

Monday, November 20, 2023

White River Valley School Corporation

Regular Open Session

The White River Valley Board of School Trustees will meet in regular open session on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7PM at White River Valley High School. There is an executive session scheduled at 6PM prior to the public meeting. There were 7 board members present: Mr. Brock Hostetter, Mr. Andy Davis, Mr. Joe Decker, Mr. Bruce Porter, Mrs. Cleta Shake, Mr. Conner Hill, and Mr. Jason Davidson.

I. Call to Order

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The meeting was called to order by board president Mr. Brock Hostetter.

II. Approve Minutes of Oct. 16, 2023
& Nov. 10, 2023 Public Meetings

Approve Minutes

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 and the November 10, 2023 public meetings.

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

III. Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum
For Oct. 26, 27, Nov. 10 & 20, 2023 Executive Sessions

Cert. of Exec. Session Memorandum

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the certification of executive session memorandums from the October 26 and 27 and November 10 and 20, 2023 executive sessions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

IV. Approval of Corp. Claims
From Oct. 13-Nov. 17, 2023

Approval of Claims

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve the corporate claims from October 13 through November 17, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

V. Acceptance of Donation

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1. \$1,809 to HS Athletic Department from WRV BB Boosters and \$1,000 to WRV Shooting Sports from Randall Baker Business Services

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to accept the donations from WRV BB Boosters and Randall Baker Business Services.

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

VI. Student Recognition

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1. Laney Davis-WRV HS Riley Children's Hospital Dance Marathon Team President
- Riley Corporation Status- 2022-23

VII. Grant Acceptance

Grant Acceptance

1. Indiana Department of Education Robotics Competition Grant- \$21,000

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the Indiana Department of Education Robotics Competition Grant.

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

VIII. Public Comment

Public Comment

As per Indiana State Statute, public comment is to be made available prior to any old or new agenda item. Mr. Hostetter, as a board president, resides over this part of the meeting.

* There was no public comment during this time.

IX. Old Business

A. Wolverine Enterprise Report

Wolverine Enterprise Report

We recently held our third annual Wolverine Enterprises LLC Open House with great success. Here to update the board on our Wolverine Enterprises program is Justin Scheller.

B. Facilities Report

Facilities Report

Now that we have closed on our 2023 bond sale, we are ready to start lining up our projects.

1. The first project is the middle school flat roof project. We put out the RFP by statute. Mr recommendation is that we award the low base bid to Amos Exteriors from Indianapolis at \$450,245. I further recommend that we also award Amos the Alternative 1 Bid for sheeting for \$3,650.

Mr. Andy Davis made a motion to approve Amos Exteriors for the middle school flat roof project.

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

2. The second project is the elementary school shingle roofing project. We are under the \$300,000 threshold so all we had to do was take bids within seven days of each other. My recommendation is to accept the low base bid and Alt. 1 combination of \$144,987 from Roof One/Bone Dry Roofing.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve Roof One/Bone Dry Roofing for the elementary shingle roofing project.

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

3. The third project is the high school drainage and parking lot paving projects. The RFP has been released by Chriss Jobe, our civil engineer, and we are advertising the project in the Greene Co. Daily World twice over the next ten days. Proposals are due into my office on Friday, December 15th by 1 PM. Proposals will be opened directly afterwards and taken into consideration.

All three projects will be completed in the Summer of 2024.

In other maintenance news, we are receiving consideration for a number of fixes in the HS boiler room, including the water heaters, soft water conditioners, and two pumps. We have had a couple of businesses in to look at that situation, and I expect quotes to come in for that work in time for next month's public session. I'd like to thank Mr. Decker for his assistance with this area.

At the middle school, all five electrical panels have been replaced by Woods Electric. The next phase of that project is looking at the two major panels in the boiler room. That project will be done over the Summer, 2024 as well.

C. Snow Removal Contracts for
WRV HS and WRV ES

Snow Removal Contracts

We asked for snow removal quotes in late September. We took care of the middle school last month. Tonight, I am recommending the proposal for Root 54 Landscapes at both the elementary and the high school. There are separate quotes for the snow removal and the de-icing of the lots. Those prices were contained in your board packets.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the contracts for the ES and HS from Root 54 Landscapes for snow removal.

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

D. WRV Elem. & MS Kitchen Food Warmers

Cafe Quotes

Mrs. Wiggington reports that the cabinet food warmers at both the elementary (old equipment) and the middle school have gone out of service. Both are over a decade old. She has put together three quotes to replace the two pieces of equipment. The quotes are in your board packets. She recommends the low bid of Taylor Distributors of Indiana at \$12,155. The cost will be taken from the cafeteria fund.

Mr. Joe Decker made a motion to approve the purchase of the food warmers for the elementary and middle school.

