

Monday, March 18, 2024

White River Valley School Corporation

Regular Public Session

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular open session on Monday, March 18, 2024. There is an Executive Session at 6PM prior to the 7PM regular monthly meeting. An executive session is also scheduled directly following the public session, if necessary. There were seven board members present: Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Conner Hill, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Bruce Porter, and Mrs. Cleta Shake. Also in attendance, Mr. Mitch Hobson, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, and Mr. Doug Lewis.

I. Call to Order

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The meeting was called to Order by board president Mr Joe Decker.

II. Approve February 26, 2023 Minutes

Approve Minutes

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024 public session.

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

III. Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum
February 26, 2024 & March 6, 2024

Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the certification of executive session memorandum for February 26, 2024 and March 6, 2024.

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

IV. Approval of Corporate Claims

Approval of Claims

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the corporate claims from February 23-March 15, 2024.

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

V. Student Recognition **Student Recognition**

- A. WRV HS Wolverine Enterprises Case Contest Champions
- B. WRV ES Robotics

VI. Grants and Donations Recommendations and Approval **Grants & Donations**

- A. WRV Elementary School (\$2,500) for Bradford Woods 5th Grade trip from Post 106 American Legion

VII. Public Comment **Public Comment**

As per Indiana State Statute, public comment is to be made available prior to any old or new agenda item. Mr. Hostetter, as a board president, resides over this part of the meeting.

VIII. Old Business **2024 Spraying Contract**

It is my recommendation that Root 54 Lawn Care receive the quote for spraying services at all three buildings. We have done our own mixture for broadleaf and crabgrass on all of our athletic fields. The spraying nuisance weeds/chemicals takes a license. This shall be a one-year contract for services. This price has remained stable.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the 2024 spraying contract with Root 54 Lawn Care.

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

B. Wolverine Enterprises LLC Report **Wolverine Enterprise Report**

Miss Thomas joins us again tonight for her monthly report on the happenings with our Wolverine Enterprises LLC program.

C. Current Maintenance Projects/Update **Maintenance Report**

We continue to get quotes for services related to the High School Boiler Room with water heaters, water softeners, and pumps in need of renovation. Mr. Decker has

worked with a couple of individuals with hopes of getting quotes soon. We have put out an RFP for those repairs. Developing the specifications takes a great deal of time and we appreciate those efforts. We are also looking at the high school gym HVAC issue in the same manner. We believe that we will have quotes on these projects between tonight and the April board meeting, which is on April 15th at the high school. Mr. Decker, would you like to add anything here since you have been involved with Mr. Hobson and me on these projects?

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion for Mr. Hobson and Dr. Hacker to work with Joe on this project, and not to exceed \$100,00 on the project.

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

IX. New Business

A. Request for Lyons Hat Quotes

Hay Quotes

Each Spring we put out a request for hay-cutting on our Lyons property. It doesn't bring in a great deal of money for us, but it does give Mr. Hobson some extra money in his student account, which goes back to the students. I am putting the public notice out this evening. Quotes are due to me at the Administrative Center by Friday, April 5th at 3PM. (Owen Clifford has done this in the past.) I would ask for board permission to do so.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the advertising for hay quotes.

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

B. Summer Food Program from Son Ministries

Summer Food Program

I was contacted by Son Ministries to attend tonight's board meeting to discuss plans for their annual summer food program. Mrs. Kelly Zimmerly is here representing that organization. Mrs. Zimmerly was requesting that the school take over the Lyons and Worthington lunch program.

Mrs Renee Wigginton will contact Son Ministries for a proposal.

C. 2024-25 Student Handbook Introduction-First Read

2024-25 Student Handbook

Each March, we bring the board updated copies of the student handbooks for each of the schools. Each principal had a committee that worked through the books for use in the 2024-25 school year. The board has received the copies to look over as tonight serves as the FIRST READ for the 2024-25 school year. We will come back in the April meeting to ask for approval as we are working with printing deadlines. As a discussion point, there have been many new laws that have been signed by the Governor. These include both the needs for tighter restrictions on cell phones at school and truancy

policies. We will definitely have some supplements with these handbooks next August.

