

**LINTON-STOCKTON SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 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. Les Newman
Mr. Ralph Witty
Mr. Clint House
Mr. John Preble

Not in attendance: Mr. Mike Perigo

Also in attendance were: Alicia Cornelius, Lisa Hollingsworth, Terran Williams, John Williams, Jess Stanton, Rodney Bredeweg, Nick Karazsia, Sam Drummy and one media representative.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 budget adoption meeting and regular board meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve payment of a stipend to all employees and administrative staff who do not qualify to receive a stipend under the Teacher Appreciation Grant guidelines and who meets all of the criteria defined in the enclosed document. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None

(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board review the donations policy as presented and the criteria set forth in the proposed policy. This is the first reading of the policy, which will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the enclosed extra-curricular salary schedule for all approved coaches/sponsors that are not otherwise already employed for the Linton-Stockton School Corporation. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board on the advice of counsels, not approve payment of invoices from EMCOR, Kovert Hawkins, Context, or Veridus due to the fact the School Corporation terminated the negotiations with EMCOR prior to executing a contract for the design and construction of the outdoor physical education support facility with EMCOR. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the following donations:

Waylon Fonderhide – 2 microwaves for the High School Auditoria
Knights of Columbus - \$1,060.00 to the Senior Class of 2019
Anthony Kenzor \$300.00 to the Middle School Girls' Basketball Team
Linton Civitan Club \$50.00 to the Middle School Civitan Club
Linton-Stockton Elementary PTO - \$100.00 to the Middle School Spirit Club
Barrette Goodman - \$20.00 to the Middle School Girls Basketball Team

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

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board give him authorization to enter into a purchase agreement between the Linton-Stockton School Corporation and Jarrod Skinner on real estate located at 110 I Street NW, Linton, IN 47441. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Terran Williams reviewed the classes for the choral department. The program has grown with the 6th grade choir going from 9 students to 26 students this year, the 7th and 8th grade choir has increased by 6 students with a total of 36 students, and the high school choir has went from 24 students to 40 students this year. The number of boys in choir has increased from 2 boys last year to 20 boys this year, which gives them the opportunity to travel to Purdue in February to participate in a contest. Both the high school and middle school choirs received gold ratings at ISSMA this past year. Ms. Williams started raising money last year with the hopes of starting a strings class soon, along with having a show choir this year. Ms. Williams is the K-12 chairperson now and would like to work more with the elementary. Ms. Williams will be speaking at the music conference in Fort Wayne and it will be her first time presenting. One student will be attending the state honors choir in January.

Mr. Preble stated the Fall Follies were enjoyable and the talent was really good. He commended her on the work she is doing. Mr. Karazsia asked if the show choir will be an afterschool activity or incorporated in the classroom? Ms. Williams stated that likely the show choir will be an afterschool activity but this year 70 percent of the program is developed because of the Fall Follies.

Mr. John Williams shared information on his first year as band director. He has 2 middle school general music classes, the 6th grade level and the other general music class is both 7th and 8th grade combined. In these classes students are taught different styles of music that includes jazz, hand drumming, and a variety of techniques. He is teaching a percussion technique class in the high school along with the advanced concert band. There are 41 beginners in the elementary class, 47 students in the 6th grade class, 67 students enrolled in the 7th and 8th grade combined class, and 72 students in the high school band. He would like to see student enrollment increase in both the middle school band and the high school band. If you can keep a large majority of the students continuing in band as they enter high school, then after a few years the numbers will naturally increase in the high school. The marching band went well this year and performed as expected but he also plans to make changes in the future. The band had fun with the Halloween parade and recently performed at the Veterans Day program. Upcoming events include the holiday concert which will be held on December 17th, starting at 2:00 for the high school and 5:00 for the middle school and basketball season starts on December 15th.

Mr. Preble questioned if there are any students that join band when they get to the high school level. Mr. Williams stated that very few students begin band at that point but it is possible by starting with the percussion technique class. Mr. Williams is hoping to partner with Vincennes University in offering students a music recording class that would work in conjunction with the percussion course, making each one semester long. Mr. House questioned if the percussion course would continue into the next semester. Mr. Williams stated that it would this year but he is hopeful to add other course options next year. Mr. Preble questioned if a lack of instruments is a problem. Mr. Williams stated that the cost of an instrument is always a question of concern from parents. He is also concerned with some of the schools instruments needing replaced due to the age of the instruments.

