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February 12, 2007

**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 Robert Stwalley.

**B. Roll Call**

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

**C. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 8th Regular Meeting and the memorandum of record for the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session were presented for approval.

Mrs. Sprague 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: Eller, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

**D. Recognition**

No recognitions were made.

**E. Public Participation**

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Superintendent Eiler requested the agenda be amended to include 1) additional Employee Recommendations, 2) add Recommendation Item #8 to approve an agreement for contracted service to provide bond counsel for the Sunnyside project, and 3) add Recommendation Item #9 approval of Jefferson High School band field trip.

**F. Recommendations**

**1. Hold Second Hearing on Year-Round School**

Notice of public hearing pursuant to I.C. 20-46-7-10(b) had been published in *The Lafayette Journal and Courier* and *The Lafayette Leader* as this being the time and place for a second public hearing to determine if going to a year-round school concept would be a viable alternative to a building project. The first hearing was held January 8, 2007. No one from the Public made comment.

## **2. Resolution regarding Year Round School**

The Board determined that a year-round school alternative was not feasible. Therefore, the following Year-Round School Resolution was presented for adoption:

### **YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2006, the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation caused to be published in *The Lafayette Journal and Courier* and *The Lafayette Leader*, Notice of Public Hearings to be held on the feasibility of utilizing a twelve month school year to eliminate the need for the construction of additional classroom space; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2007 and February 12, 2007, the Board of School Trustees held public hearings on the feasibility of year round school; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation that utilizing year round school is not feasible to eliminate the need for the construction of the additional classroom space as set forth in the preliminary determination resolution adopted November 13, 2006.

Passed and Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

s/Robert M. Stwalley, III  
President

s/Rebecca Sprague  
Secretary

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to adopt the Year Round School Resolution as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **3. Hold Hearing on Vinton-Tecumseh Lease**

Notice of public hearing pursuant to I.C. 20-46-7-10(b) had been published in *The Lafayette Journal and Courier* and *The Lafayette Leader* that this was the time and place for the Public to be heard regarding the terms of the lease (\$40,500,000 bond amount, 22-year duration and \$3,389,000 annual payment), the necessity of executing the lease and whether the lease rental arrangement was fair and reasonable. It was made known to the Board and the Public that an excess levy in the amount of \$200,000 for additional operation costs of the Sunnyside facility could be pursued if needed. This excess levy of \$200,000 was in the Notice of Preliminary Determination. No one from the Public made comment.

**4. Consider Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease**

The Board authorized the execution of the following lease with the Vinton-Tecumseh Building Corporation by approving the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease and Sale of Real Estate as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease and  
Sale of Real Estate

WHEREAS, this Board of School Trustees has previously examined and approved a form of lease proposed by Vinton-Tecumseh School building Corporation on January 8, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the proposed lease was given by publication in *The Lafayette Journal and Courier* and *The Lafayette Leader* on December 29, 2006 and said hearing has been held in accordance with said notice; and,

WHEREAS, by statute the Vinton-Tecumseh School Building Corporation is required to own the real estate to be leased to Lafayette School Corporation and Lafayette School Corporation is required to have the value of the real estate determined by court appointed appraisers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation, that this Board now finds that the preliminary drawings, plans, specifications and estimates provide the necessary facilities for the pupils of this School Corporation and the same now are hereby approved, and the members of the Board of School Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to endorse their approval upon such drawings, plans, specifications and estimates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed lease with Vinton-Tecumseh School Building Corporation, as lessor, provides for a fair and reasonable rental and further that the execution of said lease is necessary and wise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary is authorized and directed to initial and date a copy of the proposed lease and to place the same in the minute book immediately following the minutes of this meeting, and said lease is made a part of this resolution as fully as if the same were set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of the Board of School Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the aforesaid lease on behalf of Lafayette School Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves the filing of a petition with the Circuit Court of Tippecanoe County requesting the appointment of appraisers to determine the fair market value of the real estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to execute a deed and sell the real estate at a price not less than that fixed by the court.

