

LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 16, 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 7:02 p.m. In attendance were the following board members:

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

Also in attendance were: Alicia Cornelius, Lisa Hollingsworth, Kent Brewer, Kelly Lannan, D'Lee Sipes, Brian Oliver, Jeff Qualkinbush, Sam Drummy, Ron Bush, 3 patrons, and one media representative.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon the request of Mr. Brewer, he recommended the board approve minutes from the March 19, 2018 regular 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)

Old Business:

Mr. Witty stated that at the March 19, 2018 board meeting Carla Gambill was given the authority to contract with an Interim Superintendent. Mr. Witty recommended the board officially approve the Interim Superintendents contract with Mr. Bush as presented. 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. Bush introduced Mr. Qualkinbush, who presented information regarding the Public Hearing and the General Obligation Bond.

Mr. Qualkinbush stated that the Public Hearing is being held tonight, in connection with the next General Obligation Bond sale, which the board is exploring to issue for additional facility improvements. The 2016 bond that was previously issued has its final payment due on January 15, 2019, which is funded from this year's levy. The new bond, which encompasses a larger size project, would be levied in 2019, payable for four years. The interest rates on the new bond will be about the same as the 2016 bond that we are currently paying. We will publish the notice of the bond sale in the local paper and will be accepting bids until the 1st of May. We will then award the bond to the lowest interest bidder and close the transaction by the first of June. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Qualkinbush further discussed the resolutions and explained the sale, the repayment schedule, and interest rate of the bond. The financial institution that would be serving as the registrar paying agent has been delegated to Mrs. Gambill, as the Treasurer, and Mr. Bush as the Interim Superintendent. We received two proposals, one from Old National and the other one from 1st Financial Bank of Terre Haute, with Old National being the cheaper of the two institutions. The additional appropriation resolution authorizes expenditures for the project up to \$700,000.

New Business:

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the Reimbursement-Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay for all or a portion of miscellaneous outdoor site improvement projects and costs associated therewith and on account of the issuance of the bonds. In addition he also recommended the board approve the appropriation resolution of the General Obligation Bond proceeds and interest earnings thereon. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the resolution authorizing a request for a waiver from the implementation of protected taxes. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the donation from Hahn Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500 donated to the FFA Club for the banquet. Mr. House 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. Bush requested that Mr. Witty explain the paving bids that were received for the project. Mr. Witty stated that four bids were received with Wolfe Construction, in the amount of \$476,768, being the cheapest bid. He also explained the specifications of the bid after which, Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the bid from Wolfe Construction. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Perigo seconded the bid.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Bush introduced Mr. Oliver for the Industrial Arts department presentation.

Mr. Oliver stated he has 6 classes this year in the Industrial Arts classes. He has 29 students in the middle school class. Those students have completed several small projects this past semester but are anxious to build something in the work shop. The high school wood working class is preparing and finalizing their ideas for their final project. The construction class is learning about single pole wiring and then will learn about 3 way switches in the next week. The transportation class became knowledgeable about small engines the first semester and will be launching their rockets soon, depending on the weather. The welding class has fewer students this year but it has allowed the students to participate in more

projects. The engineering class just finished designing a speaker mount and is currently working on a bridge design. Mr. Oliver just hosted the 8th annual engineering challenge with 6 schools participating and 122 students. There were 8 competitions total, seven of which were team competitions. Linton-Stockton received four first place finishes and a single 2nd place finish. Boston Scientific sponsored the event and provided the judges.

Mr. Preble asked Mr. Oliver if he has enough resources to expand the number of students that are enrolled in his classes. Mr. Oliver said he is unable to expand the number of students in his classes and they are at full capacity. He has received new equipment from Twin Rivers this year but storage is becoming a problem. Mr. Preble stated that he hears discussion about how there is a high demand for Industrial Arts skills in the workforce and as a school corporation we need to make sure that students are provided with the necessary facilities and resources to make them successful in this area. Mr. Oliver feels that we are doing a really good job at providing instruction to students so they are interested in moving on to the Twin Rivers program.

Mr. Witty gave an update on construction progress but stated that weather has caused delays but dirt has been moved to begin the project.

