

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Administration Building
April 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ralph Burchett. CHS Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Ralph Burchett, Warren Taylor, Lori Savoy, Carl Hylton, Chris Hunt, and Ann Kirschner

Board Members Absent: Ron Spurlock

Others Present: Dr. Russell E. Hodges, Scott Collins, Dr. Stephen R. Bayer, Randal Judd, Tina Jacobik, Mia McCreary, Trent Liggett, Beth Denham, Shane Russell, Art Johns, Rickie Rose, Mike Thompson, Kathryn Schlichte, James Sprague, Victoria Templeton, Cheyenna Henry, Carrie Henry, Alec Guerin, Spencer Bunyard, Jan Dunham, Terry Miller, and recording secretary Cindy Young

School Recognition: CHS Principal Randy Judd, Tina Jacobik, CHS Science Teacher and Michael Thompson presented a power-point presentation on CHS Early College High School. The main focus of the Early College High School is to prepare students for successful high school graduation, to help students become College and Career ready and to help students be successful at post-secondary level. Connersville High School is 1 of 12 high schools that has been endorsed as an early college high school. There are 3 different “Pathways” that students can complete, earning a minimum of 1 year of college (30 credits). The 3 pathways are Liberal Arts, Science and Math and Business. Along with the different pathways the school provides 2-3 advisors per grade level, monthly meetings and student ambassadors. Student Ambassadors shared with the Board how many college credits they will have earned through this program:

- Spencer Bunyard- will have earned 20 college credits by the end of his junior year
- Alec Guerin – will have earned 20 college credits by the end of his junior year
- Cheyenna Henry will have earned enough credits by the end of her senior year to have completed 1 year of college. She will have completed one year of college at a cost of \$500 saving \$25,000
- Victoria Templeton – will have earned 61 credits by the end of her senior year. She will be going into the nursing field at IU East and will have fulfilled all of her pre-requisites and will advance right into the nursing program. The cost to her has been \$500 and she will have saved \$12,884.

All teachers in the Early College Program must have a Master’s degree with at least 18 hours in the content area. The course is developed with a college partner and the course and instructor are evaluated by the college partner. The instructor is considered college adjunct faculty.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as Submitted/Amended: Carl Hylton made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Ann Kirschner seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Patron Comments on Agenda Items: There were no patron comments.

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of Minutes** of Regular Business Meeting of 3/8/16
- **Personnel Report – Retirements /Resignation/ Leaves of Absence:**
Retirements:

Support Staff:

1. James Gouvan Bus Aide - Transportation
Effective March 18, 2016

Resignations:

Certified Staff:

1. Kim Lephew Cosmetology Teacher
Effective April 6, 2016
2. Kaitlin Pizzimenti English Teacher - CHS
Effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year
3. Meghan Scales Elementary Teacher – Fayette Central
Effective March 18, 2016

Support Staff:

1. Virginia Greiner Educational Assistant – Fayette Central
Effective April 15, 2016
2. Odessa Schlichte Educational Assistant – WCC
Effective April 15, 2016

Administrative Leave:

- 1, Kim Lephew Cosmetology Teacher - WCC
Effective April 4 & 5, 2016

- **Approval of March, 2016 Claims** # 42373 to # 42716 in the amount of \$3,670,836.02
- **Mandated Price Increase for Breakfast and Lunch for the 2016-17 School Year:** Five years ago, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act was instituted to ensure sufficient funds are provided to serve healthy meals to students as outlined by the US Department of Agriculture. The mandate includes a price increase during each of the next 10 years which will eventually increase all lunches to a minimum of \$2.78 per meal for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast. As a result the lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year will be as follows; Elementary \$2.30, Secondary Lunch \$2.50, all student breakfast \$1.50, Adult Lunches \$3.10, Adult Breakfast \$1.90.
- **Request Approval to Accept Chartwells' Investment in Food Service:** Acceptance of an Investment for a new van for the summer feeding program and new station signage for the Café Refresh initiative at no cost to FCSC from Chartwells'. Additionally, Chartwells has offered a \$225,000 investment for improvements to our service program with a repayment of \$45,000 per year coming from our food service fund.
- **Acceptance of Food Service Equipment Grant from the State:** The Board accepted a state grant of \$5321 covering the full cost for a new reach in refrigerator and a hot food serving counter at Frazee Elementary
- **Donations:** A donation of \$1,000 was accepted from the Nixon Tool Co to WCC to help pay student expenses at Skills USA
- **Acceptance of Insurance Trust Allocation of Wellness Dollars:** The Board accepted an allocation of \$14,040 from the Insurance Trust Board for the purpose of supporting wellness initiatives for health insured members for 2016-2017

Carl Hylton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chris Hunt seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Action Items:

Personnel Report: Recommendation for Employment, etc.

Certified Staff:

1. Catherine Shepherd Guidance Counselor - CHS
Effective July 1, 2016

Support Staff:

1. Caitlin Richardson Title I Educational Assistant - Maplewood
Effective March 7, 2016

Extracurricular:

1. Laura Davis Department Chair - CHS
Effective August 8, 2016
2. Bryan Mitchell Head Football Coach - CMS
Effective March 4, 2016
3. Brooke Pentecost Special Educational Assistant – Eastview
Effective March 28, 2016

The Administration requested authorization to issue to support personnel, bus drivers, substitute teachers and substitute custodians serving less than 12 months a letter of intent to re-employ for the 2016-2017 school year.