Passed and Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

s/Robert M. Stwalley, III  
President

s/Rebecca Sprague  
Secretary

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to adopt the resolution as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

#### **5. Employee Recommendations**

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee recommendations as amended:

##### **a. Leaves**

1. Wendy Melton, pregnancy/childbirth, April 2, 2007-August, 2008
2. Courtney Vercauteren, pregnancy/childbirth, April 2, 2007-August, 2007

##### **b. Resignations**

1. Elizabeth Anderson, school bus driver, effective January 26, 2007
2. Chris Balsler, lunch supervisor, Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School, effective January 22, 2007
3. Sara Bean, intervention assistant, Vinton Elementary School, effective January 22, 2007
4. Christina S. Bolen, personnel secretary, Hiatt Administration Center, effective February 19, 2007
5. Renee Fuller, nurse/paraprofessional, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective February 6, 2007
6. Harold Guenther, job coach, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective February 2, 2007
7. Jackie Mize, library aide, Tecumseh Junior High School, effective December 22, 2006
8. James D. Padgett, interventionist, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective December 22, 2006
9. Sandra Patrick, support staff, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective January 9, 2007
10. Jenna Pendleton, program aide, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective January 8, 2007

11. Deb Sheets, paraprofessional, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective February 2, 2007
  12. Sarah Snyder, interventionist, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services, effective January 12, 2007
- c. Employment**
1. Elizabeth Anderson, staff custodian (replacement)
  2. Ebonye J. Betts, program aide (replacement)
  3. Kathryn Bucklin, program aide (replacement)
  4. Carolyn Jean Cadwallader, program aide (replacement)
  5. Krystal M. Cox, program aide (new)
  6. Shara L. Erdie, program aide (new)
  7. Robert Giles, teacher assistant (new)
  8. Benjamin Griese, program aide (replacement)
  9. Joanne Holland, program aide/nurse (replacement)
  10. Marie L. James, program aide (replacement)
  11. Donna Lauraitis, program aide (replacement)
  12. Jennifer B. Peterson, teacher assistant (new)
  13. Chrysi Phoraris, program aide (replacement)
  14. Amanda Reason, RTI facilitator (change in FTE)
  15. Adam Rice, Title I (replacement)
  16. Maria G. Salazar, kitchen staff (replacement)
  17. Erin Schefske, paraprofessional (replacement)
  18. Patricia Stingley, paraprofessional (replacement)
  19. Derek Streeter, school bus driver (replacement)
  20. Haley Kiser Teal, psychologist communication facilitator (new)
  21. Joanne Thomas, program aide (new)
  22. Kimberly A. Parthun, non-certified personnel secretary (replacement)
  23. Patricia L. Greives, certified personnel secretary (replacement)

**d. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

1. Linda Thompson, Associate Superintendent, sister-in-law to Shannon Leming, instructional assistant

**e. Food Service Employees**

The Administration recommended an across the board increase of \$0.25 per hour to all food service workers. This would increase the starting wage from \$6.30 to \$6.55 per hour effective January 28, 2007. This raise was within the 2007 food service budget and was needed to be more competitive with wages of other food service employee groups.

Mr. Eller made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to approve the employee recommendations as amended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **6. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts**

The Administration recommended acceptance of the following gifts for the month of January 2007.

- a. F.220-LARA Donations of \$16,250.00.
- b. Donation of \$1,000 to Murdock Library and \$1,000 to Vinton Library from Susan Fauver in memory of her father, Hanley Breeden.
- c. Donation of \$234.95 to the LSC Nurse Fund from the Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church.
- d. Donation of dividends of \$10.50 from Huntington Bank for F.205 Superintendent's Discretionary Fund.
- e. Donation of \$94.60 to F.205 Superintendent's Discretionary Fund for nurse vision account.
- f. Donation of \$85,176.80 to the Glen Acres technology fund from an anonymous donor (F.208).

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **7. Treasurer:**

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

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **8. Recommend Ice Miller as Bond Counsel**

The Administration recommended employing Ice Miller as bond counsel for the Sunnyside, Jefferson performing arts center, and security projects.

Mr. Eller made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to approve Ice Miller as bond counsel for these building projects.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

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

The Administration recommended approval of a field trip for the Jefferson High School Marching Band from November 23-27, 2007 to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. With Board approval, fundraising efforts would begin in the near future to allow any student who elected to participate in this field trip to do so.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to approve the field trip as recommended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

## **G. Information Only**

1. Per Indiana statute, notices of use of emergency allocation funds had been provided to Board members for their information.

## **H. Board Reports**

1. Mr. Lane reported he had received information from the Indiana School Boards Association (I.S.B.A.) on the current legislative session. The I.S.B.A. indicated their concern about resolutions from both the House and the Senate regarding the elimination of property taxes. The I.S.B.A. had indicated their opposition to this due to the lack of a plan to replace this revenue. The I.S.B.A. encouraged school board members to contact their state representatives and voice their opposition.

## **I. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mr. Bultinck, seconded by Mrs. Sprague and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

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Rebecca Sprague, Secretary