

LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2016

The Linton-Stockton Board of School Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center, 801 First Street NE, Linton, Indiana 47441, to conduct a public hearing and a regular board meeting. Mr. Witty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following board members:

Mr. Ralph Witty
Mr. Clint House
Mr. Mike Perigo
Mr. Leslie Newman
Mr. John Preble

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 regular board meeting, the September 28, 2016 special session, and the October 4, 2016 budget hearing. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Karazsia turned the meeting over to Mr. Qualkinbush who explained the process of the General Obligation Bonds and procedures necessary to acquire the funding for additional appropriations. Mr. Qualkinbush stated at this time a Public Hearing needs to be opened for any questions regarding the General Obligation Bonds and the additional appropriations.

Mr. Karazsia opened the Public Hearing and entertained any questions or comments concerning the General Obligation Bonds. With no questions, Mr. Karazsia closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Qualkinbush stated that the process now needs to continue by approving the resolutions related to the bonds. The first resolution is the General Obligation Bond resolution. This resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds for a period not to exceed January 15, 2019, a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$350,000, a maximum interest rate not to exceed 3%, and also sets forth that anyone interested in

buying the bonds can't pay anything less than 99% of the par value. The closing of the bond sale will be set for the middle of December. There were other contractual terms included in the resolution that Mr. Qualkinbush explained. Mr. Qualkinbush stated that the second resolution approves the expenditures of the funds for the Outdoor Site Improvement project and is in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the 2016 General Obligation Bond resolution as presented. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the resolution approving appropriation of the 2016 General Obligation Bond and Interest Earning as presented. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the Budget Resolution that gives the school corporation the ability to adjust the budget numbers during the budget hearing process with the Department of Local Government Finance; otherwise the DLGF will make the cuts themselves. All the adjustments would be within the allowable limits to fund the budget. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the Retirement Bond Revenue Neutral Resolution. This resolution gives the DLGF direction for the 2017 payment of the Retirement Bonds to be taken from the Capital Projects Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, Transportation Fund and/or the Debt Service Fund. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the Resolution to shift a portion of the contracted bus services to the Bus Replacement Fund. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the Goals and Expenditure categories for 2016/17 school year. The school board is mandated by law to establish these goals. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rate. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the requested changes to the Elementary ECA accounts. The changes include creating a physical education account which will allow those funds to be kept separate from the extra-curricular athletic fund. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the 2017/18 school calendar and the 2018/19 school calendar as presented in the board packet. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Palmer spoke on behalf of the language arts department but more specifically Spanish, which he teaches. The students in his classes are pursuing the four pillars of second language acquisition, which includes reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Mr. Preble asked about the number of students enrolled in his classes. Mr. Palmer stated that Spanish I & II are larger with Spanish III being a smaller group. Mr. Karazsia stated that Mr. Palmer is also helping out with a couple of students that do not speak English well.

Mrs. Lannan introduced Mrs. Pedro, who is the new language arts teacher in the middle school. The language arts teachers meet regularly and also meet with the 5th grade teachers. The teachers use the Chromebooks in different ways and also incorporate pencil and paper when needed. Mr. Preble asked what type of problems occurred during NWEA testing with the Chromebooks. Mrs. Lannan stated that the students were kicked out of the NWEA test, and viewed partial screens. The problems were addressed and the issues have been worked out.

Mrs. Tener shared information regarding the AP classes that she teaches in the high school. The students started the year studying non-fiction, reading essays, and comprehension and did well on their midterm exam. She feels starting the year off this way will better prepare them for college. The technical issues are similar to the problems that were already spoken of in the middle school. Mrs. Tener has started using Google classroom which has been very helpful.

Mr. Witty stated that construction is moving along well and parking lots have been paved. He stated that work continues on the tennis courts, parking lot stripping, and lighting. Mr. Karazsia stated that he is hoping to have the parking lot open to the students by October 24th. Mr. Witty stated that the students and staff have been good to work with. Mr. Preble stated he wanted to acknowledge Mr. Witty and the time that he has spent at the school on the projects.

Personnel:

Resignation/Leave Request/Retirement:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the resignation of Tammy Rennick as a food service employee effective September 30, 2016. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the leave request for Taylor Dunham with a return date of March 8th, 2017. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board accept the retirement letter from Gary Kean as a full time custodian effective December 31, 2016. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Employment:

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Taylor and recommended the board approve Katie Lane as a part time food service employee effective October 18, 2016. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Taylor and recommended the board approve Jody Ferree as a part time food service employee effective October 18, 2016. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Claims & Financials:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the financial report and claims #21376-21382; #21387; #21389-21399; #21401-21481 as presented. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Other:

None

Patron Comments:

Mr. Huber spoke to the board with the hopes that safe passage ways are still a subject of concern. He understands that this is a joint effort between the city, police, and the school, but hopes they will all work towards making the paths to school safer with crosswalks. He would be glad to help with the process.

Mr. Ellington addressed the board. He is running for state representative and understands the budget pains of the school and would like to see changes made in regards to the true cost per student verses the average cost per student. He is glad that he was able to attend the board meeting and is always ready to listen.

Mr. Brewer stated that things are going well in the elementary. The elementary has recently dealt with a personal tragedy and is working through it together. He is glad to see construction wrapping up and looks forward in getting back to a new normal. The use of Chromebooks is going great and the use in the classrooms is increasing. The building and the grounds look great and basketball is starting soon. Mr. Brewer feels that athletics are a real possessive for the students and motivates them to do well.

Mr. Sparks stated that the first nine weeks is wrapped up with report cards going out tomorrow. The fall sports programs are also ending with a banquet on October 24th. He is still waiting on the school wide grades to come in from the state.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for their presentations and he enjoys stopping by the classrooms throughout the day. He stated that Chromebook usage is increasing and the students and teachers are learning new ways to use them every day. The second

nine weeks is just beginning and he looks forward to having the parking back on campus.

Mr. House thanked everyone for their presentations and is glad to meet some of the new teachers and happy to have them on board.

Mr. Preble thanked everyone for their presentations and invites the teachers to ask questions anytime regarding anything going on at school. He thanked Mr. Ellington for his visit tonight and would be glad to talk with him anytime. Mr. Preble gave his condolences to the Sipes family in the loss of Evan and thanked Gary Kean for his many years of service.

Mr. Newman thanked the teachers for their presentations and thanked Mr. Ellington for coming to the board meeting. He also thanked Tammy Rennick and Gary Kean for their years of services. Mr. Newman wished the football and volleyball teams' good luck in the sectionals and Cameron Parola as he runs in the cross country semi-state.

Mr. Perigo stated it is nice hearing the presentations from the new and experienced teachers. He thanked Mr. Ellington for coming to the board meeting and is welcome anytime. Mr. Perigo expressed his condolences to the Sipes' family in the loss of Evan.

Mr. Karazsia thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting. He congratulated Mr. Preble on being named the district director of Region 7. Mr. Karazsia expressed his condolences to the Sipes' family in the loss of Evan and Jeff Laughlin in the loss of his mother.

Mr. Witty thanked the teachers for their presentations and Mr. Ellington for coming to the board meeting. He thanked Mr. Huber for sharing his concerns about the crosswalks and for the safety of the students.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Ralph Witty

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