

December 8, 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 School Board President Greg Eller.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 10th Regular Meeting, November 24th Special Board meeting, and the memorandum of the November 24th Work Session were presented for approval.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

Good News:

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

1. The Going the Extra Mile (G.E.M.) Award was presented to Mr. Pat Riley, teacher of emotionally disabled students at Oakland Elementary School. Oakland principal, Mr. Greg Louk, nominated Mr. Riley for this award stating he was the personification of "whatever it takes"; that he changes lives in the emotionally disabled classroom at Oakland. The parents of his students are absolutely grateful for his untiring work on behalf of their students as was Mr. Louk. Mr. Louk feels very fortunate to work alongside Mr. Riley who, he stated, is a fantastic individual. Board President Greg Eller presented Mr. Riley with the G.E.M. Award at the recommendation of Mr. Louk and on behalf of the Board of School Trustees.

2. A group of graduate students, faculty, and one Lafayette School Corporation junior high school teacher recently returned from China. Andrea Blocher, Tecumseh Junior High School teacher, was a part of this group. Lesson plans were created prior to the trip and taught while in China. Ms. Blocher kept a blog during her China trip in order to keep in touch with her students at Tecumseh during her absence.

3. Logan's Roadhouse will be sponsoring thirty Oakland Elementary students with the Backpack Program through FoodFinders Food Bank. FoodFinders fills backpacks with nonperishable foods to sustain our neediest children through each weekend.

4. The Families and Schools Together (F.A.S.T.) program will be starting up at Oakland Elementary School. F.A.S.T. is a family strengthening, parent involvement program delivered in schools and communities to build relationships between parents and schools, impart values and norms, and empower parents.
5. Laura Merkel, Murdock Elementary School, received a \$300.00 grant from Optimists International. Ms. Merkel will be creating homework supply kits for kindergarten students that will be given to the students' parents to work with their children at home.
6. It was noted that the Jefferson High School basketball teams were doing very well.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Dr. Eiler requested the agenda be amended to include:

F-5d.9., Brandon Bass, temporary art teacher at Jefferson High School;

F-6, additional gifts;

F-4, board policy G 400 Tobacco Free Environment removed from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

F. Recommendations

1. Request to Temporarily Advance Funds

Pursuant to I.C. 19-11-2-2, whenever in any school corporation it becomes necessary to enhance any depleted fund of the school corporation and there is sufficient money in the balance of any other fund of the school corporation which can be temporarily advanced or transferred to such depleted fund, it shall be lawful, upon authorization of the Board of School Trustees by resolution adopted, to advance and transfer to the depleted fund from any other such fund, such amount for such period of time as may be prescribed in the resolution. Any advancement and transfer of funds shall not be made for a period extending beyond the budget year of the year in which the advancement and transfer is made. Any such advancements and transfer shall be made only from funds derived from the levying and collection of special taxes, and from other revenue derived from any operation of the school corporation.

Temporary advancements may be made to any depleted fund of the school corporation from the General Fund, Debt Service, Transportation, Capital Projects, Pre-School Special Education Fund and Referendum Funds since the receipts of these funds are derived from the levying and collection of taxes on property. The Board must approve such advancements on an annual basis.

The Administration recommended that the Advance of Funds Resolution be adopted.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to give the treasurer permission to temporarily advance funds between our different funds and approve the resolution regarding that. Mr. Bultinck asked the administration to ensure budget year 2009 was referenced in the resolution.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Approve Lease for Additional Space for Headstart Program at Durgan

A lease agreement for the use of four additional rooms at Durgan by the Headstart program was provided for the Board's consideration. Presently Headstart is leasing three rooms in the west wing of the building. Headstart had asked about additional space when the Evenstart program discontinued at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. They were told that space would be available for lease if funding for Evenstart was not approved, which it was not. This happened before the school corporation was aware that Title I monies would be available for preschool classes. Headstart is just now able to move into the building because modifications had to be made to the building and various approvals had to be received in order to occupy the new classrooms. The Administration recommended approval of this lease for additional space to Headstart.

Mr. Washburn made the motion to approve the lease for additional space at Durgan for the Headstart Program, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Request Permission to Advertise for 2009 CPF Projects

The Administration requested permission to legally advertise for bids on the 2009 CPF projects approved with the budget.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to legally advertise for bids for the 2009 CPF projects, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. First Reading of Board Policies

This was the first reading of the following board policies:

G 100 Supremacy of Statutory Rights

G 101 Board Rights

G 102 Equal Employment Opportunity

G 103 Affirmative Action (DELETE)

G 105 Physical Examination for Administrators

G 106 Employment of Relatives of Lafayette School Corporation Employees and Board Members

- G 108 Nondiscrimination Policy
- G 111 Medical Procedures in School
- G 220 Recruitment and Selection of ~~Certificated~~ Personnel
- G 320 Non-Certificated Personnel (DELETE)
- G 343 Compensation for Secretarial/Clerical Personnel
- G 360 Appraisal of Non-Certificated Personnel
- G 380 Discipline of Non-Certificated Personnel
- G 391 Racial Harassment Policy
- I 609 Electronic Information Source Policy

No Board action was required on first reading. The board policies will be presented for second reading and adoption at the January board meeting.

5. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

- a. Leaves
 - 1. Michelle Stoyanoff, adoption leave, December 1, 2008-January 9, 2009
- b. Resignations
 - 1. Jennifer Critser, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., effective October 28, 2008
 - 2. Maria de Los Angeles Diaz, Title I preschool food service supervisor, Evangelical Covenant Church, effective November 17, 2008
- c. Termination
 - 1. Zachary Smiley, radio/TV assistant, Jefferson High School, effective November 4, 2008
- d. Employment
 - 1. Traci Beeler, Tecumseh cafeteria manager (replacement)
 - 2. Theresa Bell, elementary food hostess (replacement)
 - 3. Marilyn Bumbleburg, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
 - 4. Norma Hernandez-Melchor, Title I preschool food service supervisor (replacement)
 - 5. Angela Leap, .5 FTE Title I assistant (replacement)
 - 6. Amy Martin, Title I interventionist (replacement)
 - 7. Jordan Shurr, .5 FTE, ACC Consultant (temporary/replacement)
 - 8. Christian Allen Vester, radio/TV assistant (replacement)
 - 9. Brandon Bass, 1.0 FTE art teacher (temporary/replacement)

Mr. Wagner made the motion to accept the employee recommendations as amended, seconded by Mr. Washburn.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

6. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended the Board accept the following gifts:

- a. F. 2200 LARA monetary donations of \$1,471.86
- b. Three computer monitors, towers, keyboards, two laser printers, larger paper cutter and other office supplies from the local Democratic headquarters' office to Tecumseh Junior High School

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

7. Treasurer:

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

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

Board President Eller presented a plaque to Mr. Washburn recognizing him for his service to the Board. Mr. Washburn thanked the Board for providing him the opportunity to serve and enjoy the experience.

G. Board Reports

There were no reports from board members.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to present, Board President Eller asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mr. Washburn, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Greg L. Eller, President

Kay L. Walton, Secretary