

**LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 2017**

The Linton-Stockton Board of School Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center, 801 Northeast 1st Street, Linton, Indiana 47441, to conduct a regular board meeting. Mr. Witty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were the following board members:

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

Also in attendance were: Nathan Moore, Jeff Sparks, Nick Karazsia, Sam Drummy, Kim Hill, Miranda Johnson, Hannah Watson, two patrons, and one media representative.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the minutes from the January 16, 2017, board of finance meeting and regular board meeting. Mr. Preble 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)

**Old Business:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the bid for a temporary loan from BloomBank at an interest rate of 1.84%. We may or may not need the loan but approving the bid is the last step if it becomes necessary. Mr. Witty 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)

**New Business:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve offering summer school for the elementary, middle school, and high school depending upon proper funding from the state. We are primarily looking at ISTEP remediation courses and courses to fulfill graduation requirements. Mr. House 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 following donations for the high school and various clubs:

Linton Cheer Boosters - \$805.01 for cheerleader's state championship rings  
Pillar Companies LLC - \$200.00 for cheerleader's state championship rings  
Walton Funeral Services - \$500.00 for cheerleader's state championship rings  
Carr & Thomas Construction - \$500.00 for cheerleader's state championship rings  
Linton Elks - \$1000.00 for football player's state championship rings  
In memory of Jim Flanders - \$100.00 for the track team  
Greene County General Hospital - \$1,000.00 to the high school general fund

Mr. Newman 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 field trip request for the Twin Rivers Health Science students to attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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 concurred with Mrs. Taylor and recommended the board approve the lunch prices for the 2017/18 school year of \$2.85, which is an increase of .10 cents per lunch. Each year Mrs. Taylor is required to conduct a mandatory paid lunch calculation and determine if an increase is necessary. 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 requested that the board review the enclosed Amendment to Collection and Forgiveness of Debt Policy. If the board should have any questions regarding the changes please let me know, otherwise I will present the policy for approval at the next board meeting. No action is required tonight.

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the copier contract as presented to Hoosier Business Machines based on them clarifying some specifications of the administration copier. If the needed specifications are not included in the current bid, then I am asking that the board give me permission to approve an amended contract prior to the next board meeting. 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)

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

Mr. Karazsia stated that the Agriculture department will be making the department presentations at tonight's board meeting.

Mrs. Hill stated that this week is FFA week with several activities planned. In the classroom students were offered a new Agriculture Business Management class this year, which is a dual credit class that allows a student to receive 3 college credit hours. Mrs. Hill also stated that Chromebooks are being used in the Agriculture classes every day, which allows one on one interaction in labs, greenhouses, virtual fields, and interacting with students on Purdue campus that would just not be possible otherwise.

Miranda Johnson introduced herself as the FFA club president. She stated that last October FFA students attended the National Convention in Indianapolis. While there, they visited career centers, attended a concert, and visited a dairy farm to see the processing and production of

dairy. This year Agriculture and FFA students have participated in Toys for Tots and will be helping with the food pantry. She continued by stating that next week the FFA students will visit the elementary students to share information about the Agriculture classes and FFA. She also invited everyone to the FFA breakfast on Friday.

Hannah Watson, the FFA club treasurer spoke next. She, along with another FFA officer, will be traveling to Indianapolis soon to meet with state legislators at the state house. Also coming up in March, will be agriculture days at the 4-H fair grounds. This gives students an opportunity to share with others the possibilities of having a career in Agriculture. Lastly, the annual FFA banquet will be held in the high school auditoria on April 27, 2017.

Mr. Perigo talked about the dairy farm that they visited and Mr. Preble discussed with them their educational futures.

Mr. Witty updated everyone on the construction project. The North parking lot is being graded, lighting installed in that same parking lot, softball fence almost completed, scoreboards being tested, and tennis courts are being used. Mr. Karazsia stated that the goal is to have the softball field ready by the first practice.

