

Monday April 18, 2022

Regular Open Session

White River Valley School Corporation

Minutes

The White River Valley School Board will meet in executive session at the White River Valley High School on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6 PM. The regular session will immediately follow the executive session at 7PM. 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 meeting 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 of the March 14, 2022 Public Session Minutes.

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

**III. Certification Of Exec.
Session Memorandum**

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Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to certify the executive session memorandum from the April 18, 2022 session.

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

IV. Approval of Claims

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Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to approve the claims from March 11 through April 15, 2022.

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

V. Student Recognition **Student Recognition**
IASP Indiana Academic Regional All-Star

Mr. Doug Lewis recognized Patricia Soliday with this honor.

VI. Old Business **Stephen Campbell Banquet**

A. Campbell Banquet Recap and 2023 Date Confirmation

We had a great 9th Campbell Banquet earlier this month. I need to remind folks that the next year's banquet will be on Friday, March 17, 2023. We are taking applications for the alums of the year program up until the 1st of next December. The nominating form is available online at our website and in the central office. A big thanks to our staff who helped with the event, including Michelle and Kylie, Renee Wiggington and her cafeteria staff, our custodial crew, and our NHS underclassmen/servers and Mr. Gummersheimer. Job well done!

B. Wolverine Enterprises LLC Update **Wolverine Enterprises**

Miss Thomas joins us this evening for her monthly report on the Wolverine Enterprises program. Miss Thomas..

C. Maintenance Report **Maintenance Report**

There's a great deal going on around the district with the renovations and other updates. Mr. Sims joins us this evening...

D. 2022-23 Student Handbook Recommendations **2022-23 Handbooks**
for Approval 2nd Read

Last month, I brought you the student handbooks for the first read. Tonight, I am asking for the approval. All of our principals are here this evening if there are any questions. I would recommend we move forward with the adoption of the 22-23 student handbooks.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the 22-23 student handbooks.

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

E. 2022-23 School Calendar
Review and Adjustment

2022-23 School Calendar

The state legislators passed new guidelines for e-Learning Days. No longer are they unlimited, which will have an impact on the school calendar. If you will recall our calendar discussion for 22-23, construction and renovation made it necessary to start as late as possible and utilize e-Learning Days as opposed to scheduling snow days. Well, that situation has changed with the new state law, which limits e-Learning Days to 3 per year and with “real-time” learning for 50% of the day. This will be a challenge as the district has areas of limited internet access. I am recommending that we move the start of school from August 22 to August 17th (Wednesday). This would give us the opportunity to build in 3 snow days. The Friday prior to Labor Day would be shifted to a day off...not an e-Learning Day. We would return to school from Christmas Break one day earlier to gain the 3rd snow day. Snow Days would be May 26, April 7, and March 24. We are still trying to get our TBRI Training in for the high school. Those days will be September 30 and October 28th. We are awaiting the waiver process from the state which will allow us to utilize e-Learning at the high school only on those days for professional development.

We try to control as much as we can on these types of issues, but I can’t control what the legislators do. I am recommending we make those changes to the 2022-23 school calendar this evening., so I can get this communicated to patrons.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to adopt the changes to the 2022-23 school calendar.

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

VII. New Business

A. WRVSD 2022-23 Evaluation
Instrument First Read

2022-23 Evaluation Instrument

Every year, we meet with the Classroom Teacher Association to discuss our formal evaluation system before sending it to the state per state statute. We met three times this year. We looked at adjustments to Domain Three of the Indiana RISE system. Teachers have the opportunity to earn points toward the domain through extra involvement areas. It is important to give our building administrators leeway to work with staff on an individual basis in this domain. This is a first read; we will come back in May and ask for approval before sending it to the DOE in June.

B. WRVSD Math Textbook
Committee Recommendation

WRVSD Textbook Committee

Our WRVSD math textbook/curriculum committee has been meeting during this school year and is ready to make some recommendations for the 2022-23 school year. Here's Mr. Walton and Mrs. O'Neill to represent the committee this evening.

C. Pre-K Stabilization Grant Approval
(\$96,247) and Program Update

Pre-K Stabilization Grant

Over the course of the last four months, WRVSD has been fortunate enough to get three grants for our Little Paws Preschool Program. One of the things that sets our PK program apart from others is that we are a licensed preschool through the state's "Pathways to Quality Preschool Program." Levels 3 and 4 programs are eligible for these grants, called Stabilization grants. We have received two of those grants that can be used for personnel, supplies, and building maintenance and upgrades. As you'll remember, we also received a state grant through a partnership with the Greene County Community Foundation for Pre-k specific programs. These grants will allow us to hire additional personnel in 22-23 to extend the hours of our service through five o'clock. This really helps our parents/guardians. We also wrote a new playground into the GCCF grant, which Angela Burton through Stenftenagel Group has been helping us get designed and RFP'd. There are no action items on this section tonight, but I did want to get the board updated on the great things happening with that program. We appreciate Mrs. Tharp and Mrs. Staggs/Mrs. Guthrie for the upkeep on those PK requirements. It has been a great financial help to the program.

VII. Personnel

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- A. Resignations
1. Linda Cornelius- WRV HS Cheerleading Coach

2. Mark Graves- WRV HS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
3. Jessica Pemberton- WRV HS Art Teacher and Dance Coach
4. Sarah Beeson- WRV ES 1st Grade Teacher (effective immediately)
5. Alyssa Bailey- WRV ES Special Education Teacher
6. Chelsea Howard- WRV HS English Teacher

Mr. Roger Shake made a motion to accept these resignations.

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

B. Assignments

1. Juliana Johnson-WRV HS/MS Summer Music Teacher 2021-22
2. Ann Drapo- WRV HS Art Teacher
3. Mike Swinford- WRV MS Science FMLA Leave
4. Savannah Hogg- WRV ES 1st Grade Teacher

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve these new assignments.

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

IX. Public Comment

Public Comment

(Public Reminder: any patron wishing to address the Board of Education during the public business meeting of the White River Valley School District must make such a request 10 days prior to the public meeting. Open Office Hours for this month will be held on May 2, 2022 from 4-PM)

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

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

X. Out-of-District Transfer Requests

Out-of-District Transfer

We have an Out-of-District School Transfer asking for permission to attend our middle school. Mr. Walton has done the administrative investigations and recommended this student for approval. I agree with his recommendation.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to accept this out-of-district transfer.

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

XI. Information/Announcements

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| A. 2022 WRV Prom | Saturday, April 23, 2022 6PM Grand March, Dance 7-11PM |
| B. Executive Session | Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6PM WRV WC |
| C. Public Session | Monday, May 16, 2022 7PM WRV HS WC |
| D. 2022 WRV Graduation | Friday, May 20, 2022 @ 7:30PM at WRV HS Gym |

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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