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March 10, 2008

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Greg Eller.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, Board members present were Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, Stephen Bultinck, Greg Eller, Rebecca Sprague, and Kay Walton. Absent was Board Member Frank Lane. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 11th Regular Meeting and the memorandum of the February 25th Work Session were presented for Board approval.

Mrs. Walton corrected the work session memorandum of February 25th noting that Mr. Wagner was not in attendance due to illness. Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the minutes and memorandum as amended.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

1. Superintendent Eiler notified the Board that for the tenth time in the past eleven years, Jefferson High School won the Purdue University regional science fair competition. Jeff students combined for six gold medals, ten silver medals, and eight bronze medals in fourteen different categories. One of the top two winners was Jefferson High School student Betsy Tao. She and her science teacher, Joe Ruhl, will be attending the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Georgia in May. One of the three runners-up was also from Jefferson High School, Ellen Coats. Mr. Stephen Randak was awarded the High School Outstanding Teacher Award as well as the fair director's award. Congratulations to those students and teachers.

2. Melissa George received notification that she was selected for an \$8,000 Lilly Grant. Melissa will be setting ecological sustainability in the Hawaiian Islands. Specifically, her project will study how the diverse populations, geological formations, economies and politics of the six major Hawaiian Islands influence each island's ability to maintain sustainable ecosystem environments.

3. Superintendent Eiler announced that Brian Bettag, technology education teacher at Sunnyside Middle School, had received the International Technology Educators Association's Award of Teacher of Excellence.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Superintendent Eiler amended the agenda to add recommendation Item #6, Title I Preschool Agreement with YWCA.

F. Recommendations

1. Recommend Approval of Textbooks

Textbooks in language arts and reading for kindergarten through eighth grade and World Language textbooks for the high school had been through the textbook adoption process as set forth in Indiana law. A recommendation from the Textbook Adoption Committee had been reviewed and was supported by the Administration for these texts and curricular materials. This recommendation did not include language arts and reading textbooks and curricular materials for the high school. These will come before the Board in April.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to approve the textbooks as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Walton.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Request Approval of Field Trip

The Administration recommended approval of the following field trip:

- a. FIRST Robotics, Jefferson High School, national competition, Atlanta, Georgia, April 16-20, 2008

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve the field trip request as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests and employment actions:

- a. Leaves

- 1. Jill Keys, pregnancy/childbirth, March 17, 2008 through April 28, 2008

- b. Resignations
 - 1. Keely L. Gaylord, English teacher, Jefferson High School effective July 31, 2008.
 - 2. Lisa Manuel, paraprofessional, Glen Acres Elementary School, effective December 21, 2007.
 - 3. Laura Wilkerson, food service employee, Tecumseh Junior High School, effective January 13, 2008.
- c. Employment
 - 1. Larry Barber, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (replacement)
 - 2. Nora Hobson, interpreter (replacement)
 - 3. Jodie Hollingsworth, elementary cook (replacement)
 - 4. Elyse Kightlinger, breakfast and lunch supervisor (replacement)
 - 5. Lisa Peters, G.L.A.S.S. LPN/program aide (replacement)
 - 6. Nikki Runkle, classroom assistant (new)
 - 7. Patricia Jean Santiemmo, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (new)
 - 8. Syra Stout, Title 1 Intervention assistant (new)

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended the Board accept the gifts listed below:

- a. Donation of \$100.00 to the Superintendent's Discretionary Fund (F.2050) in memory of Tressa Eiler from Sheila Klinker
- b. F.2200-LARA Donations of \$14,290.15

Mrs. Walton made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to accept the gifts as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5. Treasurer:

- a. The financial report will be filed for audit.
- b. The Administration recommended approval of the vendor claims and ratification of the payroll claims as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to approve the vendor claims and ratify payroll, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

6. Approve Title I Preschool Agreement with YWCA

Due to the discontinuation of the Even Start preschool program because of lack of federal funds, and after review of use of Title I funds, reallocation of certain funds was recommended. Title I is very supportive of having a preschool Title I program and is allowable under reallocation of the plan. An amendment to reinstate a preschool program was submitted to Title I and space for the program had been identified at the YWCA. A lease agreement with the YWCA had been prepared and the Administration recommended approval of the lease agreement contingent upon 1) review by legal counsel to ensure there is no problem with the lease, and 2) approval of the Title I amendment to approve the preschool.

Mrs. Walton made the motion to approve the lease as presented, seconded by Mr. Bultinck. Board members inquired as to the amount of space being leased (800 square feet) and where the preschool program was previously housed (Durgan). Deputy Superintendent Bob Foreman stated the school corporation would be entering into a lease, in the near future, with the Head Start Program for all of the space at Durgan. Deputy Superintendent Foreman stated at that time all of the space at Durgan, Washington and Linnwood will be utilized.

Superintendent Eiler apprised the Board that the Ford School building on South Street would be vacated when the addition to the National Guard Armory is completed in approximately two years. Under the terms of the lease, the building will revert back to the school corporation when it is vacated and could fulfill the corporation's need for storage space and other program uses.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck, Eller, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Information Only

1. Field Trip

- a. First Edition, Jefferson High School, competition, Warrensville South High School, Wheaton, Illinois, March 14-16, 2008

2. Use of Emergency Allocation CPF Funds
 - a. P.O. #80462, \$1,220.00, Tecumseh Junior High School, indoor air quality testing in stairway 1, 3rd floor landing
3. Vinton-Tecumseh Bond Anticipation Claim Status for February

H. Board Reports

1. Mrs. Walton reported on the Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser for the Public Schools Foundation held February 23rd, 2008 at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. There were thirteen participants and approximately \$6,500 was raised.

2. Mr. Bultinck made positive comments about the Indiana School Boards Association seminar on negotiations he had attended.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Eller asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mrs. Walton and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Greg L. Eller, President

Kay L. Walton, Secretary