### **Personnel:**

Retirement/Resignation:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the retirement request from Belinda Sanders as a middle school teacher effective at the end of the 2016/17 school year. Belinda has been a teacher at Linton-Stockton Schools for 11 years. Mr. Newman 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 resignation of Tracee Dixon as a high school teacher effective February 28, 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 approve the resignation of Samantha Cook as a high school instructional assistant effective February 24, 2017. 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)

Employment:

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Moore and recommended the board officially approve Melissa Shepherd as a high school teacher, on a temporary contract for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year. 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 concurred with Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Scott Vanderkolk as a high school teacher, effective February 27, 2017. 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 concurred with Mr. Charlie Karazsia and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Chris Taylor as the high school boys' golf coach until his successor is appointed by the administration. 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 concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Britney Lynn as the high school girls' assistant track coach and Scott Padgett as the high school boys' assistant track coach until their successors are appointed by the administration. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, House

ABSTAIN: Perigo

NAY: None

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Charlie Karazsia and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Jamie Brown as the high school girls' tennis coach until her successor is appointed by the administration. 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 concurred with Mr. Charlie Karazsia and Mr. Sparks and recommended the board approve Tim Riggleman as the middle school boys'/girls' cross country coach 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: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None

(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mr. Sparks and recommended the board approve Cara O'Bryan as the middle school girls' track coach and Tim Riggleman as the middle school boys' track coach until their successors are appointed by the administration. 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 concurred with Mrs. Brown, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mr. Sparks and recommended the board approve Heather Shafford as the middle school girls' tennis coach until her 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: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo, House

NAY: None  
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve the following volunteer boys'/girls' assistant track coaches for both the middle school and high school for the 2016/17 season:

Davy Dyer  
Denny Smith  
John Fidler  
Jason Shafford

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 concurred with Mrs. Brown, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Clint House as a high school volunteer girls' tennis coach for the 2016/17 season. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, Newman, Perigo

ABSTAIN: House

NAY: None

**Claims and Financials:**

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the financial report and claims #21792-21800; #21802-21807; #21812-21819; #21821-21895 as presented. Mr. Preble 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)

**Other:**

Mr. Karazsia gave the board information regarding an employee agreement with Carla Gambill. Once presented, he recommended the board approve the agreement. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Preble, Witty, House

NAY: Newman, Perigo

**Patron Comments:**

Mr. Bredeweg stated that he is glad to see the board hire Mr. Vanderkolk.

**Principal/Superintendent/Board Comments:**

Mr. Sparks thanked Mrs. Sanders for her years of service and congratulated Mr. Vanderkolk on his hire. He also welcomed Mrs. Shepherd back to teaching on campus. He thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and stated that ISTEP will begin next week.

Mr. Moore thanked Mrs. Hill and the students for their presentations and is looking forward to the breakfast on Friday. He also congratulated Mr. Vanderkolk and Mrs. Shepherd and he stated that it is nice to see the sports complex coming together.

Mr. House thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and appreciates all the invitations to the banquets and meals. He congratulated Mr. Vanderkolk on his hire and stated he will be a great addition.

Mr. Preble welcomed Mr. Vanderkolk and thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and what they do.

Mr. Newman thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and welcomed Mr. Vanderkolk. He congratulated the boys' basketball team for being SWIAC champs again, Coach Oliver for being selected coach of the South All Stars, and Tyler Meurer for being selected top Class A football player of the year. He wished the boys' basketball team good luck in the upcoming sectional.

Mr. Perigo thanked Mrs. Hill and the students for their presentations and congratulated Mr. Vanderkolk. He also congratulated the boys' basketball team on their season and is looking forward to the spring sports season.

Mr. Karazsia thanked Mrs. Hill and the students for their presentations. He congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys'/girls' basketball teams for their SWIAC championships and the high school girls' basketball team on making it to the final game of the sectional. He appreciates everyone attending the board meeting.

Mr. Witty thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and he always enjoys attending all of the FFA functions. He congratulated Mr. Vanderkolk on his hire.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

#### BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Ralph Witty

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