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January 9, 2006

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 David Jarmon.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, Board members present were Kay Walton, Robert Stwalley, CarolJo Brown, Greg Eller, David Jarmon, Frank Lane and Rebecca Sprague. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Organization of Board

1. Election of President

Board President Jarmon asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board.

Mr. Lane nominated Robert Stwalley for the office of President of the Board of School Trustees. There were no other nominations for the office of president.

Mrs. Brown moved the nominations be closed for the office of President, seconded by Mrs. Sprague.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Stwalley.

The motion carried.

Roll Call on the motion to elect Robert Stwalley as president:

Ayes: Walton, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Stwalley.

The motion carried.

On behalf of the Board, President Stwalley presented a plaque to outgoing president Jarmon for his distinguished service as school board president from January 2004 until January 2006.

2. Election of Vice President

Board President Stwalley asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of School Trustees.

Dr. Jarmon nominated Greg Eller for the office of Vice President of the Board of School Trustees. There were no other nominations for the office of vice president.

Mrs. Brown moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Dr. Jarmon.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Eller.

The motion carried.

Roll Call on the motion to elect Greg Eller as vice president:

Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague

Nays: None.

Abstained: Eller.

The motion carried.

3. Election of Secretary

Board President Stwalley asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of School Trustees.

Mrs. Brown nominated Rebecca Sprague for the office of Secretary.

Mr. Eller moved the nominations be closed for the office of secretary, seconded by Dr. Jarmon.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Sprague.

The motion carried.

Roll Call on the motion to elect Rebecca Sprague as Secretary to the Board of School Trustees:

Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Sprague.

The motion carried.

4. Establish Date, Time, and Place of Regular Meetings

By consensus, Board members agreed to hold the regular meetings of the Board on the second Monday each month at 7:00 p.m.; the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. will be dedicated to Work Session meetings. Both regular and work session meetings will be held at the Hiatt Administration Center.

5. Appoint Treasurer and Establish Amount of the Bond (currently \$100,000)

Currently, Dr. Robert Foreman, Associate Superintendent for Business, serves as treasurer with a bond set at \$100,000. By consensus, the Board agreed to reappoint Dr. Foreman as the Treasurer and establish the bond amount at \$100,000. No vote was necessary.

6. Appoint Board Attorney and Set Retainer and Fees

Presently Mr. Kent Moore serves as Board Attorney with an annual retainer of \$4335 and an hourly rate of \$125 for additional services. Mr. Moore's annual retainer would remain the same, but his hourly rate for additional services would be increased to \$150.00. Mr. Moore would also be permitted to continue participation in the Corporation's health insurance plan.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to retain Mr. Moore as Board Attorney with the retainer and fees as stated.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

Mr. Moore stated he had been the Board Attorney since 1974 and was happy to be here.

7. Elect Board of Finance

It was recommended the Board officers serve as the officers of the Board of Finance.

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, for the Board officers to serve as the officers of the Board of Finance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

8. Make Appointments to Other Boards & Committees

Board members agreed to serve on boards and committees as follows:

- a. GLASS Advisory Board – Rebecca Sprague
- b. Public Schools Foundation Board – David Jarmon
- c. ISBA Legislative Liaison – Frank Lane
- d. Teacher Discussion Committee – Greg Eller
- e. Classified Personnel Discussion Committee – Kay Walton
- f. LARA Advisory Board – CarolJo Brown
- g. Vision 2020
 1. Education Roundtable – David Jarmon
 2. Tippecanoe County Intergovernmental Committee – Robert Stwalley

D. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 12th regular meeting were presented for Board approval.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

E. Staff and Student Recognition

No staff or students were recognized.

F. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

G. Recommendations

1. Act on Recommendation to Close Linnwood Elementary School at the End of the 2005-06 School Year

Superintendent Ed Eiler stated considering all factors involved, the work of the Task Force, the Board Work Session and the Public Hearing, the Administration recommended closing Linnwood Elementary School at the end of the 2005-06 school year.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to close Linnwood Elementary School at the end of the 2005-06 school year. Mr. Lane inquired if there had been any interest in using/renting the building. Superintendent Eiler responded there had been a lot of interest in the building and stated we would probably have a need for the facility for some educational purpose. Durgan had been working very nicely as a preschool center. The Lafayette Adult Resource Academy is very interested in the Washington building to go with Tippecanoe County Childcare and the CAPE Grant, which would make a great use for that facility. Our Alternative School could be located at Linnwood. Long-term space may also be needed for the preschool special education program. Superintendent Eiler said the facilities would be put to good use.

Mr. Eller asked if Superintendent Eiler would care to speculate on all-day kindergarten. Superintendent Eiler responded that he believed all-day kindergarten would happen; the question was when. Dr. Eiler stated, he would find it very difficult, given the financial condition of the State of Indiana, for all-day kindergarten to be offered across the board to all eligible kindergarteners. Superintendent Eiler speculated that a voluntary program targeting the most at-risk families, in terms of financially disadvantaged, would be a place where the State could start and fund a program.

