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WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2009

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in executive session on June 1, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room of the Administration Center, with all members present. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss before a placement decision, an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs.

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees met in regular session on June 1, 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 and asked for a moment of silence to remember the family of Lindsey Vote, a retired administrator, who passed away on Sunday. The moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

Marvin Heilman, Sheriff of Warrick County, comes before the Board concerning the School Resource Officer program in Warrick County. Currently he has 37 officers, including himself, and he would like to add the 38th officer. This would allow him to place another deputy in the schools. With increased students in Warrick County, the duties of the School Resource Officers are magnified. He is not asking for funding, but for the support of the Board. He has also been speaking with the County Council for several months about the addition of an officer, and understands their concern with the county budget as well as the Board's concern for their budget. He feels adding another officer is the right thing to do for Warrick County. His goal is to see more intervention and involvement with students and staff at the schools, but he cannot do that without more manpower. Last fall, with the help of Mrs. Wilhelmus, the Sheriff's Office and the school corporation received a 4-year, 5 million dollar grant to be shared with Posey and Gibson counties. The primary purpose of the grant is to put counselors in the schools, but the grant also includes \$40,000.00 a year for four years for the addition of a School Resource Officer. However, the first year of this grant will be up at the end of June and the position is not yet filled. He said that any support for this additional officer that the Board could show to the public or the County Council would be appreciated. He stated that the County Council has asked if there is any possibility in the future of the School Board funding this to some degree. He is not sure what the total cost to hire a new officer would be, and understands the multitude of issues involved in this process, but the cost at this time would be very minimal because of the grant. One School Resource Officer who is primarily at Castle High School has been funded by a grant for 8 or 9 years, and it has helped to have this officer in the school for this time period. He again stated that he came tonight to present this information to the Board and let them know what he is doing as Sheriff and to ask for their commitment of support for another School Resource Officer.

Mr. Schneider stated that the School Resource Officer program has been a tremendous success the last 8 or 9 years. The addition of a second officer in the northern part of the county as well as the Boonville Police Department adding a School Resource Officer for Boonville City Schools has been an outstanding accomplishment.

Sheriff Heilman thanked the Board for their support and for listening to his concerns tonight. He stated he will be attending the County Council meeting on Thursday and if possible, he would appreciate a letter of support from the Board, if one could be prepared by then.

Consideration of Routine Items

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

A. Approve the minutes of the School Board meeting of May 21, 2009.

B. Approve Claims 1-251 and sign the docket.

Motion carried.

Consideration of Items for Board Action

A. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Eric Conner to approve Resolution 2009-3 for Emergency Temporary Interfund Transfer, as presented. Motion carried. (The original Resolution 2009-3 is attached to these minutes in the original minute book.)

B. The Board heard the second reading of Board Policy 3960, Employee Cell Phones. A motion was made by Eric Conner and seconded by Candace Nance to adopt Board Policy 3960, Employee Cell Phones, as presented. Motion carried. (A copy of Board Policy 3960, Employee Cell Phones, is attached to these minutes in the original minute book.)

C. The Board heard the second reading of Board Policy 3961, Employee Uniforms. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Jim Eifler to adopt Board Policy 3961, Employee Uniforms, as presented. Motion carried. (A copy of Board Policy 3961, Employee Uniforms, is attached to these minutes in the original minute book.)

D. The Board heard the second reading of Board Policy 3962, Employee Vehicles. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Jim Eifler to adopt Board Policy 3962, Employee Vehicles, as presented. After a brief discussion, the motion carried. (A copy of Board Policy 3962, Employee Vehicles, is attached to these minutes in the original minute book.)

E. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Eric Conner to amend Board Policy 4120, Student Records, as presented. Motion carried.

F. A motion was made by Gary Hachmeister and seconded by Ben Stilwell to accept the donation of a Kurzweil 110 Electronic Keyboard, valued at \$5,000.00, from the Wagner Family to Castle North Middle School, as presented. Motion carried.

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

A. Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, presented recommendations for employment of personnel. Upon his recommendation:

1. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to employ Erin Williamson as a biology teacher at Castle High School. Motion carried.

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2. A motion was made by Brenda Metzger and seconded by Eric Conner to accept the transfer of Phil Peach from Boonville Middle School to 8th grade math teacher at Castle South Middle School. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Gary Hachmeister and seconded by Brenda Metzger to employ Rhonda Laskowitz as secretary at Elberfeld Elementary School. Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to employ Lisa Maple as library aide at Loge Elementary School. Motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Ben Stilwell to employ Mark Baxter as head custodian at Castle South Middle School. Motion carried.

B. Mr. Rick Reid, Director of Personnel, next reported on the following resignation:

1. Mark Williamson, physical education teacher at Castle High School, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Other Board Business

Candace Nance stated she would like to have a consolidated letter from this Board sent to the County Council supporting Sheriff Heilman's request for an additional officer who would also serve as a School Resource Officer.

A motion was made by Ben Stilwell and seconded by Eric Conner to authorize the Superintendent to prepare a letter on behalf of the Board of School Trustees, supporting Sheriff Heilman's request for another School Resource Officer. Motion carried.

Candace Nance encouraged teachers and the public to contact their County Council representatives to show support for our School Resource Officers, who are all excellent and a benefit to our entire community.

Mr. Schneider gave each Board Member a letter of request from Warrick Education Center Principal Bob Lacer, asking that the Board of School Trustees formally approve the Alternative to Expulsion (ATE) Program for the 2009-2010 school year. This program was implemented last year and was a huge success. With approval of this program, state funds can be applied for, and if received, would be of great benefit since we currently receive no state funding for this program.

A motion was made by Candace Nance and seconded by Eric Conner to approve the Alternative to Expulsion (ATE) Program for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented. Motion carried.

Several upcoming meetings were discussed:

Construction Committee - Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:45 at Castle High School. The following projects will be discussed:

Castle High School - at 7:45 a.m.

Boonville Middle School - at 8:15 a.m.

Castle North Middle School - at 8:30 a.m.

Castle South Middle School - at 8:45 a.m.

Personnel & Contracts Committee – Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. Schneider stated that our retirees will be honored at the next Board Meeting on June 15, 2009.

Mr. Schneider asked the Board to save the date of Friday, August 7, 2009, as the tentative date set for the Castle South Middle School Dedication Ceremony, at either 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. He would like the Board to attend as well as past Board Members, Mr. Alvin Holder and Mr. Donnie Phillips, who were serving on the School Board during the planning and decision-making process for this new school.

A Board Work Session is scheduled for June 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. for an update on the middle school projects, construction projects, and staffing.

President Dorothy Kroeger mentioned scheduling a time for the Superintendent's Evaluation. Eric Conner asked that the previous evaluation and a blank evaluation form be sent in the next Board packet. It was decided that the Board would discuss the date for the Executive Session for the Superintendent's Evaluation at their next meeting on June 15, 2009.

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

These minutes were approved by the Warrick County Board of School Trustees on the 15th day of June, 2009.

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

Attested:

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