

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll board members present were Greg Eller, Jess Washburn, Rebecca Sprague, Kay Walton, Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, and Steve Bultinck. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

D. Recognition

1. Good News

Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Assistant to the Superintendent, made the following recognitions:

a. Mr. Joe Fife, 4th grade teacher at Edgelea Elementary School had been selected WalMart Teacher of the Year. One of Mr. Fife's former students nominated him and he was surprised and honored to have been selected. In addition to Mr. Fife's recognition, Edgelea Elementary School will receive \$1,000.00 and Mr. Fife will receive \$100.00 to spend in his classroom. Board President Eller presented Mr. Fife with a Certificate of Recognition and congratulated him on his selection.

b. A positive behavior reward program was highlighted at Miami Elementary School where students can earn a Mystery Reward. Ten students are recognized daily by staff members for using their life skills. These students are given the privilege of signing the "Celebrity Notebook" in the school counselor's office. Each student draws a number and signs their name on that number on a chart of two-hundred squares. The parents of each of the ten students are contacted and informed of the positive behavior their child exhibited. The student's goal is to earn enough numbers to have ten squares in a row (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) to receive the ultimate Mystery Reward. Reportedly a variety of students are earning recognition from staff.

c. Volunteers from Evangelical Covenant Church assist at lunch and recess at Miller Elementary School and visit one-on-one with students. Church members also donate items, such as toys for indoor recess, when needed.

d. The Wyandotte team at Tecumseh Junior High School is collaborating with Purdue's Campus Sustainability program to devise inventions that would promote world sustainability. The students will enter their sustainability invention ideas in a national competition. In addition, the top group project from Tecumseh will be asked to present their sustainability invention idea at a sustainability contest for Purdue students sponsored by Purdue's Center for the Environment.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 8th Regular Board Meeting, the memorandum of the September 22nd Work Session, and the September 22nd executive session were presented for approval.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sprague. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Superintendent Eiler amended the agenda regarding Recommendation F-3c, items 9, 10, 13 and 24, stating these were replacement employment recommendations.

F. Recommendations

1. Request Permission to Advertise for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

The Administration requested permission to advertise for gasoline and diesel fuel bids as legally required.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to allow the administration to advertise for gasoline and diesel fuel.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Act on Bids for School Buses

Bids for school buses were opened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008, at the Hiatt Administration Center. A bid summary was provided to the Board. The Administration recommended Midwest Transit Equipment be awarded the bid for the four 84-passenger buses and the four 66-passenger special needs buses with a total bid of \$803,208.00. This did not include any trade-ins since the extra buses needed to be kept in our fleet. Even though Cardinal had a lower price for the 66-passenger bus, its engine did not meet our bid specifications. The Cardinal bid was with Cummins engines which are not wet sleeved engines. Also, there are no Cummins engines in the LSC bus fleet.

Mr. Washburn made the motion to accept the bid as presented, seconded by Mrs. Walton.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

a. Resignations

1. Cheryl Alcock, instructional assistant, Earhart Elementary School, effective August 8, 2008
2. Dee Bishop, food hostess, Oakland Elementary School, effective July 15, 2008
3. Odette Deardurff, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., effective September 18, 2008
4. Jessica Emery, food service, Miller Elementary School, effective August 18, 2008
5. Paula K. Fox, food service, Jefferson High School, effective August 5, 2008
6. Trisa I. Johnsen, G.L.A.S.S. aide, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective May 20, 2008
7. Cinda Price, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., Jefferson High School, effective September 16, 2008
8. Sylvia L. Spelbring, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant, effective August 22, 2008

b. Termination

1. Amber Stout, staff custodian, Glen Acres Elementary School, effective September 11, 2008

c. Employment

1. Kelly D. Alt, LEAP program aide (replacement)
2. Jennifer K. Avila, ELL aide (replacement)
3. Stephanie Berryman, health center receptionist (replacement)
4. Katharine Briegel, speech/language pathology aide (replacement)
5. Diane Cline, Title I instructional assistant (replacement)
6. Valerie Colvin, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
7. Rita Y. Cotton, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (new)
8. Anthony Espinoza, after school tutor (replacement)
9. Robert C. Faulkner, school bus driver (replacement)
10. David K. Furst, school bus driver (replacement)
11. Vicki Hill, part-time secretary (replacement)
12. Gina Howat, .5 FTE regular kindergarten/.5 FTE Title I kindergarten (new)
13. Katina Jefferson, school bus driver (replacement)
14. Phyllis A. Kirk, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (new)
15. Shirley Koors, title I instructional assistant (replacement)
16. Christopher Laurino, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
17. Carol Mason, kitchen staff (replacement)
18. Trish Peterson, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement/change in FTE/change in wages)
19. Stephen Reash, staff custodian (replacement)
20. Brooke Richards, program aide (replacement)
21. Mary Ann Satterfield, program aide (new)
22. Tracy Smith, program aide (replacement)
23. Chad Stambaugh, network engineer (replacement)

24. Maryland E. Tate, school bus driver (replacement)
25. Elizabeth Wilson, Title I instructional assistant (replacement)

Mrs. Sprague made the motion to approve the employee requests as amended, seconded by Mr. Washburn.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended the Board accept the following gifts:

- a. F. 220 LARA monetary donations \$14,140.86.

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

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

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 payrolls as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to ratify payrolls and approve vendor claims, seconded by Mrs. Sprague.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Board Information Only

1. Emergency Allocation Account
 - a. P.O. #83463, \$1,828.25, Scheumann – Test athletic turf for lead
 - b. P.O. #84052, \$1,422.00, Jeff High School – Removal of asbestos insulation
 - c. P.O. #84053, \$1,380.00, Glen Acres – IAQ test for Room 5 and the attic
2. Report on Construction Payments
 - a. From Account 611749 (Sweetbriar project)
 - b. From Account 611753 (Jeff Performing Arts Center, Sunnyside, and Jeff chiller projects)

H. Board Reports

1. Mrs. Walton reported the Public Schools Foundation would be holding a Boo Bash fundraiser at the Lafayette Theater on October 28th. The annual Phone-a-Thon fundraiser will be taking place on October 20th and 21st.

2. Dr. Stwalley commended the physical plant staff for their responsiveness to the recent fire emergency in the utility room at Jefferson High School. Mrs. Walton questioned if there was a second fire on Saturday. Superintendent Eiler responded that in the construction area dust from grinding triggered a sensor on the fire alarm that prompted the fire department to respond, but there was no fire.

3. Mr. Bultinck inquired pertinent to the emergency allocation regarding the lead testing on the turf in Scheumann Stadium, if there was any recourse for the corporation to be reimbursed for the cost of this testing. Superintendent Eiler stated board counsel had written a demand letter.

4. Mr. Wagner took this opportunity to thank Mr. Washburn for coming forward in June to be considered for the board vacancy in District I. Mr. Wagner felt Mr. Washburn had done a great job, quickly fitting in with the Board, and hoped to serve with him for the next four years. Mr. Washburn thanked the Board for selecting him.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Eller requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Greg L. Eller, President

Kay L. Walton, Secretary