Mr. Lane inquired if there were full-day kindergarten, could our facilities handle this program with the closing of Linnwood. Superintendent Eiler responded that the Task Force included this probability in their study and felt enough space would be available to accommodate full-day kindergarten should the State mandate it.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Eiler stated he understood this would be difficult for the Linnwood families and community and the school corporation was committed to working with the families in the Linnwood community as was done in the Washington and Durgan communities to make a smooth transition.

2. Approve Transfer of Appropriations

At the September Board meeting the Board approved the Treasurer making transfer of appropriations in the 2005 budget to ensure that at year-end each major budget function had a positive balance. The Administration recommended adoption of the following Transfer of Appropriations Resolution:

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 6.1.1-18-6 allows the treasurer of the school corporation to transfer money from one major budget classification to another and,

WHEREAS, it is determined that the transfer is necessary and,

WHEREAS, the transfer does not require the expenditure of more money than the total set out in the budget and,

WHEREAS, the transfer is approved at a regular public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the transfer is certified to the County Auditor.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation has approved the treasurer to make the following transfer of appropriations prior to the end of the 2005 budget year in the General Fund, Referendum Fund, Debt Service Fund and the Transportation Operating Fund.

Transfer From – General Fund (010)

11000	Regular Programs	\$1,036,125.89
12000	Special Programs	\$ 167,556.89
13000	Adult/Continuing Ed. Programs	\$ 16,702.42
14000	Summer School	\$ 106,259.31
16000	Remediation Programs	\$ 114,591.72
21000	Support Services-Pupils	\$ 131,288.19
22000	Support Services-Instruction	\$ 142,478.15
23000	Support Services-General Admin	\$ 26,198.38
25000	Support Services-Business	\$ 311,554.64

TOTAL FROM \$2,052,755.59

Transfer To – General Fund (010)

24000	Support Services-School Admin.	\$ 40,827.73
26000	Support Services-Central	\$ 115,574.92
34000	Payment of Athletic Coaches	\$ 134,045.76
41000	Payment to Other Govt. Units	\$1,762,307.18
	TOTAL TO	\$2,052,755.59

Transfer From – Referendum Fund (016)

14000	Instruction-Summer School Programs	\$ 18,000.00
16000	Remediation Programs	\$ 317,896.95
21000	Support Services-Pupils	\$ 58,241.34
34000	Payment of Athletic Coaches	\$ 35,331.34
	TOTAL FROM	\$ 429,469.63

Transfer To – Referendum Fund (016)

11000	Instruction-Regular Programs	\$ 37,301.53
24000	Support Services-Schl. Admin.	\$ 34,465.38
25000	Support Services-Business	\$ 233,981.51
26000	Support Services-Central	\$ 123,721.21
	TOTAL TO	\$ 429,469.63

Transfer From - Debt Service Fund (020)

52000	Interest on Debt	\$ 5,775.00
	TOTAL FROM	\$ 5,775.00

Transfer To - Debt Service Fund (020)

53000	Lease Rental	\$ 5,775.00
	TOTAL TO	\$ 5,775.00

Transfer From – Transportation Operating Fund (041)

25000	Support Services-Business	\$ 2,518.91
	TOTAL TO	\$ 2,518.91

Transfer To – Transportation Operating Fund (041)

26000	Support Services-Central	\$ 2,015.36
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41000 Payment to Other Govt. Units \$ 503.55

TOTAL FROM \$ 2,518.91

LAFAYETTE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES: s/Kay Walton
s/Robert M. Stwalley, III
DATED: 01/09/2006 s/CarolJo Brown
s/Greg L. Eller
s/David G. Jarmon
s/Frank Lane
s/Rebecca Sprague

ATTEST: s/Rebecca Sprague
Secretary of Board

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Eller, to adopt the Transfer of Appropriations Resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Disposition of Old Outstanding Checks

The following represents a list of old outstanding checks. Pursuant to I.C. 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two years as of December 31 of each year shall be declared canceled. This statute also provides for the issuance of another check to replace the canceled check, if a claim is properly filed by the vendor or the person to whom the check was issued within seven years after the date of issuance of the original check. The following persons have been notified at least twice by mail that the check(s) were outstanding.

