

**Monday October 17, 2022**

**Regular Open Session**

**White River Valley School Corporation**

**Minutes**

The White River Valley School Board will meet in executive session at the WRV MS on Monday, October 17, 2022. The regular session will immediately follow the executive session at 7PM. Seven Board members were present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Jason Davidson, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Roger Shake, Mr. Joe Decker and Mr. David Reed. 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 meeting was called to order by Board president Mr. Brock Hostetter.

**II. Approve Minutes of the Sept. 19, 2022  
Regular meeting**

**Approve Minutes**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 regular session.

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

**III. Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum  
For October 17, 2022**

**Cert. of Exec. Session  
Memorandum**

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the certification of the executive session memorandum for October 17, 2022.

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

**IV. Approval of Corporate Claims**

**Approval of Claims**

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the corporate claims from September 14 through October 14, 2022.

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

V. Public Comment

**Public Comment**

By Indiana statute, Public Comment must be taken prior to decision agenda items. The Board President runs this portion of the meeting. The next Superintendent/Principal Open Office Hours will be held on November 14, 2022 from 4-7 PM.

VI. Special Presentations

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A. Student Recognition

1. Riley Children's Hospital Recognition
2. Student Recognition-2022 Cross Country Advancements
3. School Drama Advertisement-Nov. 4,5,6
4. Girls Volleyball- 2022 Sectional Champs
5. Middle School STEM Presentation-Mr. Jacob Graham
6. ISCA Academic All-State team-Michael John Solliday

B. Grants/Donations Approval

1. DOE Cohort Round Two STEM Acceleration Grant-\$25,000
2. White River Valley HS Athletic Department Donation: \$500 Anonymous
3. White River Valley HS Wolverine Enterprises LLC Donation: \$250 Anonymous

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the grants/donations presented.

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

VII. Old Business

A. Snow Removal Contract Bid for 2022-23

**Snow Removal Bids**

During the September meeting, we asked for individuals interested in doing our snow removal this winter to submit quotes. Tonight, I am recommending the following contracts:

Elementary School-Root 54 Landscapes \$225 per visit 1-4"/\$240 for 4.1-8"/\$270 for 8/1 to 12"/\$495 for 12.1-16"

Middle School-Justin Dale (\$200 per visit/\$300 per visit over 8 inches)

High School-Root 54 Landscapes (West, South, Back East, Pathway to Buses)  
1-4"/\$295; 4.1-8"/\$330; 8.1-12"/\$385; 12.1-16"/\$495-East lot bid separately and only with

permission of school personnel: 1-4"/\$125; 4.1-8"/\$150; 8.1-12"/\$175; 12.1-16"/\$225. Our people will take care of the sidewalks. There are extra charges for salt. These are the low quotes at each facility. I would recommend that we accept these quotes this evening.

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to accept the snow removal bids.

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

#### B. Maintenance and Facilities Update

#### **Maintenance Update**

Mr. Sims is here to brief the board on a number of happenings.

#### C. Wolverine Enterprises Report

#### **Wolverine Enterprises**

Our Wolverine Enterprise students and staff are building towards our first annual Open House coming up on November 4th. Ms. Thomas is here this evening for her monthly report.

### VIII. New Business

#### A. 2023-24 School Calendar Recommendation & Adoption

#### **2023-24 School Calendar**

It is time for the board to approve our school calendar for the 23-24 school year. We have been in discussion with the teacher association for the last two months in formal discussion to merit ideas. We also sent out a survey to all certified staff seeking input. The proposed calendar is 181 days with the year beginning on August 9th for students and culminating with graduation on Friday, May 24th. There are 4 built-in snow days that will be used prior to the state allowed three e-Learning days. Fall and Thanksgiving breaks will be 3 days each. The traditional spring break will be March 25-29. This evening, I am asking the board's approval for the 23-24 school calendar.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the proposed 23-24 school calendar.

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

#### B. Health Insurance Renewal

#### **Health Insurance**

It is the time of year that we quote services for our health insurance needs. Our current carrier, Medben, has quoted us a 1.2% increase for our employees for the 2023 Health Insurance renewal. Remember, we are a partially self-funded entity. We are responsible for the first \$75,000 on a claim and then our re-insurance carrier is responsible for anything above that number. There are no lasers on the quote. We had eleven different companies bid for our re-insurances services. We've come a long way in the last eight years when we only had one company bidding our services. I think we've done a pretty solid job building a solid insurance program. This recommendation does include laser protection, which will protect our investment by capping the possible increase that comes with a laser for the 2024 program year. Lasers are used in serious situations when the insurer knows that the cost of a particular situation is going to go well above the reinsurance mark. We have had up to \$325,000 laser situation in our recent past. Over the course of the last three years, we've had rate holds and one 1.5% increase, so this minimal increase is still good news comparable to the surrounding school districts. It is my recommendation that we stay with Medben with Companion Life (an A+ provider) as our re-insurer.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to stay with Medben with Companion Life as our re-insurer.

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

#### C. Discarding of Obsolete Equipment

#### **Discarding Equipment**

By law, when we dispose of obsolete equipment we must do so with the permission of the board. Mrs. Leibacher has come into her position as the new yearbook teacher and looked at all of the equipment and materials. She has provided a list that I put in your packets that details the materials that are no longer used and/or needs repairs. It is my recommendation that we give her the necessary permission to discard old and obsolete materials.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to give Mrs. Leibacher permission to discard the obsolete materials.

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

#### D. Accounting Request

#### **Accounting Request**

Our extra-curricular drama department sponsors have combined the drama production for the second consecutive year and have made the following request: they would like to combine the ECA accounts for drama. This would involve eliminating the middle school

ECA line for drama. This can be done with a simple motion from the board of education.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the accounting request from the drama department.

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

#### E. FFA Out-of-State Field Trip Request

#### **Field Trip Request**

Mr. Zuckschwerdt is asking permission to take his FFA Students to the NAILE Rodeo in Louisville, KY on November 11, 2022. The bus will leave after school and return around midnight. He would take up to 13 FFA members with him.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the field trip request for the FFA.

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

### IX. Personnel

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#### A. Resignations

1. Jeff Richardson- WRV MS Social Studies Teacher
2. Kelsie Archer- WRV HS Special Education Instructional Asst.

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to approve the resignations.

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

#### B. Hiring Recommendations

1. Carter Hostetter- WRV HS Boys Basketball Volunteer Asst. Coach
2. Clayton Sluder- WRV MS Boys Basketball Volunteer Asst. Coach
3. Nate O'Neall- WRV MS Boys Basketball Volunteer Asst. Coach
4. Bailey Wiseman- WRV MS Cheerleading Coach
5. Ryan Karr- WRV MS 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
6. Cody English- WRV MS 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the hiring recommendations.

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

X. Information

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A. Next Calendar Items/Meetings

1. Wolverine Enterprises LLC Open House-November 4,2022 4-7PM at HS
2. "Lion King" at WRV HS: 11/4, 5, and 6/2022
3. Veterans Day-Thursday, November 11 (All Veterans Welcomed)
  - A. WRV High School 8:45 AM
  - B. WRV Elementary School 10 AM
  - C. WRV Middle School 1PM
4. Regular Public Session Board Meeting- November 21, 2022 @ WRV HS WC
5. Superintendent/Principal Office Hours- 11/14 4:30-7PM

XI. Adjournment

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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