

APPROVED

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

MAY 4, 2009

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on May 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Center with all members present. President Dorothy Kroeger called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports

Mr. Schneider asked Art Teacher, Mrs. Karen Besing, from Chandler Elementary School, to come forward and speak concerning the display of artwork by the Warrick County elementary students.

Mrs. Besing introduced her fellow art teachers, Becky Gilles, Jill Dean, Leslie Oxley, Beverly Esarey, April Hopkins, Debbie Bender, Pam Childers, and Lisa Byers. She also noted that a number of students and parents are at the meeting tonight. She said the elementary art teachers met during the last SPD day, and reviewed the new elementary art standards as well as creating a checklist for those standards. They also shared Power Point presentations and decided it was time to once again display their students' artwork at a School Board meeting. The display tonight shows the hard work of the elementary students and is just a small sample of what the students learn and accomplish each year. Invitations to those schools holding art shows were presented to the Board Members.

Mr. Schneider thanked the elementary art teachers for taking time from their busy schedules to bring their students' artwork to the meeting. He stated it is wonderful to see the talent of our students through the displays around the room, and the Board will take time at the end of the meeting to view all the artwork.

Consideration of Routine Items

A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to approve the following Routine Items, as listed:

- A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting of April 20, 2009.
- B. Approve Claims 1 - 217 and sign the docket.
- C. Approve the Requests for Professional Leave.

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

- A. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Jim Eifler to approve the additional pay to bus drivers for the additional run at Castle High School on April 17, 2009, due to a power outage on that date, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider added that a Waiver for this lost instruction day has been sent to the State. He is still waiting to hear from the State, but is hopeful the day will be waived.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

- A. Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, presented recommendations for employment of personnel. Upon his recommendations:
1. A motion was made by Eric Conner and seconded by Candace Nance to employ Rebecca Whitfill as an agriculture teacher at Boonville High School, contingent upon receiving an Indiana license. Motion carried.
 2. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Gary Hachmeister to employ Susan Wagner as an agriculture teacher at Castle High School, contingent upon licensing. Motion carried.
 3. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Jim Eifler to employ Treva Pruden as a music teacher at Castle South Middle School, by way of accepting her transfer from Sharon/Yankeetown Elementary Schools to Castle South Middle School. Motion carried.
 4. A motion was made by Gary Hachmeister and seconded by Eric Conner to employ Chad Hart as a 7th grade language arts teacher at Boonville Middle School. Motion carried.
 5. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to employ Eric Antey as a language arts teacher at Castle High School. Motion carried.
 6. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Eric Conner to employ Erin Stallings as a 7th grade math teacher at Castle South Middle School. Motion carried.
 7. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Gary Hachmeister to employ Michele West as an 8th grade social studies teacher at Castle South Middle School, contingent upon receiving an Indiana license. Motion carried.
 8. A motion was made by Gary Hachmeister and seconded by Jim Eifler to employ Kerry Devine as a 7th grade science teacher at Castle North Middle School, contingent upon receiving an Indiana license. Motion carried.
 9. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to employ Beverly Hicks as a bus driver for Route #63, at \$55.29 a day, plus mileage and experience. Motion carried.
 10. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Eric Conner to employ Larry Murphy as a bus driver for Route #53, at \$57.92 a day, plus mileage and experience. Motion carried.

11. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Candace Nance to employ Kendra Seib as a bus driver for Route #215, at \$60.86 a day, plus mileage and experience. Motion carried.
- B. Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, next presented requests for leave of absence. Upon his recommendation:
1. A motion was made by Eric Conner and seconded by Candace Nance to follow the recommendation of Superintendent Schneider to deny the request of Kayla Barton, counselor at Boonville Junior High School, for a second one-year leave of absence during the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried.
 2. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of Chris Scott, 5-hour cafeteria employee at Newburgh Elementary School, for an extended medical leave. Her previous date of return was Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Her doctor is now requesting that she be off work until Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Motion carried.
 3. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Brenda Metzger to approve the request of Brandi Bruce, 1st grade teacher at Chandler Elementary School, for a maternity leave to begin Monday, May 18, 2009, with a return date of Monday, August 10, 2009.
- C Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, next reported on the following resignations:
1. Beverly Pleiss, Food Service Secretary, effective Tuesday, September 1, 2009.
 2. Diane Blackford, 8-hour custodian at Castle High School, effective Tuesday, April 28, 2009.
- D. Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, next reported on the following retirements:
1. Jim Campbell, 5th grade teacher at John H. Castle Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
 2. Mary Jo Campbell, Speech/Language Pathologist at John H. Castle/Yankeetown Elementary Schools, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Other Board Business

Several upcoming meetings were announced:

Construction Committee ó Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 7:45 a.m. at Castle High School. The following projects will be discussed:

Construction Committee - 7:45 a.m.
Castle High School ó 8:00 a.m.
Boonville Middle School ó 8:15 a.m.
Castle North Middle School ó 8:30 a.m.
Castle South Middle School ó 8:45 a.m.

Transportation Committee- Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 8:15 a.m.

Personnel/Contracts Committee- Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Candace Nance thanked the art teachers for presenting all the fabulous artwork by the elementary students.

Eric Conner expressed his thanks for the kindness and sympathy received when his mother, Hazel Conner, passed away two weeks ago. The support from everyone in the corporation, including fellow Board Members, administrators, and teachers was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Kroeger reminded the Board about the ISBA Region 9 Spring Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in Huntingburg, Indiana. Mr. Schneider said those attending need to be at the school corporation by 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Schneider thanked the staff at Boonville High School, Mr. Whitten, and Mr. Paige for excellent work done during the bomb threat at Boonville High School last Friday. He also thanked the Boonville Police Department, as they also did a fantastic job. On Friday, the school safety plan was implemented and was successful, with as normal a day as possible under those circumstances. An investigation is being conducted at Boonville High School, including involvement by the Boonville Police Department. He stated we will work very hard to find the individual or individuals responsible for the threat, because this is a very serious matter. He also said we will pursue prosecution of those found to be involved to the fullest extent. Mr. Schneider was at Boonville High School several times on Friday, and witnessed a calm, professional demeanor at the school. Students were very well behaved under the circumstances, and learning did take place last Friday, during a very difficult day.

Patron Concerns

Phillip Springstun ó Chairman of the Warrick County Ag Advisory Committee and member of the Boonville Ag Advisory Committee. He thanked the Board and administration for posting and filling the two agriculture teaching positions in a timely manner so those programs can continue. He looks forward to meeting the new teachers and helping them advance those programs. He regrets losing Mr. Sickbert and Ms. Hahn-Hill, as they are both excellent teachers who have excelled the agriculture programs at both schools.

Amber Morrow Biddle- comes before the Board to ask the Board to consider excusing any absences due to the bomb threat at Boonville High School on Thursday and Friday, rather than those being unexcused absences. Her daughter attends Boonville High School, and as a parent she was more concerned with her safety and decided to pull her out of school. She understands there are certain policies in place concerning absences, but under these extenuating circumstances, she feels the students should not have to choose between listening to their parents who were looking out for their child's safety and being told if they did not come to school they could not make up their work for those days. She asked for a recommendation that absences be considered excused for these days due to the extenuating circumstances created by the bomb threat.

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Mr. Schneider stated he would discuss some of the options available for students who were absent because of this situation with Mr. Whitten.

Mr. Guy Gentry, Manager of Transportation, reminded the Board about the Bus Banquet, next Monday, May 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at Boonville Junior High School.

Dorothy Kroeger reminded everyone about the Food & Nutrition Employee Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th, at Boonville Junior High School.

A motion was made by Eric Conner and seconded by Gary Hachmeister to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 21st day of May, 2009.

Candace Nance, Secretary of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees

Attested:

Dorothy Kroeger, President of the Warrick County
Board of School Trustees