Carl Hylton made a motion to approve the personnel report as submitted. Lori Savoy seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar and Draft School Calendar for 2017-2018:

Dr. Hodges stated that the 2016-2017 adopted school calendar had been revised due to testing that will be done in April of 2017. The snow day that was originally scheduled for April 17th had been removed. All needed snows days will be added to the end of the school year. A draft of the 2017-2018 school calendar was presented for adoption. The calendar has school beginning for students on August 9, 2017 with 1 week for fall break, a 2 week Christmas break and 1 week for spring break. The last student day would be May23. Ann Kirschner made a motion to approve the revised 2016-2017 and adopt the 2017-2018 school calendars. Chris Hunt seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Elementary, CMS, CHS, WCC Discipline Plans/Bus Conduct/FCSC Code of Conduct:

Mr. Collins stated that he had presented the elementary, CMS, CHS, WCC Discipline Plans, Bus Conduct plans and FCSC Code of Conduct for their review. Mr. Collins explained to the Board that one change had been made to the WCC Discipline Plan that addressed look-alike chewing tobacco and one change to the CHS handbook that dealt with CHS graduation language. Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the handbooks and FCSC Code of Conduct as presented. Lori Savoy seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Hall of Fame 2016 Inductees:

Dr. Hodges presented on behalf of the 2016 Hall of Fame Committee the names of Larry Clawson, Lori Dickerson, Cathy Jo Harvey and Don Miller as the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees. Carl Hylton made a motion to approve Larry Clawson, Lori Dickerson, Cathy Jo Harvey and Don Miller as the 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees. Chris Hunt seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Recommendation for Alquina and Orange Properties:

Dr. Hodges stated the Board at the February Board Meeting has extended the deadline for business proposals and one proposal had been received by the extended deadline. A Board committee had met and did not feel the business proposal fit the expectations and recommended the Board reject the Business Plan. Lori Savoy made a motion to reject the Business Plan. Carl Hylton provided the second and the motion

passed 6-0. The committee recommended the demolition of the Alquina and Orange building by Wolfe Construction with the low bid of \$114,625.00. Chris Hunt made a motion to hire Wolfe Construction for the demolition of Alquina and Orange school buildings. Carl Hylton seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Hodges stated the time capsule at the Alquina building was opened to see if there were any documents inside that would speak to the disposal of the property. Finding none the corporation had done a title search through Independent Title Company. The title search showed no limitation as to the disposal of either the Alquina or Orange properties. Dr. Hodges recommended that any memorabilia from either school be donated to the Historic Connersville Museum. Lori Savoy made a motion to donate memorabilia from either school to the Historic Connersville Museum. Carl Hylton seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Recommendation of Approval of Quotes for 2016 Summer Projects: Mrs. Kellam-Tollett recommended the approval of the following bids for the 2016 Summer Projects:

- Concrete Projects – Graf
 - Everton Sidewalk \$14,400.00
 - Eastview Sidewalk \$16,800.00
 - CMS Sidewalk \$13,200.00
 - Fayette Central Dumpster Pad \$ 1,920.00
- Chiller Replacement, Louvered Enclosure, Warranties-Johnson Controls
 - Eastview \$101,151.00
- Canopy – Byrco Inc.
 - Eastview \$21,250.00
- Sealing – Yaryan
 - Church Parking Lot – CMS Parking Area \$1,375.00
 - Grandview \$4,280.00
- Sealing – O & S
 - Spartan Drive \$4,500.00
- Carpeting – Wholesale Carpet (Only Bidder)
 - Grandview 17, 19, and 21 \$8,914.47
 - Eastview 112, 117, and copy room
 - And bath area \$6,221.24
 - Frazee 5, 6 and 8 \$8,413.46
 - Maplewood 105, 106, and 118 \$8,525.15
 - CMS 208 and 310 \$7599.19
- Interior Doors and Locks – La Force
 - Fayette Central \$21,389.00
 - Frazee \$29,264.00
- Interior Door Frame Painting – Allen Painting Company
 - Fayette Central \$ 4,725.00
- Lower Level Concession Stand – Pridemark Construction (Only Bidder)
 - CHS Soccer and Softball Fields \$164,136.39

Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the bids for 2016 Summer Projects. Carl Hylton seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Permission to Submit Wavier for School Corporation of Implementation of Protected Taxes: Mrs. Kellam-Tollett requested approval of the submission of the wavier on behalf of

Fayette County School Corporation. This allows for the protected funds (debt service funds) to continue to be impacted by their fair share of the circuit breaker credits instead of Transportation, Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Funds carrying the full load. Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the filing of the waiver. Carl Hylton seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments: There were no comments

Report Items:

Superintendent's Discussion Groups' Reports: No Report

Principals'/Directors' Reports: No Report

Director of Human Resources' Report: Dr. Bayer reminded the Board of the 2016 Retirement Dinner to be held on May 2, 2016. A total of six teachers and 5 support staff will be recognized. Dr. Bayer stated that the 2016-2017 recruitment meetings have begun.

Director of Finance's Report: No Report

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Mr. Collins stated that ISTEP+ testing has begun and commended the principals and the Tech. Team for all their work in preparation.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Hodges thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the NSBA Annual Conference. One of the sessions that he attended was a legal update on an Every Student Succeeds Act. This act would give states and local schools a lot more autonomy on what schools can do without federal interference. With the administration overreach it is not clear what this would look like. The State Board of Education is beginning to implement some of the rules. The Governor has said there will no longer be an ISTEP+ testing but the ESSA still says we have to do a student assessment on the same grades as in the past for math and English/Language Arts. Several sessions that he attended dealt with 3R's Rigor, Relevance and Relationships and how important relationships are with adults working with students.

Good of the Cause: Mr. Burchett congratulated WCC students who attended the Skills USA competition. Fifty-four students participated with 35 receiving medals and 12 of those being gold medals. Mr. Burchett stated he had enjoyed the speakers at the recent NSBA School Board Conference.

Carl Hylton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Warren Taylor seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Ralph Burchett, President

Chris Hunt, Secretary