments

2023 Summer School

WRV Middle School (9 Days)

1. Bailey Wiseman- English/Language Arts
2. Jason Walton, Angie York, Amanda O'Neal- Math (split position)

WRV High School (40 Hours)

1. Mitch Hobson- Physical Education
2. Samantha Mason, Austin Russ– Credit Recovery (split position)

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the assignment recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

2023-24 School Year Teaching Assignments

1. Leylah Wininger-WRV HS Art
2. Marc Hendrickson- WRV ES Grade 5
3. Chantael Elliot- WRV ES Grade 3
4. Lori Chestnut- Grade 5 1st Semester
5. Katelyn Abrams- Grade 5 (Completing Degree Work in December; will team-teach with Lori Chestnut until fully-licensed, then take over full-time)
6. Misty Coy- WRV ES Pre-School Instructional Assistant
7. Jessica Holtsclaw- WRV MS Instructional Assistant

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the 23-24 teaching assignment recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clela Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

23-24 Athletic Coaching Staff Recommendations

1. Angie York- WRV HS Varsity Volleyball Coach
2. Mia McDonald- WRV HS JV Volleyball Coach
3. Jan Abrams- WRV HS Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach
4. Jenny Rudolph- WRV MS Volleyball Coach
5. Brittany Allen- WRV MS Volleyball Assistant Coach

6. Matt Settles- WRV HS Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
7. Jerry Wilson- WRV HS Boys Assistant Soccer Coach
8. April Settles- WRV HS Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
9. Matt Settles- WRV HS Girls Varsity Assistant Coach
10. Jason Chesnut- WRV HS Girls Golf Coach
11. Carter Hostetter- WRV HS Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach
12. Bill Griffith- WRV HS Boys Tennis Coach
13. Conner Hill- WRV HS Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach
14. Brittany Myers- WRV HS Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
15. Conner Hill- WRV HS Volunteer JV Girls Basketball Coach
16. Josh Lundy- WRV MS Cross Country Coach
17. Ed Linneweber- WRV MS Head Boys Soccer Coach
18. Brian Dimbath- WRV MS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
19. Nate O'Neill- WRV HS Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
20. Brent Dyer- WRV HS JV Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the coaching staff recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

21. Levi Hostetter- Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach-2 Years

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Levi Hostetter as the Varsity Boys' basketball coach.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

XI. Transfer Request

Transfer Request

We have an out-of-district student who would like to attend WRV HS in August. Mr. Lewis has followed the administrative guidelines on the investigation and recommends that we accept the student. I would recommend as such.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the out-of-district transfer.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

XII. Information/Announcements

Info/Announcements

A. 2023 WRV HS Graduation Friday, May 26, 2023 7:30 PM @ WRVHS Gym

B. Supt. Open Office Hours	Monday, June 5, 2023	4-7PM @ Admin Ctr.
C. WRVSD Building Corp Mtg	Monday, June 19, 2023	6PM @ WRV HS WC
D. Public Session	Monday, June 19, 2023	7PM @ WRV HS WC
E. Executive Session	Monday, June 19, 2023	Following PS, if needed

XIII. Transportation Report

Transportation Report

Mr. Jason Walton gives his transportation report to the board touching on the following items:

- Delivery of newly purchased bus to replace bus damaged
- Sam Floyd:Resignation (will need released from contract)

Mr Joe Decker made a motion to release Sam Floyd from his bus contract, and to accept his resignation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

- Mr. Walton asks the board's permission to make Sam's route into a school route and hire a new driver.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to give Mr. Walton permission to turn Sam's route into a school route and allowed him to hire a new driver.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.