

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2017, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and Administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, and Mrs. Morgan were present along with Mr. Engerski. Board member Mr. Littlejohn was absent.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Jeremy Royer offered a prayer.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the minutes, treasurer’s report, and bills from the month of February. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes, treasurer’s report, and bills

In his superintendent report, Mr. Ross reported that the First Christian Church held a taco luncheon for all the staff to show their appreciation. Mr. Ross also reported on several topics that were discussed at the Board Retreat.

Mr. Ross and the athletic committee met before the regular Board meeting. Several items were discussed, including the possibility of increasing the officials’ fee and increasing participation fees for the Jr. High and High School. A formal presentation will be given to the Board at the April meeting.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. All present voted aye. The first day for the teachers will be August 14 and the first day for the students will be August 15 with an 11:30 dismissal for elementary and an 11:45 dismissal time for jr. high and high school.

Approved school calendar for 2017-2018

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to move the April Board meeting from April 13 to April 20. All present voted aye. The meeting was changed due to the Board election and the requirements to seat the new Board.

Change date of April board meeting

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the renewal of the IHSA membership. There is no fee and this is done annually. All present voted aye.

Approved IHSA membership renewal

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the fee of \$125.00 per half credit for students attending summer school provided by Lake Land/Pathways. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved fee for summer school

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, giving Mr. Ross permission to reach out to the MEA in hopes of reaching a satisfactory agreement concerning the National Board Certification recognition on the salary schedule. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr.

Gave Mr. Ross permission to reach out to MEA for NBC salary schedule

Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Mr. Engerski discussed with the Board information on leasing 2 additional busses. Mr. Engerski will have additional information at the April meeting. The Board gave him permission to look into this

G. Engerski to look into 2 bus leases

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the following camp requests: cheer, volleyball, girls basketball, boys basketball, and football. All present voted aye.

Approved camp requests

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to approve a professional leave for Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Ockerman to attend Get Your Teach On! In Chicago in October. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved professional leave request for Boyer/Ockerman

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the following field trips: International Club to Indianapolis; 2nd graders to the Indianapolis Zoo, 4th graders to the Indianapolis Children's Museum; FBLA to the state leadership conference in Springfield; Jr. high and high school bands to Holiday World (the bands will perform); and the Jr. high and high schools band to the Indianapolis Beef and Boards. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved field trips

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/(c)(1)(personnel). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The Board went into closed session at 6:25 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The Board returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

Open Session

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve Beth Grooms as Title I Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved Beth Grooms as Title I coordinator/17-18

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve Jeanice Scamihorn as an elementary teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved J. Scamihorn as 3rd grade teacher/17-18

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve Jill Strohm's retirement request for the end of the 2020-2021 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved J. Strohm's retirement request/20-21

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to extend Tony Graham's contract through the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr.

Approved extension of T. Graham's contract/18-19

Macke, aye.

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to extend Connie Morgan's contract through the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved extension
of C. Morgan's
contract/18-19

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Adjourn

The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Unit Office.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education