D. 2024-25 Athletic Training
Discussion and Opportunity

2024-25 Athletic Training

As you all know, we have struggled getting athletic training coverage over the course of the last two years. With the recent opening of the Shakamak Rehab Inc. in Jasonville by Sam Messmer, we have been contacted about the opportunity to have our own athletic trainer for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Messmer was one of the fill-in athletic trainers that helped band-aid us through this past school year. He has opened his own business, and he has contacted us because another trainer has signed on with his business, and he now is available to us as a full-time WRV specific athletic trainer or sports medicine consultant as listed in the contract. The cost of the contract is \$33,000 and includes duties as outlined in the contract that was put in your board packet for this evening's meeting. WRV students would have daily coverage from August through May with other availability in June and July. The individual will fall under the supervision of the school's athletic director.

We have had spotty coverage over the course of the last two years, and this would rectify a consistent problem without having to rely on other agencies or business outside of the county.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve Shakamak Rehab Inc. for WRV's 24-25 athletic training.

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

E. WRVSD Police Force Request

WRVSD Police Force Request

WRVSD Police Chief Bobby Pierce has made a formal request to the board for the purchase of two Kenwood Viking portable radios. These radios are compatible for two-way communication with the Greene County Sheriff's Department. Officer Pierce carries one of these radios with him at all times. These new radios would be given to Officer O'Malley at the elementary school and Officer Ingram at the middle school. Time is of the essence in emergency situations and having two-way communication with the county is of utmost importance.

The cost of the radios is \$4,555.68 and will be taken from the Operations Fund. Officer Pierce did secure three quotes for the included items; Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. was the low bid.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the purchase of the two-way radios from Electronic Communication Systems, Inc.

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

F. Teacher-of-the-Month Program
Habig Injury Law Sponsor

Teacher-of-the-Month Program

The building principals and I have been approached by representatives of the Habig Injury Law Firm about starting a teacher recognition program in each of our three schools. They are proposing that each building selects a teacher of the month to be recognized each month with a \$50 Amazon Gift Card, a "Lawyers Heart Teachers" Yeti thermos coffee mug, recognition in the Greene County Daily World and the Habig Injury Law Facebook and Instagram page.

Our principals are on board with the ability to give extra recognition to members of our teaching staffs who are doing outstanding work. The principal would submit the staff member to the superintendent by the 15th of each month for recognition during the month board meeting and school reports as well.

We thank the Habig Firm for reaching out to us for this possibility. The awards would be open to any certified staff member on a monthly basis.

Mr. Brock Hostetter made a motion to approve the teacher-of-the-month program.

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

X. Personnel

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A. Resignations

- *Jacqueline Totten- WRV ES STEM Teacher

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Totten.

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

B. Hiring/Assignment Recommendations

- * Lisa Beatty-WRV MS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
- * Claudia Ball- WRV HS Volunteer Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach
- * Carter Hostetter- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Boys' Golf Coach

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the hiring/assignment recommendations.

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

Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach (1 Year Contract)

- * April Settles

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the 1 year coaching contract for Girls' Varsity basketball coach for April Settles.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Bruce Porter and Mrs. Clea Shake voting no.

Middle School Principal (Initial 2 Year Contract)
*Zach Waggoner

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve Zach Waggoner for the Middle School Principal (2 year contract) position.

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

XI. Student Transfer Requests **Student Transfer Request**

We have a student transfer request for an out-of-district individual who would like to attend WRV High School. The HS transfer would be immediate. Mr. Lewis has done the administrative investigation and is recommending approval of the transfer request.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the student transfer request.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Brock Hostetter. The motion passed 7-0.

XII. Information/Announcements **Information/Announcements**

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| A. Spring Break | Begins March 22-31, 2024 |
| B. 11th Campbell Banquet | Friday, April 5, 2024 at 6PM WRV HS Cafeteria |
| C. Executive Session | Monday, April 15, 2024 6PM WRV Wolverine Center |
| D. Regular Session | Monday, April 15, 2024 7PM WRV Wolverine Center |
| E. Supt./Admin. Office Hours | Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4-6:30PM WRV Admin Center |

XIII. Adjournment **Adjournment**

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

