

Monday September 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, September 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. Five 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

Approve Minutes

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16 regular meeting and the September 7 Budget hearing/Special public Teacher Compensation Hearing session.

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

III. Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum for Sept.20, 2021

Cert. of Exec. Session Mem.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to certify the Executive Session Memorandum for September 20, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Reed. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Approval of Corporate Claims for August 13 -Sept. 17 **Claims Approval**

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the claims for August 13 through September 17.

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

V. Special Grant/Donation Approvals **Grant/Donation Approval**

A. WRV HS Cross Country and the WRV HS Athletic Dept. in Memory of Rick Hudson. - The Hill Family (\$100) and the Floyd Family (\$40)

B. WRV HS Girls Basketball Program-Anonymous Donor (\$2,500)

C. WRV HS Athletic Department- Ivan L. Williams (\$500)

D. WRV HS Precision Machining Program-Loughmiller Machine, Tool, and Design Inc. (\$1,000)

E. Indiana Department of Homeland Security Safe Schools Grant (\$35,000)

Mr. David Reed made a motion to approve the presented grants and donations.

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

VI. Old Business

A. Facilities Update **Facilities Update**

A. Continuous Learning Plan Update and Addition

We continue to fight against the spread of the virus in all three of our buildings. I am putting out a regular Friday update to all parents for transparency in our situation and have received some positive feedback for operating in such a manner.

At the current time, our numbers have been low. The Governor's latest set of Executive Orders have included a choice in how we can handle things. We are operating with a mask invited policy that requires us to quarantine by the recommendations set forth by the local health department. The second Choice is a mask mandate that would require total masking by all students and staff. In that particular choice, students that are close contacts do not have to quarantine as long as they don't have symptoms. Our board adopted

Plan continues to be in place with Choice One. I would, however, this evening like to prepare for the upcoming months by having an alternative plan in place and ready to go should we show an uptick in numbers.

(Refer to Addendum of 10 point plan)

One of the challenges that our nurses and administrators are having is the inconsistencies and changes that occur... from new Executive Orders to tweaks to the local health department quarantining plan. Our people on the front lines fighting this case for us get inundated with questions and yes, sometimes, ridicule when things change. I want the Board to know that our people are doing a great job on a daily basis... working hard and trying to be consistent with the policies that are being implemented above them.

Now that the state has given us two choices... I feel we have to be prepared to move quickly when the virus creeps to a certain point, and so once we reach that point, I want to be able to move quickly.

Discussion ensued on how to handle the masking situation at WRVSD. One option was presented, where if 3% of a building is positive we will go to mask wearing in that building.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the presented option on mask wearing.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 4-3 with Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Andy Davis, and Mr. Brock Hostetter voting no.

B. 2022-23 School Calendar Recommendation and Request for Approval

School Calendar Approval

After Meeting with the Teachers Association and hearing recommendations last Month from the board, I am proposing the 2022-23 school calendar that I included in your packet. The first student day will be August 22nd...later to accommodate for the renovation projects. The Worthington Sales Day will become an e-Learning Day For students and staff. Fall Break will be October 20 and 21st with the tradition 3 days for Thanksgiving Break. The first semester will end on Thursday, 12/22. School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th. Spring Break will run March 27-31 and the Class of 2023 will graduate on Friday, May 26th. I recommend this 22-23 calendar to the Board for approval.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the recommended 22-23 calendar.

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

C. Wolverine Enterprises LLC Report- Katelyn Thomas

Wolverine Enterprises

Ms. Thomas is here this evening for the Wolverine Enterprises LLC Report.

D. Maintenance Report-Mr. Chuck Sims

Maintenance Report

And now Mr. Sims is here for his monthly report.

(Part of Chuck's report will be a request to purchase a new lawn mower here at the end of the season for use next Spring. I have included quotes that gathered with governmental pricing in your packet. Another part of his report will include the Middle School roof problem that I briefed you about at the budget hearing. There are two quotes included in your packet for that issue as well.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the request to purchase a new lawn mower from John Deere.