Check #42466	Dated 09/12/03	Sharon K. Eschbaugh	F. 130	\$ 2.75
Check #43721	Dated 10/22/03	Lora L. Merkel	F. 010	\$ 44.31
Check #67552	Dated 01/14/02	Koss Corporation	F. 035	\$192.00
Check #06227	Dated 01/09/03	Misty J. Hannan	F. 130	\$ 2.63
Check #06939	Dated 02/10/03	The Wright Group	F. 035	\$ 19.50
Check #10446	Dated 06/19/03	Bryan M. Hughes	F. 010	\$ 44.64
Check #11830	Dated 09/04/03	Paul Martin	F. 080	\$ 45.94
Check #12542	Dated 10/09/03	Vince Bertram	F. 010	\$ 15.00

Total of Fund 010 Expenses = \$103.95 + Fund 035 Expenses = \$211.50 + F. 080 Expenses = \$45.94 and Fund 130 Expenses = \$5.38 = Grand Total \$366.77.

No vote was required. Board President Stwalley ordered this information to be made a part of the permanent minutes of the Lafayette School Corporation.

4. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

a. Resignations

1. Josh Keafer, part-time custodian, Tecumseh Middle School, effective December 16, 2005
2. Maribella Salazar, ELL aide, Miami Elementary School, effective December 23, 2005

- b. Employment
 - 1. Julie Brouillette, part-time nurse (replacement)
 - 2. Jennifer DeHoff, program aide (replacement)
 - 3. Jeri DeLion, WorkOne Express Site Coordinator (replacement)
 - 4. Deb Doggett, part-time nurse (replacement)
 - 5. Melissa Ellington, elementary cook (replacement)
 - 6. Maria Estrada, ELL aide (replacement)
 - 7. Stephanie Mitchell, program aide/nurse (replacement)
 - 8. Adam David Prickel, job coach (replacement)
 - 9. Susan M. Smith, kitchen staff (replacement)
 - 10. Susan Young, WorkKeys Tester/Career Workshop (new)

The Administration recommended approval of the employee recommendations as presented.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

- a. F 220 LARA monetary donations, \$10,075.34
- b. \$1,000.00, from Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc., to Principal's Discretionary Fund, Jefferson High School

The Administration recommended the Board accept the gifts as presented.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

6. Treasurer:

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

Mr. Lane made the motion to approve the vendor claims and ratify payrolls, seconded by Mrs. Brown.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

- c. Review Annual Investment Report and Investment Policy

The annual investment report had been provided for the Board's information. The corporation had investment income of \$564,280.35 during the period 11/1/04 through 10/31/05.

7. Sale of Kennedy Field

Board Counsel Kent Moore stated the Corporation owned approximately seven acres of land known as Kennedy Field. An Indiana statute allows a government entity to sell property when there is an opinion indicating the purpose of the sale is to promote an economic development project or facilitate compatible land use planning. In Mr. Moore's opinion what the school corporation wanted to do came under the purview of that statute. To proceed in this fashion the disposing agent, the school corporation, had to

have the property appraised by two professional appraisers. This had been done. The approximate appraised value of the property currently zoned residential was \$250,000. The approximate appraised value of the property if were it zoned commercial would be \$2,000,000.

North Central Health Services (NCHS) had indicated they were interested in this property for a development believed to be attractive to this area and were willing to pay \$1,000,000 for the property. An Offer to Purchase had been prepared and signed by NCHS in the stated amount. Board Counsel Kent Moore believed this was an attractive offer and recommended the Board move to accept this Offer to Purchase from NCHS.

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Dr. Jarmon, to accept the Offer to Purchase Kennedy Field from North Central Health Services. Mr. Eller stated from his professional experience, all factors considered, this was a very fair offer. Board President Stwalley agreed with this opinion. Dr. Stwalley noted the intended use by NCHS for this property and questioned if it would be necessary for a covenant to be included in the Offer to Purchase stating this property must be used as intended at the time of purchase to prevent commercial use. Board Counsel Moore stated from his own research and conversations with NCHS legal counsel, rezoning this property to commercial would be totally unrealistic.

Roll Call: Ayes: Walton, Stwalley, Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

H. Board Reports

1. Dr. Jarmon stated the Public Schools Foundation would be holding their annual Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser in February. Mrs. Brown commented the Public Schools Foundation's Polar Bear Plunge was mentioned at the Indiana School Boards Association School Law Seminar as an activity that could be a fundraiser for a foundation.

2. Dr. Jarmon stated he had been in contact with the Indiana School Boards Association (I.S.B.A.) to plan a school board retreat. The potential dates for this retreat were February 11th or 25th and Dr. Jarmon asked Board members to check their calendars for conflicts with either of these dates. Dr. Jarmon also distributed a "Board Self-Evaluation" form to each board member for their completion to be returned to him and forwarded to I.S.B.A. in preparation for the board retreat.

3. Mr. Lane commented he had received information from the Indiana School Boards Association regarding the upcoming legislative session and did not feel much legislation would be introduced in this session regarding education or to help schools financially. In Mr. Lane's opinion, the issue of moving ISTEP testing from Fall to Spring may be a possibility.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Sprague and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

Rebecca Sprague, Secretary