

LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2018

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 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the following board members:

Mr. Ralph Witty
Mr. Les Newman
Mr. Clint House
Mr. John Preble

Not in attendance

Mr. Mike Perigo

Also in attendance were: Alicia Cornelius, Lisa Hollingsworth, Kent Brewer, Sam Drummy, Kim Hill, Miranda Johnson, Hannah Watson, Kelly Lannan, D'Lee Sipes, Jeff Qualkinbush, Carla Gambill, and one media representative.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the minutes from the January 22, 2018, board of finance meeting and regular board meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he 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. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the transfer of appropriations resolution. The descriptions of the transfers are included in the resolution. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Hollingsworth, and Mrs. Cornelius, they recommended the board approve extending the end of the 3rd nine weeks grading period from March 6th to March 9th. This will account for the 3 days that were missed due to inclement weather. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mrs. Cornelius, she recommended the board approve an additional high school ECA account titled the Weight Room Club. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the contract between Linton-Stockton School Corporation and Slam Dunk Sports Marketing, LLC, for a new football scoreboard. This recommendation also includes authorizing the corporation treasurer, Carla Gambill to execute documents on behalf of the school corporation. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board authorize the corporation treasurer, Carla Gambill, to execute documents on behalf of the school corporation in any and all matters relating to the Outdoor Athletic Facility and Project #4 addendum. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve authorizing a bond for the middle school/high school athletic director. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve re-bidding the Temporary Loan due to an unresponsive bid from MainSource Bank. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the extension of the lawn contract with LoneTree for one additional year that will expire at the end of the 2018 mowing season. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Hill, along with two students presented information to the board on the agriculture classes and the school's FFA chapter. Mrs. Hill stated that February is a super busy month that includes the celebration of National FFA week. She teaches three agriculture classes and is the testing coordinator for the middle school. Her classes include an 8th grade Introduction to Agriculture class, and two classes of Animal Science in the high school. There has been a substantial increase in enrollment numbers this year in the 8th grade class and she hopes this will translate to growth in the high school courses. The Animal Science class was offered in two sections this year due to overwhelming interest. She teaches a variety of topics that include food safety and quality, controversial animal issues, learning where food comes from, and teaching the students to become smarter consumers. Mrs. Hill stated that most of her students are academic honor bound students and next year her agriculture classes will be taught for the full day.

Ms. Hannah Watson introduced herself as the president of the FFA chapter for Linton-Stockton High School. She stated that FFA members had a fun and very educational experience attending the National FFA convention in Indianapolis. There were several speakers at the convention along with information available on college and careers. The FFA chapter has helped in several community service projects this year that included Toys for Tots, a dinner hosted annually at Saron Church, and this spring they will be coordinating an animal food drive.

Ms. Miranda Johnson is the treasurer of the FFA Chapter. This week is national FFA week, with several activities planned. These activities include driving your tractor to school day, a staff breakfast, and elementary presentations. In addition to this week, the FFA banquet will be held April 24th at 6:00 p.m. She has been in FFA since middle school and with this being her senior year; she looks forward to attending Purdue University, giving credit with being involved in FFA as a reason for her educational path.

Mr. Qualkinbush updated everyone on the progress of the Outdoor Facilities Project and Project #5, the additional paving projects. The bids have been reviewed and tabulated by the architects, Myszak & Palmer. They will be coming to the board with a recommendation on February 26th. Based on those bids, and the fact they have been broken down with multiple alternates, he believes that the school will be able to fund most of the projects with the funds the school has on hand, as well as an additional general obligation bond. The paving projects would be generally completed out of the additional general obligation bond with the Outdoor Facilities project, and the related projects being done with the bonds that were issued back in 2016. The bids did come in within budget, but they didn't come in way under budget. A general obligation bond can be taken out for up to \$695.00, with the final request amount dependent upon the decision of the paving projects. We have been discussing a general obligation bond of \$600,000, with a