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

Mr. Joe Decker made motion to approve the quote from ARP to repair the Middle School roof.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Electronic Meeting Policy 2nd Read and Request for Approval **Electronic Meeting**

The last two months we've been talking about adopting an electronic meeting policy and last month I introduced a policy for the district per the Board's request. Tonight, I am asking for approval of that policy as we move into the winter months. The policy was in your board packet for tonight and last month.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the presented policy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Roger Shake. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Bruce Porter voting no.

F. Renovation Design Plans- Schmidt & Associates/
Stenftenagel Group

Design Plans

We recently met at the Schmidt offices to prepare for tonight's final design report. I'd like to thank Mr. Hostetter and Mr. Decker for giving us the day for their input on the Board's behalf. At this time, I'd like to turn the meeting over to the Schmidt

representatives and Scott Stenftenagel. Gentlemen...
(Schmidt will run the final design plans and ask for the Board's final approval to put the design plans out for bid.)

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the final design plans and to put them out for bid.

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Reed. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Bruce Porter as the opposing vote.

VII. New Business

A. Adopt 2022 Budget

This moves us to the next agenda item. Tonight, I am asking the Board to adopt our 2022 budget. The 2022 budget will be based on an assessed valuation of \$260,000,000. Our advertised tax rate will be \$1.53. For comparative purposes, the 2021 budget was advertised at an assessed valuation of \$260,000,000 and a tax rate of \$1.67.

Remember, we always advertise high and then the Division of Local Government Finance will review our budget funds. By law, we can cut our advertised rates, but we cannot raise the rates after a budget submission. The 2021 budget numbers ended up being a tax rate of \$1.19 from an assessed valuation of just over \$306,000,000 with a Referendum Fund tax rate of .41.

Some upfront changes this year will include the removal of the .41 referendum as the 7 year period will expire at the end of this year. With the proposed renovations, .26 will be adding back into the budget in the area of debt service. The 2021 debt service was just under 7 cents; the 2022 budget debt services will be .33.

I need the board to adopt the 2022 budget. By law, the budget CPF and Bus Replacement Plans had to be submitted and published by the state website called Gateway. We also had to post both on our district website ten days prior to the budget hearing, which was September 7th. We held a public hearing on the 2022 Budget, the 2022 CPF plan, and the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan on September 7th. I would like to recommend the passage of the 2022 Budget. This will take a motion.

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget.

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

Thank you. Along with adopting the budget, there are a number of resolutions that must be passed in order for us to maneuver within that budget.

*2022 Budget Transfer Resolution

(This allows us to transfer money within funds and between funds.)

*Fall/Spring Budget Hearing Resolution

(This allows us to be able to make changes, adjustments or reductions to any of the 17 lines of Form 4B)

*2022 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption Resolution

(This resolution states that we have an adopted Bus Replacement that was given a proper hearing and will be submitted along with the 2022 Budget.)

*Rainy Day Fund Transfer Resolution

(This will allow us to transfer up to \$200,000 from any of the funds other than the Education Fund at the end of Budget Year 2020 to move into the Rainy Day Fund at the end of 2022.)

*2022 Capital Projects Plan Adoption Resolution

(This resolution states that we have an adopted Capital Projects Plan that was given a proper hearing and will be submitted along with the 2022 Budget.)

*Temporary Interest Resolution

*We must also pass the following resolution due to 1009:

**Resolution to Transfer Amounts from the Education to the Operations Fund on a monthly basis up to \$110,000 (State payments will come solely to the Education Fund and this resolution allows us to transfer to the Operations Fund on a monthly basis. The Board has already adopted a HB1192 Resolution that allows us to adjust our other levels to offset its pension fund levy. It, however, needs to be included in these resolutions as well.

These resolutions need Board action to be adopted. You may do them all at once or individually.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to pass the resolutions.

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

We must now take some time to publicly sign all of these resolutions along with Indiana Budget Form 4. Form 4 is the advertised budget notification form that is filed with DLGF through the Gateway system within the next five days.

B. Permission to Advertise for Snow Removal
Quotes for 2021-22

Snow Removal Quotes

It is getting to be that time of year again. Tonight, I am asking the Board to grant me permission to advertise specifics for our snow removal needs for the 2021-22 winter months.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to advertise for snow removal quotes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 7-0.

