

**LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 18, 2017**

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 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

Others in attendance were Lisa Hollingsworth, Alicia Cornelius, David Figg, Tiffany Todd, Cain Cooksey, Kelly Lannan, 20 patrons, Nick Karazsia, Sam Drummy, and one media representative.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the minutes from the August 21, 2017 regular board meeting, the August 28, 2017 special session, and the September 6, 2017 special session. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Mr. Karazsia presented the board with the proposed Criminal History Applicants Policy. This is the first reading of the policy and it will be presented at the next board meeting for approval. This policy was adopted last year but state law has changed the timeline in which the background checks are to be completed.

Mr. Karazsia presented the board with the proposed Criminal History School Employee Policy. This is the first reading of the policy and it will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the donation from the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility in the amount of \$500.00 to the Linton-Stockton High School Cheer

team. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the field trip requests for the FFA students. The first field trip will be October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They will be attending a leadership camp in Trafalger, IN. The second field trip will be October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This trip will be to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

### **Superintendent's Report:**

David Figg, Tiffany Todd, and Cain Cooksey presented information to the board from the technology department. David Figg, technology coach stated his primary job is working on the Chromebooks. There were 1,400 Chromebooks given out during 3 days of roll-outs. There have been 28 insurance claims, 10 Chromebooks returned and we are currently using 40 loaners.

Mr. House stated that he has heard that students are having problems, if they haven't been able to get their homework on their computers before going home. Tiffany stated that everything is done though Google Docs/Google Classroom. If students are downloading it properly, then they shouldn't have any issues and that most teachers are able to help the students with this step.

Cain Cooksey updated the board on the infrastructure, with information on how the infrastructure has been updated to allow over 1,800 devices to properly work on the network. Every classroom has access points, but some have older access points, which will be updated soon. The school has nice hardware, but filter problems have occurred offsite. Five Star is working with Light Speed to correct the issues. We are also getting a new firewall soon. Mr. Preble asked if all three buildings are compatible. Cain stated that all three buildings have the same equipment. We also have 80 new security cameras and fiber ran to the new site.

Mr. Karazsia stated that funding comes from the public's cell phone bills, and then funnels to the school to help pay for internet usage and other services.

Tiffany Todd, works with the teachers on professional development. She meets with the teachers for a ½ day every Tuesday and Thursday. She shares all kinds of programs and loves walking by the classrooms seeing the teachers use the Chromebooks and programs in an effective way. She has updated the schools website, implemented the Cause for Applause employee award, and is starting an elementary robotics team, which will be only for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students this year. They were able to start the team due to a grant. Tiffany is also working on a mobile app for the school.

Mr. Preble would like to see this type of information included in the tech report each month.

Mr. Karazsia shared enrollment figures from the official count day in September. The elementary reported 677 students, the middle school reported 356, and the high school reported 381 students, totaling 1414 students. Mr. Karazsia stated enrollment is down 11 students.

Mr. Karazsia shared the upcoming dates for the budget approval process. The budget hearing will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm, with the adoption being on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.

Mr. Witty updated everyone on construction updates. We recently added 29 temporary parking spots north of the football field and Mr. Karazsia stated that the first steps toward the outdoor facility project have been taken, with the hopes of finishing the project in the spring of 2019.

### **Personnel:**

Leave Request:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the leave request for Krystal Shake starting November 22, 2017 through the end of the 2017/18 school year. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Resignations:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board accept the resignation from Ashley Mathis as the Middle School Academic Team Sponsor effective immediately. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board accept the resignation from Krystal Shake as the Science Department Chair, National Honor Society Sponsor, and Sophomore Class Sponsor effective immediately. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board accept the resignation from Britney Lynn as the German Club Sponsor effective immediately. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Employment:

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Taylor and recommended the board approve Deborah Souders as a part time food service employee effective September 19, 2017. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve the following ECA sponsors for the 2017/18 school year or until their successor is appointed by the administration:

Terran Williams – K-12 Music Chairperson  
John Williams – Marching/Pep Band Sponsor  
Tara Deppart – German Club Sponsor  
Deena Wickliffe – Science Department Chair & National Honor Society Sponsor

Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Rehmel, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Hollingsworth and recommended AJ Kenzor as a middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season or until his successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Rehmel, Mr. Berns, and Mr. Brewer and recommended Rusty Ewers as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach for the 2017/18 season or until his successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Luke Jerrells, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Hollingsworth, and recommended Rick Jerrells as a middle school volunteer boys'/girls' coach for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

### **Claims & Financials:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the financial report and claims #22478-22479; #22481-22485; #22490-22495; #22497-22503; #22505-22565 as presented.

Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

**Other:**

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Brewer and recommended the board accept the resignation of Heidi Auberry as an elementary part time custodian effective immediately. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, Perigo, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

**Patron Comments:**

Several patrons including parents, players, and others attended the board meeting to share their concerns regarding the lack of having a high school softball coach hired for this upcoming season. Others stated that they were glad the board was taking their time before deciding on a coach. Mr. Witty stated that until a coach is hired, we will see if school employee with authority, can oversee practices. After much discussion, Mr. Karazsia stated that with all the opinions shared tonight, it was obvious as to why the board was taking their time in deciding on a coach.

**Superintendent/Principals/Board Comments:**

Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Charlie Karazsia took six girls to an IHSAA meeting. The students were excited about what they learned and partnering with Special Olympics. The students would like to participate as a team with the Special Olympics. The middle school and high school are working together at building curriculum, high ability and align classes with diploma types. Next month, presentations will be made on School Improvement and Mrs. Cornelius and two other teachers will be going to training on advanced education with a review for the high school scheduled in March.

Mrs. Hollingsworth shared information on the middle school and high school open house. The departments presented information together and it seemed to go very well. We are already working on improvements for next year. She thanked the technology team for the work they do, they are a great support. Mrs. Hollingsworth recently got to visit a classroom and the students were excited about the work they are getting to do on

the Chromebooks. Several teacher trainings are coming up that include Northwest training, Math 10 training and more professional development.

Mr. Perigo thanked the students, parents, and guardians for coming this evening. He also thanked the technology team for their presentations and the principals for their reports.

Mr. Newman thanked the technology team for their presentations and thanked the patrons for coming.

Mr. Preble thanked the technology team for their presentations. He thanked the patrons for sharing their concerns. He feels that a varsity coach position is very important and he doesn't take that duty lightly. It's a very important decision to make and when observing games, it is often known when a board member is there watching. He wishes that the passion that is shown for athletics was shown for academics and what is going on in the classrooms. Mr. Preble felt the open house was a success.

Mr. House thanked the technology team for their presentations and thanked the patrons for sharing their information regarding softball. This is not a decision taken lightly.

Mr. Witty thanked the technology team for their presentations and thanked those that came to the meeting tonight to share their concerns. There has been a lot of time and money put into the softball complex and he wants nothing less for them to be successful.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

#### BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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