

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

The Linton-Stockton Board of School Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center, 801 1st 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. Leslie Newman
Mr. Ralph Witty
Mr. Mike Perigo
Mr. John Preble
Mr. Clint House

Also in attendance were: Nathan Moore, Jeff Sparks, Kent Brewer, Jill Weber, Debbie Harding, Bart Berns, 3 patrons, Sam Drummy, Nick Karazsia, and one media representative.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the minutes from the February 20, 2017 board meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Old Business:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the amendment to collection and forgiveness of debt policy. The first presentation of the amended policy was at the February board meeting. Mr. Perigo made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

New Business:

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Sparks and recommended the board approve an ECA account for the Student Press Club. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board accept the following donations:

American Legion - \$500.00 for the Baseball Team
Linton Elks - \$705.00 for High School Cheerleader state rings
Tri Kappa - \$200.00 for the Art Club
Tri Kappa - \$50.00 for Band and Choir
Rodney & Rene Bredeweg - \$100.00 for the FFA Club
Danny Orr - \$300.00 for Student Press Club
Psi Iota Xi - \$375.00 for Music, Art, Speech, Elementary Care Fund & Elementary Accelerated Reader Program

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

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board authorize the corporation treasurer to pay any invoice prior to or after the board meeting that is deemed to be necessary to pay, at the treasurer's discretion, to avoid late fees, penalties, or have any other negative impact on the school corporation. In all cases, invoices paid prior to or after the board meeting will be included on the claims docket for board approval. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion. Mr. Preble asked if the claims, that have been paid prior to the board meeting, will be identified according. Mr. Karazsia indicated that they would be.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the E-Rate contract with CDWG and PCMG in the areas in which 5 star Technology recommended. This contract will be for the 2017 funding year. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Karazsia stated that the department presentations tonight will be from the Physical Education and Family and Consumer Science classes.

Mr. Berns gave the board information regarding training that he participated in this past fall that allows him to teach archery in the elementary PE classes. The training was through the National Archery in our Schools Program (NASP) and the archery course will be introduced into the elementary curriculum in 2017/18. The elementary, middle school, and high school will share the archery equipment. Mr. Berns said that the archery program is an excellent motivator for students and gives them a positive experience.

Mr. Perigo asked if anyone was aware of the program at Shakamak called Kicking Bear. Mrs. Weber stated that she is aware of the program and in fact we loan our equipment to the program and in turn, Mike Miller who oversees that program, makes repairs to our equipment. Mr. House asked if the middle school and high school already have the archery program in place. Mrs. Weber stated that students have been participating in an archery program, separate from PE, for 6 years with some students qualifying for the state competition. This year was the first year that students weren't able to participate in the competition due to scheduling conflicts but it is the first year that the program was able to be implemented into the PE classes. Mr. Berns stated that several adults have indicated they would be willing to assist in the PE classes when it is taught. Mr. House asked if there was a reason that the archery program was chosen instead of a more traditional sport. Mr. Berns stated that it can be a lifelong sport that students can learn and Mr. Karazsia stated that it can give students that may not participate in the more traditional sports, a different option.

Mrs. Weber presented information for the middle school and high school PE classes. She stated that the school received the archery equipment about 7 years ago through a

grant that was written by Tawni Prudhomme, with a couple of stipulations, one being that you had to obtain certification and the other one being that you had to either teach the program in the classroom or an extra-curricular program. Mrs. Weber said that several years ago PE classes were two large which made it difficult to allow students to participate in certain activities. Because of changes made to class scheduling and 8th grade students receiving high school credit, while in middle school, it has allowed class sizes to become manageable and given her the opportunity to do more activities with the students. Mr. Karazsia stated since 8th grade students have started receiving high school credit we haven't had many students needing to use the PE elective option. This option allows students to receive a PE credit if they participate in a school sport.