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

X. New Business

A. WRV Elem. School Therapy Dog Proposal

Elem. Therapy Dog Proposal

Early in the school year, Mrs. Abrams- first grade teacher at WRV ES- came to me with an idea to help boost the morale and well-being of our elementary students through the use of a therapy. I looked into the insurance and the necessity of the animal being certified for the therapy services. Well, Henry has done his part. Earlier this month, he received his AKC's "Good Citizen" Therapy Dog training certification. Jan and Henry are here in attendance tonight, and we are asking for board approval to implement Henry's services into our overall mental wellness program at WRV Elementary School.

I would recommend that we allow Henry an opportunity to work with our elementary students after Thanksgiving Break. This gives Mrs. Guthrie time to notify all parents. I believe this will be a big hit with our students. I know they've loved it when I've taken Chewie in on special occasions. I would ask the board of approval.

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to approve the implementation of Henry into the elementary's mental wellness program.

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

B. WRV Police Force Purchasing Request

WRV Police Force Request

Both Officer Coy and Officer O'Malley have requested that the board purchase a certain software (entitled Flex from Motorola Solutions) that will help identify problems and situations in "real-time" fashions. Right now we utilize a criminal history check that takes time to finish the overall procedure. This software, priced at \$9,300, will give them both the availability of real-time records and situations as they are happening. Both say this is really a need when working with situations involving our students and their parents that will help them keep our students and staff safe. I put some information in your board packets, and I have Officer Coy here this evening to take any questions.

My recommendation is to utilize Operations funds to get our Police Force this most appropriate and valuable safety tool.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the purchase of this software.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruce Porter. The motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Brock Hostetter and Mr. Andy Davis voting no.

C. WRVSD Hourly Arrangement With Church-Church-Hittle Antrim Law Group

Church-Church-Hittle-Antrim Law Group

Over the course of our efforts to talk about Job Order Contracting, we reached out to a number of governmental and law groups for advice. Mr. Decker and I had the opportunity to finally find someone with knowledge and expertise in this area to help us. Tonight, I am asking the board's permission to utilize Church-Church-Hittle-Antrim on matters that require expertise in the execution of the bidding process and project process regarding our special HVAC projects coming up with the WRV HS gym and the MS HVAC following the completion of the electric upgrade. The hourly rate for associates is \$260 per hour. We will use them only on special projects as needed.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the use of Church-Church-Hittle-Antrim Law group for our upcoming HVAC projects and future special projects as needed.

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

D. Certified Dental Insurance Renewal

Certified Dental Insurance

Each year we put out our business for certified employee dental insurance. Mike Ketron puts that out to bid as our agent. We have good news on this front as he is recommending we stay with our current provider, Paramount Dental. There is no rate increase-a rate hold-for our 2024 certified dental insurance.

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to stay with Paramount Dental for our certified dental insurance.

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

XI. Personnel

Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Michael Coy

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the resignation of Michael Coy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Conner Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Hiring Recommendations

1. Michael Barnard- WRV Elementary part-time mid-day custodian
2. Jared Shelton- WRV HS Boys Basketball volunteer assistant (non-bench) coach
3. Kyle Steward- WRV MS Boys Basketball volunteer 5/6th grade asst. Coach
4. Lori Chestnut- WRV MS Grade 6 FMLA Leave (2nd semester)

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

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

5. Josh Lundy- WRV HS Track head coach
6. Brian Dimbath- WRV HS & MS Track assistant coach
7. Kelly Dimbath- WRV HS & MS Track assistant coach
8. Conner Hill- WRV HS Track volunteer assistant coach
9. Brian Jean- WRV MS Track head coach

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to approve the recommended coaching positions.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clela Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Other- Retirements

1. Dr. Bob Hacker-move retirement date from January 3, 2024 to May 31, 2024

Mr. Jason Davidson made a motion to extend Dr. Hacker's retirement date from January 3, 2024 to May 31, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Decker. The motion passed 5-2, with Mr. Bruce Porter and Mrs. Clela Shake voting no.

XII. Out-of-District Transfer Students

Out-of-District Transfer Requests

We have three out-of-district transfer students wanting to attend WRV High School. Mr. Lewis has completed the administrative investigations and recommends the acceptance of these individuals.

Mr. Conner Hill made a motion to approve the out-of-district transfers.

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

XIII. Information

Information

A. School Quick Reports: ES, MS, HS

B. Next Public Meeting- Monday, December 18, 2023 7PM WRV HS

C. Executive Session- Monday, December 18, 2023 6PM WRV Admin. Center

D. Supt. Open Office Hours- Monday, December 4, 2023 4-7PM WRV Admin. Center

XIV. Add Agenda Item

Sports Banners

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to have WRV Enterprises print the sports banners.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clela Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

XV. Adjournment

Adjournment

Mr. Bruce Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clela Shake. The motion passed 7-0.

