

Monday December 20, 2021

Regular Open Session

White River Valley School Corporation

Minutes

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular open session on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7PM in the Wolverine Center at White River Valley High School in Switz City. There is an executive session scheduled at 6PM prior to the public meeting in the WRV Administrative Center that may also extend into time directly following the public session, if necessary. Seven Board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mr. David Reed, Mr. Andy Davis and Mr. Roger Shake. Also in attendance: Dr. Robert Hacker, Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, Mr. Jason Walton, and Mr. Doug Lewis.

I. Call to Order

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The open session was called to order by board President Mr. Brock Hostetter .

II. Approve Minutes

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Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2021 public meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

**III. Certification of Exec. Session Memorandum
From December 15 and December 20, 2021**

Cert. of Exec. Session

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to certify the executive session memorandum from December 15 and December 20, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Approval of Claims from November 12 to December 17, 2021

Approval of Claims

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to approve the claims from November 12 to December 17, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

V. Acceptance of Grants and Donations **Grants and Donations**

- A. Anonymous Donation of \$200 to the HS Athletic Department
- B. Greene County Community Foundation- WRVSD Pre-Kindergarten Closing the Gap State Grant

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to accept the presented grants and donations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 6-0.

VI. Special Presentation **Special Presentation**

Mr. Walton presents the WRVSD Math Curriculum Study Group report.

VII. Old Business

A. Wolverine Enterprises Report-Miss Thomas **Wolverine Enterprise Report**

Miss Thomas is here this evening to represent the Wolverine Enterprises in her monthly report.

B. Maintenance and Construction Report-Mr. Sims **Maint. & Const. Report**

We are happy to report that pre-construction meetings have been held at each facility and work is ready to begin once school lets out tomorrow afternoon. Patrons should start seeing equipment and changes moving forward. As far as other maintenance news and information, Mr. Sims is here to report to you updates in his maintenance department.

C. Report on Renovations and Bondings **Renovations and Bondings**

Our bonding process has come to completion with the closure of the bonds last Tuesday. We were fortunate to earn an A+ bond rating for the process because of our strong financial standing. Both bonds were sold with an interest rate of 1.62%, which is absolutely outstanding. With inflation where it is, it is almost free money, so we were fortunate enough to hit this process at the right time. I would publicly like to thank our WRVSD Building Corporation, representation from Jeff Qualkinbush form

Barnes/Thornburg and Jeff Hammond from Baker-Tilley, and Kylie Enochs for all the help with getting through this process. The bond proceeds were deposited into our accounts at Owen County State Bank last week on the 14th.

Now that the two bond projects have been approved and funding secured, we need to make a decision on the WRV Elementary ESSER project: (See Schmidt Letter of Recommendation)

This Esser Project will now complete all the necessary work that needs to be done in our renovation plan. In order to award the project to FH Pashen, I would need a board motion and voting approval. Here is the recommendation from Schmidt and Associates.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

VIII. New Business

A. Property/Workman's Comp/CyberSecurity Insurance Contract for 2022

Insurance Contract

December is also the month that we work with our Property, Auto, Workman's Compensation and CyberSecurity insurance providers. We have successfully been in a cooperative with 80 other school systems across the state, called ESCRFT. Being in a cooperative has gained us significant savings over the course of the last six years. Premiums are figured on a rolling five year loss history. I put a rundown of the premiums in your board packets. There is an increase this year. We have up and down with our history of premiums, but we still are recognizing some savings-some well over where we were before we went with the cooperative group. It is my recommendation that we stay with ESCRFT for these services with this year's premium at \$138,000. This is an Operations Fund annual expense that we build into our budget. We need a motion to move forward.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to move forward with ESCRFT.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

B. NEOLA Policy Update 34.1-First Read

NEOLA Policy

Tonight I am submitting our Fall, 2021 NEOLA policy updates for a FIRST READ. There are a variety of policy changes in this update. Some are just clerical in nature; some have actual procedural changes. There are other minor changes as well. As you read

through these, please feel free to contact me for questions or clarifications. As always on a first read, there is no board action necessary tonight.

C. Administrative Personnel Considerations

Admin. Personnel

As you know, 2021 has been another incredibly challenging year. We are blessed to have had some great leadership. I am very proud of our building and district leadership for not only surviving in this challenging environment, but also thriving...implementing some great new programs and experiences for our kids. We have taken care of our teaching staff in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 master contracts and the state Teacher Appreciation Grants. Last month, we recognized the work of our non-certified staff with a 3% increase. Tonight, I am asking that we tie all of our administrative contracts to the master increase on our teaching contracts. Just as our teachers must be highly effective or effective to receive the increases, so should our administrators be held to that standard. I would ask for a motion at this time.

Mr. David Reed made a motion to tie the administrative contracts to the masters increase on the teacher contracts.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

IX. Personnel

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A. Resignations

1. Jesse Moshos-WRV ES Instructional Assistant

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to accept the presented resignation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Hiring Recommendations

1. Marc Walton-WRV HS Baseball Varsity Coach
2. Jorden English- WRV HS JV Baseball Coach
3. Nathan Bough- WRV HS Varsity Softball Coach
4. Jason Walton- WRV HS Volunteer Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
5. Gredel Helms- WRV ES Instructional Assistant

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the presented hiring recommendations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

X. Transfer Request

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We have one middle school student transfer request. Mr. Walton has done the administrative investigation involved with this situation and recommends that we accept this student. I would concur.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to accept the presented transfer request.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

XI. Public Comment

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By WRVSD policy, in order to speak at the public meeting an individual must notify the superintendent of his/her intentions 10 days prior to the meeting. (This can be waived upon agreement of the Board.) The next Superintendent Open Office Hours will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 from 4-7 PM.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to allow public comment.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Andy Davis. The motion passed 7-0.

XII. Information

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A. Next Calendar Items

1. Board Reorganization and Finance Mtg. Wed., January 5, 2022 5PM at WRVHS
2. Executive Session Wed., January 5, 2022 Following Public Reorganization
3. Superintendent's Open Office Hours Mon., January 10, 2022 4-7PM
4. Regular Public Session Mon, January 18, 2021 7PM at WRV HS
5. Executive Session Mon, January 18, 2021 6PM at WRV HS
6. Winter Break- Starts at 3:10 on Tuesday, December 21-January 4, 2022. School resumes on Wednesday, January 5th.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 7-0.

