

Should anyone from the Public desire additional information, tape recordings of the regular and special school board meetings are kept for ten (10) years and are available in the Superintendent's Office at the Hiatt Administration Center, 2300 Cason Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

February 13, 2006

**A. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board President Robert Stwalley.

**B. Roll Call**

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

**C. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 9th Regular Meeting and memoranda of the work session held January 23<sup>rd</sup> were presented for approval.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**D. Recognition**

There were no items for recognition.

**E. Public Participation**

1. Floyd Blackburn, 3328 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, felt the Sunnyside building should be remodeled; questioned where the money would come from; stated his concern regarding increasing taxes; questioned why the county schools did not use the buildings the city schools were closing; and why Tippecanoe County needed three school corporations.

Board President Stwalley and Mrs. Brown responded to Mr. Blackburn's questions and concerns.

2. Jos Holman, 3874 Rome Drive, parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Sunnyside Middle School, questioned when information about the transition would be communicated to the parents of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students going to Tecumseh next school year. Mr. Holman also questioned if Board work sessions were open to the Public.

Board President Stwalley stated the Board work sessions were open to the Public to observe, and Dr. Jarmon added, but not to participate.

Superintendent Eiler stated activities were currently being developed for students and parents involved in the transitions and parents should be receiving information within a month.

3. Andrea Rademacher, 1215 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Edgelea Elementary School parent, requested clarification on two points to which Board President Stwalley responded. Mrs. Rademacher then

asked what the estimated timeline would be for making a decision to remodel or build a new Sunnyside and when the school would become grades five and six. Dr. Stwalley responded two years after the remodel or rebuild decision was made the transition to a five/six school would occur.

## **F. Recommendations:**

### **1. Employee Recommendations**

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

- a. Leaves
  1. Allison Beth Broach, pregnancy/childbirth, April 5, 2006-August, 2006
  2. Stephanie Krajicek, pregnancy/childbirth, April 21, 2006-August, 2006
  3. Kristi Leap, pregnancy/childbirth, May 1, 2006-August 18, 2006
- b. Resignations
  1. Rebecca Brody, school bus driver, effective January 5, 2006
  2. Michael L. Burke, custodian, Jefferson High School, effective January 30, 2006.
  3. Rita K. Drew, cafeteria manager, Jefferson High School, effective February 10, 2006
  4. Tim Garland, industrial technology teacher, Jefferson High School, effective January 9, 2006
  5. Scott Graves, radio & TV assistant, Jefferson High School, effective December 23, 2005
  6. Barbara Ritz-Puetz, Life Skills Facilitator/Paraprofessional, Tecumseh Middle School, effective January 11, 2006.
  7. Angie Treece, WorkOne Express Site Manager, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective December 22, 2005.
- c. Employment
  1. Joy Backus, program aide, G.L.A.S.S. (replacement)
  2. Teresa Berkey, program aide, G.L.A.S.S. (replacement)
  3. Jarrod T. Boe, teacher assistant/job coach, G.L.A.S.S. (replacement)
  4. Ann E. Bullock, teacher assistant, G.L.A.S.S. (new)
  5. Chad A. Chute, school bus route driver (new)
  6. Debra D. DeLion, certified teacher (change in salary)
  7. Jill A. Evans, speech/language pathology assistant (new)
  8. LeVeta Franze', intake coordinator, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy (replacement)
  9. Brooke Grant, school bus route driver (new)
  10. Ricki Jo Griffith, certified teacher (change in salary)
  11. Pat Hanslow, paraprofessional/office aide (replacement)
  12. Alyssa Jenkins, program aide, G.L.A.S.S. (replacement)
  13. Gregory C. Johnson, school bus route driver (replacement)
  14. Jenaffer A. Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading (regular/replacement)
  15. Michael A. Kubat, math teacher (regular/replacement)
  16. Janis Mattson, program aide, G.L.A.S.S. (replacement)
  17. Grace McKinley, speech/language pathologist aide (new)
  18. John P. Meluch, school bus route driver (replacement)

19. Kelly R. Mills, special education teacher (temporary/replacement)
20. Nancy Mugford, .5 FTE resource room teacher (regular/replacement)
21. Laura L. Nettlesheim, speech/language pathologist (regular/replacement)
22. Jon (Jay) Ristau, program aide (replacement)
23. Wanda Sue Rupel, kitchen staff (replacement)
24. Elizabeth Ann Schurman, staff custodian (replacement)
25. Jamie Scowden, G.L.A.S.S. paraprofessional (replacement)
26. Jamie Scowden, lunchroom supervisor (replacement)
27. Ronnda Smith, school bus driver (replacement)
28. Charlene Stoner, part-time custodian (replacement)
29. Derek Streeter, school bus driver (replacement)
30. Ryan M. Sturm, .5 FTE severe disabilities teacher (temporary/replacement)
31. Roberta Weathers, program aide, G.L.A.S.S. (new)
32. Kristin Weeks, foreign language teacher (regular/replacement)

The Administration recommended approval of the employee recommendations as presented.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **2. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts**

The Administration recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

- a. F.220-LARA January 2006 Donations: \$14,800.67
- b. Donation of Phonic Ear FM System through Psi Iota Xi Sorority by Lafayette ENT for use at Edgelea School.
- c. Donation of framed watercolor valued at \$500.00 from artist Mr. Don Carter member of the Class of 1952, Jefferson High School, in honor of former high school art teacher Georgianna Kienly
- d. Donation of \$20.00 from the Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church to the School Nurses Fund.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **3. Recommend Approval of Field Trip**

The Administration recommended approval of the following field trip request:

- a. First Edition, Jefferson High School, Western Caribbean performance tour, March 27-April 1, 2006

A private donor had contributed the funds for this trip.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the field trip as requested.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**4. Treasurer:**

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

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Eller, to approve the claims and ratify payrolls as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**G. For the Board's Information**

The Administration informed the Board the following field trip requests had been approved and did not require Board action:

- a. First Edition, Jefferson High School, competition in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Bishop Luers, March 3, 4, 5, 2006.
- b. First Edition, Jefferson High School, competition in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 10, 11, 12, 2006
- c. First Edition, Jefferson High School, competition in Ft. Wayne, Indiana-Homestead, March 17, 18, 2006
- d. Precision Guessworks, Jefferson High School, FIRST Robotics Competition, Cleveland State University, March 10-11, 2006

**H. Board Reports**

1. Dr. Jarmon reported the Public Schools Foundation Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser was a huge success. Twenty-two volunteers took the "plunge" and raised over \$12,000 for Seeds of Excellence grants.

Dr. Jarmon also noted the Board Retreat would be held Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Hiatt Administration Center.

2. Mrs. Brown announced the Spell Bowl would be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> and donations to the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy would be solicited through a phonathon.

3. Board President Stwalley stated the Intergovernmental Efficiency Committee had met and had a proposal from the Technical Assistance Program at Purdue University to step in and map services provided by all of the governmental units within Tippecanoe County and were presently attempting to secure funding to put the survey together. Both of the Mayors, the County Commissioners, and the school corporations supported this work. Board President Stwalley stated

this was a very important first step at being able to make things more efficient for our county and more effectively utilize the limited funds available.

4. Mr. Lane stated there was a Senate bill before the Legislature of which the Indiana School Board Association was opposing, that would not allow members of governing boards to participate in a public meeting by electronic means. Mr. Lane had contacted Senator Alting expressing his opposition to this bill and encouraged others to do so.

**I. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Jarmon, seconded by Mrs. Sprague and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

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Rebecca Sprague, Secretary