Personnel:

Resignations/Leave Request/Termination:

Mr. Bush recommended the board accept the resignation of Katelyn Wells as a food service employee effective April 6, 2018. Mr. Perigo 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. Bush recommended the board accept the resignation of Norma Partlow as a bus driver and full time custodian effective March 26, 2018. Mr. Witty 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. Bush recommended the board approve the leave request for Jerisa Yingling effective at the beginning of the 2018/19 school year and continuing through the first semester which ends on December 21, 2018. Mr. Preble 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)

Mr. Bush recommended the board accept the resignation of Marlene Cooper as school nurse effective April 20, 2018. Marlene has been serving our district well for 22 years. Mr. Preble 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)

Mr. Bush concurred with Mrs. Hollingsworth and recommended the board approve the decision of Mrs. Hollingsworth, to place a teacher on medical leave for the remainder of the 2017/18 school year effective immediately. 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)

Employment:

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve adding one additional teaching position in the elementary and one additional special education teaching position in the middle school/high school beginning with the 2018/19 school year. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Bush concurred with Mr. Brewer and recommended the board approve Brittany Parr as a full time school year custodian effective April 17, 2018. Brittany is currently a part time custodian. Mr. Perigo 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. Bush concurred with Mr. Luke Jerrells, Mr. Karazsia, and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Chris Taylor, Rick Jerrells, and Brett Dunkerly as high school volunteer boys' golf coaches for the 2017/18 school year. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Bush concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Karazsia, and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Tyler Hall as a high school volunteer boys'/girls' track coach for the 2017/18 school 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)

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the financial report and claims #23134-23137; #23142-23226 and all EFT's as presented. 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)

Mr. Bush recommended the board approve the pay application #1 with Wolfe Construction Company in the amount of \$12,587.50. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Other:

Mr. Bush concurred with Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board waive the 1st reading of the amended Tobacco Policy and in addition, he concurred with Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve the amended tobacco policy as indicated in the board packet. 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)

Mr. Perigo recommended the board approve inquiring into the replacement of the sound system in the auditoria. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion. Mr. House stated that he feels like this is something that is needed and we will just need to see if it can be fit into the budget.

On roll call:

AYE: Witty, Newman, Perigo, House, Preble

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Patron Comments:

Mrs. Cheryl Hamilton, speaking on behalf of the Linton Chamber of Commerce, wanted to recognize the students that helped out at the “Buy Indiana Expo” recently held at French Lick Springs Hotel. The students were of great help and did everything they were asked of. They were Ryan Figg, Lincoln Hale, Ashley Johnson, Kaylee Stuppy, Crystal McBride, and Madison Wilkes. Kaylee also sings and will likely have an opportunity to sing the National Anthem on Crane Base in the future. Mrs. Hamilton also wanted to take a moment to recognize Dawson Brown and Matthew Miller, who have helped with the sound system during the Freedom Festival scholarship pageant. She thanked the board for allowing the students to participate in all these activities.

Board/Superintendent/Principal Comments

Mrs. Cornelius stated that students are currently completing ISTEP testing and she and Mrs. Mansfield are finalizing the class schedules for next year. She thanked Mrs. Cooper for her service, and in the short time that they were able to work together she was great to work with. Mrs. Cornelius also thanked the board for the approval of additional staffing and thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation.

Mrs. Hollingsworth thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation and Mrs. Cooper for her service. She thanked the board for the additional staffing, especially in the special education department. Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that 89 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society last Wednesday. She thanked the high school National Honor Society for organizing and conducting the program. The NJHS students will be providing community service time at the school, helping to beautify the campus. The Middle School has also started ISTEP.

Mr. Brewer stated that ISTEP testing continues this week for the 3rd through 5th grade students. He congratulated Mrs. Cooper and praised her for always putting the students first. He also thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation and thanked the board for the approval of additional staffing.

Mr. Perigo thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation and thanked Mrs. Cooper for her service and taking her job very seriously. He congratulated the band and choir students, along with the teachers on their gold performances. Mr. Perigo also congratulated the boys’ track team on winning the North Know invitational.

Mr. Newman thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation to the board and thanked Marlene for her work, she will greatly missed. He congratulated the band and choir students for their gold performances, along with the boys' track team on their success. He stated there are a lot of good things going on at the school.

Mr. House thanked Mr. Oliver for his presentation and thanked Mrs. Cooper for her service. He also thanked Mrs. Hamilton for sharing the information on the students.

Mr. Preble thanked Mr. Oliver for the things he is teaching to the students and also stated that he enjoyed the musical and the students' performances. He congratulated the choir and band students on their recent performances and is grateful for the continued success of these programs. He thanked Mrs. Hamilton for recognizing the students that helped at the "Buy Indiana Expo" and the Freedom Festival pageant. Mr. Preble reminded the board of the next ISBA regional meeting on May 7th and updated everyone on the status of the superintendent search. There has been two interviews conducted with four more scheduled. He would like to schedule another board meeting on April 26th to further discuss the candidates and possibly conduct second interviews.

Mr. Witty thanked Mr. Oliver for coming to the meeting and giving a presentation He also appreciates the teachers who came to the board meeting and thanked Mrs. Hamilton for sharing the information on our students.

Mr. Bush stated he has enjoyed coming back and not surprised how everyone has stepped up in the absence of a superintendent.

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

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Ralph Witty

Les Newman

Clint House

Mike Perigo

John Preble