Mrs. Harding stated that there are 109 students enrolled in Family and Consumer Science classes this year. They just finished with the foreign country research project in the Nutrition and Wellness class and food related issue report in Nutrition and Fitness class. The Child Development class goes once a week to work with head start and this year we have a student that is interested in an internship and also may have an opportunity to receive money towards her education. Twin Rivers supplied the classroom with 6 new sewing machines with hopes of receiving additional ones next year. The Chromebooks are working well in all the courses. Recently the department chairs attended training at Vincennes University where we received a lot of helpful information for students and staff. She appreciates the extra training that Mr. Moore has allowed the department chairs to obtain this year.

Mr. Karazsia thanked Debbie and the students for the food that they provide during the board meetings.

Mr. Witty updated everyone on the construction projects. The first softball game will be held this evening and the tennis courts have been used for practices. There are still items that have to be completed on the punch list with ground breaking to be expected this summer for the athletic facilities. Additional paving will be done this summer.

Personnel:

Employment:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board authorize the addition of a Technology Coach beginning with the 2017/18 school year. We will be completely 1:1 in our school corporation and this person will work with David Figg, our current Technology Coach, to meet the needs of the teachers and students as it relates to utilization of 1:1 devices in the classrooms. This position will be partially funded from the Rural and Low Income Grant. Mr. Preble questioned when the expected start day would be. Mr. Karazsia said ideally we would like to have someone here this summer, possibly by July 1, 2017. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve Andrew Wring as the high school full time substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Charlie Karazsia, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Moore and recommended the board approve the following as volunteer coaches for the 2016/17 school year:

Bryant Jackson – Baseball Coach
Brett Dunkerly – High School Boys' Golf Coach
Andrew Lewellyn – Middle School/High School Boys'/Girls' Track Coach
Cory Beeson – Middle School Girls' Tennis Coach
Connie Puckett – Middle School Girls' Tennis Coach

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

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve claims #21896; #21898-21902; #21908-21974 and financial report for the month as presented. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble
NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Other:

None

Patron Comments:

Mr. Beeson updated the board on Student Press Club. Currently there are 14 students that are part of the club. The students have interviewed 8 people, including the head trainer of the Indiana Pacers with all interviews being available to see on YouTube. He hopes that the students can visit the state house along with the Feline Center before the end of the school year. Mr. Karazsia stated that Lori Orr was the one that connected the school with this program and is helping with funding.

Principal/Superintendent/Board Comments

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for their presentations. The Tri-County Band concert is coming up on March 21st, beginning at 7:00, and the musical "The Sound of Music" will be April 21st –April 23rd. He praised the choir for receiving gold ratings every time they perform and stated the Mr. Ahearn and Mrs. Williams are working well together. He thanked the board for hiring Andrew Wring tonight.

Mr. Sparks thanked the teachers for their presentations and it is great to see the archery program being implemented in the PE classes. He thanked Mr. Beeson for the work he is doing with the Student Press Club. Mr. Sparks congratulated both the band and choir programs on their gold ratings.

Mr. Brewer thanked the teachers for their presentations. Mr. Berns is always ready to step up and help in anyway and is appreciated by all the students. The first round of ISTEP is complete and the school year is going great.

Mr. House thanked the teachers for their presentations and thanked Mr. Beeson for his work with the Student Press Club.

Mr. Preble thanked the teachers for their presentations and thanked Mr. Beeson for working with the Student Press Club. He congratulated the band and choir on their success and reminded the board members of the next ISBA regional meeting on May 22nd. He will be leaving soon for the NSBA and will look forward to sharing the information that he receives while attending the conference.

Mr. Newman congratulated the band and choir on their success and thanked the teachers for their presentations. He suggested that the teachers encourage the students that are involved in archery to join the 4-H program during the summer.

Mr. Perigo thanked the teacher for their presentations and said how grateful he is for the work that Mr. Berns does in the elementary. He thanked everyone for their efforts in getting the archery program started. He congratulated the band and choir for their successful weekend at contest. Mr. Perigo thanked Mr. Beeson for his involvement with the Student Press Club and has enjoyed seeing the interviews.

Mr. Witty thanked the teachers for their presentations and is proud of the work that everyone is doing.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Ralph Witty

Leslie Newman

Clint House

Mike Perigo

John Preble