repayment period of 4 years. This would be similar to the payment amounts the school has been currently making. Because of the pricing variances, Mr. Qualkinbush suggested waiting until decisions are made about the possibility of re-bidding before authorizing the sale of the general obligation bond at a higher amount. This would allow the general obligation bond to match with the construction costs. The general obligation bond process takes about 2 months, so he believes that we have some time to work with if the board should decide to re-bid and still stay on a timeline that would allow the paving to be completed during the summer months. Mr. Qualkinbush stated this process would also allow time for the funds to be in hand, so corporation dollars wouldn't have to be used on a temporary basis. After the board receives the recommendations from the architects, and make the decisions, he can put together a schedule for when the board would want to proceed with the general obligation bond process.

Personnel:

Resignation/Leave Request:

Upon the request of Mrs. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Cornelius, they recommended the board accept the resignations from Molly Starnes as a part time custodian effective January 10, 2018, the resignation of Amanda Smith as the high school head cheer coach effective January 31, 2018, and the resignation of Amber Cates as the high school assistant cheer coach effective January 31, 2018. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the leave request from Brittony Landis beginning April 26th through the end of the 2017/18 school year. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Employment:

Upon the request of Mr. Karazsia and Mrs. Cornelius, they recommended the board officially approve the hiring of Paulette Lannan as the head cheer coach for the remainder of the 2017/18

school year or until her successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Karazsia and Mrs. Cornelius, they recommended the board approve Chris Taylor as the high school boys' golf 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. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Karazsia and Mrs. Cornelius, they recommended the board approve Travis Coleman as the high school girls' cross country coach and Bill Doyle as the high school boys' cross country coach for the 2018/19 season or until their successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Karazsia, Mrs. Cornelius, and Mrs. Lannan, they recommended the board officially approve the hiring of Nick Dixon as a volunteer cheer coach for the remainder of the 2017/18 school year. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Upon the request of Mr. Karazsia, Mrs. Cornelius, and Mrs. Fougrousse, they recommended the board approve Nicole Fougrousse as a volunteer softball coach for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Claims and Financials:

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve the financial report and claims #22943-22946; #22951-23031 and all EFT's as presented. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: House, Preble, Witty, Newman

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Other:

None

Patron Comments:

None

Principal/Superintendent/Board Comments:

Mr. Brewer thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations. The 5th and 6th grade boys'/girls' basketball season is wrapping up. He thanked Mr. Berns and the coaches for their time and effort in making the basketball season successful. The school held its first ELearning day with sessions on high ability, special education, communication, curriculum mapping, safety training and several other sessions that were very beneficial. The teachers checked their emails throughout the day, being able to see that students were completing their work. There were no students that came to school in the elementary on ELearning day.

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that the middle school boys'/girls' basketball season just finished with the banquet. In the middle school Elearning day was a success, in addition we are just finishing up the practice test for ISTEP, with the testing beginning on February 28th. She thanked Mrs. Hill and the students for their presentations and stated that the Junior National Honor Society

invitations were sent out today.

Mrs. Cornelius stated that there were a lot of positive comments in the high school on the success of the ELearning day. The communication with the students went well with very few issues and she feels like the staff benefited the most from the safety training. She has been pleased about the student response, to the recent tragic shooting incident in Florida, and the changes the students would like to be part of in making a difference at our school. She thanked Mrs. Hill and the students for their presentations.

Mr. House thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations. He enjoyed the FFA banquet last year and looks forward to attending this year. He wished the basketball team good luck in the upcoming sectional.

Mr. Preble thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and appreciates the success of the agriculture program.

Mr. Newman congratulated the coaches and the girls' basketball team on a successful season. He thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and looks forward to the FFA breakfast. If you want to have faith in the future of our young people, go to the FFA convention and you will be encouraged.

Mr. Witty thanked the students and Mrs. Hill for their presentations and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He appreciates the administrators and the teachers for working together and making the school run smoothly.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Ralph Witty

Les Newman

Clint House

John Preble

Mike Perigo