C. 2021-22/2022-23 Teacher Contract Negotiations

Teacher Contracts

Formal bargaining couldn't begin until September 15th. Once a tentative agreement has been met, there must be a public meeting to inform the public of the contents of the agreement. Then, 72 hours must pass before the board ratifies the contract. Within those 72 hours, the Teacher's Association must meet to ratify the contract.

We met for the first time on Thursday, September 16th. We will meet again on Thursday to hopefully clean up the contract language and move to a tentative agreement. If that happens, we will need to add a couple of meetings to meet the statute to settle the contract.

I appreciate the spirit with which we approach our negotiation in this district.

D. September 17, 2021 ADM Report

ADM Report

Friday, September 17th was our first ADM student count day. Back in April we had to give an estimate of what we thought our enrollment would be for state school financing entities. The April estimate was 750 students; we actually came in well above that number.

WRV HS: 243

WRV MS: 248

WRV ES: 286

Total: 777

(As of Wednesday, 9/5/2021)

E. Certified Dental Insurance Renewal Recommendation

Dental Insurance

We are still awaiting the arrival of quotes regarding the dental insurance renewal.

VIII. Personnel

Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Retta Lindsay- FMLA position
2. Cheryl Lattimore- WRV HS 2nd Shift Custodian
3. Rhonda Koons- WRV ES 2nd Shift Custodian

B. Recommending Appointments

1. David Hawkins- WRV HS 20-Hour Custodian
Girls Basketball Coaching Staff
2. Mark Graves- WRV HS Varsity Coach
3. April Settles- WRV HS JV Coach and Biddy Ball Coordinator
4. Conner Hill- WRV Varsity Asst.
5. Stacy Hill- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Coach
6. Caleb Fish- WRV HS Volunteer Asst. Coach
7. Matt Settles- WRV Biddy Ball Volunteer Asst. Coach

8. Matt Settles- WRV MS Head Coach (5,6,7 and 8)
9. April Settles- WRV MS Asst. Coach (7 and 8)
10. Mike Williams- WRV MS Volunteer Asst. Coach (7 and 8)
11. Cara Graves- WRV MS Asst. Coach (5 and 6)
12. Jon Allen- Bidy Ball Volunteer Asst. Coach
13. Jessica Pemberton- WRV HS Dance Team Coach
14. Gracyn Wallace- WRV HS Dance Volunteer Asst. Coach
15. Linda Cornelius- WRV HS Cheerleading Coach
16. Katherine Inman- WRV MS Cheerleading Coach
17. Lorrie Ann Nolting- WRV HS 2nd Shift Custodian

IX. Public Comment

Public Comment

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 October 4, 2021 from 4-7pm.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to allow public comment.

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

X. Transfer Request

Transfer Request

We have two individuals seeking entrance into our elementary school from outside our school district. Mrs. Guthrie has done the investigation and is recommending these two individuals be allowed to attend our elementary school. I would recommend the same.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to accept these out of district transfers.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Davidson. The motion passed 7-0.

XI. Add Agenda Item

School Lunch Pricing

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to add an agenda item.

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

A. School Adult Lunch Price Change

We have been notified by the Food Services Division that our price for adult lunch is too low. I included the email from the State to our Food Services Director in your packet. We

cannot receive any state reimbursements until this problem is rectified. I am recommending tonight that we raise our adult lunch price to \$4.60 as dictated by Mrs. Wiggington.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to raise the adult lunch to \$4.60.

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

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| XII. | Information: Next Calendar Items/Meetings | Information |
| | 1. End of 1st Grading Period | Friday, October 9, 2020 |
| | 2. Fall Break | October 16, 2020 |
| | 3. Regular Meeting | Monday, October 19 @ WRV ES 7PM |
| | 4. Executive Session | Monday, October 19 @ WRV ES 6PM |
| | 5. Superintendent Office Hours- Contact Mr. Hacker for Appointment | |
| | Monday, October 5, 2020 | 4-7 PM |
| | Contact me for an appointment. (bhacker@wrv.k12.in.us or 659-1424) | |

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| XIII. | Adjournment | Adjournment |
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Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 7-0.