Mr. Karazsia updated everyone on the construction project. The board met with the architect recently, with another meeting scheduled in December. Once details are worked out, bids will be sent out after the first of the year and the hopes of breaking ground will take place prior to the end of the school year

Personnel:

Resignations:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve the resignation of Holly Boyd as an elementary instructional assistant effective October 27, 2017. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Employment:

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Houston and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Ronald Ferree as a full time high school custodian effective November 21, 2017. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Houston and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Norma Partlow as a full time high school custodian effective November 21, 2017. Ms. Partlow will be required to obtain her CDL license within three months of

her date of hire. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Brewer and recommended the board approve Danielle Leigh as an elementary instructional assistant effective November 21, 2017. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Brewer and recommended the board approve Jennifer Barnard as an elementary instructional assistant effective November 21, 2017. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Britney Lynn as the high school girls' assistant track coach for the 2017/18 season or until her successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Newman seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Hollingsworth and recommended the board approve Wes Franklin as the middle school boys' track coach for the 2017/18 season or until his successor is appointed by the administration. Mr.

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

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Lynn, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Hollingsworth and recommended the board approve Cara O'Bryan as the middle school girls' track coach for the 2017/18 season or until her 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: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Yingling and Mrs. Hollingsworth and recommended the board approve Brooke Feaster as the Junior Miner Kadet sponsor for the 2017/18 season or until her 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: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Yingling and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Olivia Sparks as a volunteer junior varsity Miner Kadet sponsor for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Hart, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, Mr. Berns, and Mr. Brewer and recommended the board approve the following as volunteer boys' basketball coaches for the 2017/18 season:

Gene Hall – Elementary
Shawn Hall – Elementary

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

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Fougrouse, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Bart Berns as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mrs. Fougrouse, Mr. Charlie Karazsia, and Mrs. Cornelius and recommended the board approve Cain Smith as a volunteer softball coach for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Preble made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. House seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia concurred with Mr. Brewer and recommended the board approve Tiffany Todd as the elementary robotics club sponsor for the 2017/18 school year or until her successor is appointed by the administration. Mr. Witty made a motion to approve the recommendation and Mr. Preble seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Mr. Karazsia stated that if the board didn't have any objections he would like to combine the volunteer coaches in the future into one recommendation. There were no objections to this idea.

Claims and Financial Report:

Mr. Karazsia recommended the board approve claims #22671-22675; #22680-22774; EFT's and the financial reports for the month as presented. Mr. House made a motion to approve the recommendation Mr. Witty seconded the motion.

On roll call:

AYE: Newman, House, Preble, Witty

NAY: None
(motion unanimously carried)

Other:

None

Patron Comments:

None

Principal/Superintendent/Board Comments:

Mrs. Cornelius stated that she meets the 3rd Friday of every month with department chairpersons, recently working on diploma track pathways within their specific department. This helps with guidance on student schedules and allows the teacher opportunity to recommend the classes for that students' diploma track. Mrs. Cornelius is currently working at setting a schedule based on the recommended diploma tracks, which is the first time we have tried this type of scheduling. Also, we are reviewing the weighted classes, grading scale, and calculations which is currently calculated by GPA points and not the percentage the students earns in that class. Mrs. Cornelius is currently working with a student advisory committee discussing dress codes, cell phones, etc. which allows students to take some ownership in developing the student handbook. She would like to see the same handbook implemented for grades 6-12.

Mrs. Hollingsworth meets with the middle school student advisory committee every Thursday. We have reviewed the handbook and received feedback from the students giving them a voice and ownership in the development of the handbook. Mrs. Hollingsworth feels like this is just a small step in building student morale.

Mr. Preble questioned them how the students were selected to serve on the committee. Mrs. Cornelius stated she sent an email out asking students, who were interested in serving on the committee, to contact her and tell her why they would like to be part of this committee. She compiled a list from those students who responded and asked the department's chairs to review the list and make their recommendations to her. Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that the middle school students had the opportunity to sign up if

they wanted to participate. Based on the sign up, she randomly selected two students from each grade level and ended up with a diverse group. The high school has 15 students on the committee and the middle school has six students.

Mrs. Cornelius stated that most of the students have completed the 2nd round of NWEA testing in the high school, with re-testing for ISTEP and ECA coming up soon. This will be the last year for ECA. Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that the middle school will take the NWEA test the first week of December with student goals set by the teacher.

Mrs. Cornelius stated that the high school girls' basketball team is having early success this season and invited everyone to the band concert that is coming up.

Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that the high ability conference will be held soon and the school will be sending a team of 4 to the conference. Other upcoming events include the Student Press cook off, the winter dance and the band concert.

Mr. House thanked the music department for their presentations and feels they are doing a great job. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Preble thanked the music department for their presentations and feels that the music department is a valuable part of the school. He commended the principals for their hard work and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Newman thanked the music department for their presentations and their information indicating another good example of the great things that are going on at the school.

Mr. Karazsia thanked everyone for their presentations and wanted to mention the upcoming elementary Winter Walk on December 5th beginning at 5:30. He wished Eastern Greene good luck at the football state championship game and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Witty thanked everyone for their presentations and thanked the principals for their work. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, Mr. Witty adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Ralph Witty

Leslie Newman

Clint House

Mike Perigo

John Preble