

March 8, 2010

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Rebecca Sprague. Those present were invited to stand and join with the Board in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, board members present were Greg Eller, Dave Moulton, Sprague, Kay Walton, Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, and Steve Bultinck. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 8th regular meeting and the memorandum of the February 22nd work session were presented for approval.

Mr. Bultinck made the motion, seconded by Mr. Moulton to approve the minutes and memorandum as presented. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes or memorandum.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

1. Superintendent Eiler recognized the accomplishments of Jefferson High School students at the Regional Science and Engineering Fair held March 6-7 at Purdue University. Students from eleven counties were represented. In fourteen different categories, Jeff students combined for eight gold medals, four silver, seven bronze, and seven honorable mention allowing Jeff to lead all schools with sixty-five total medal points. Jeff student, Ashley Sankari, was selected as one of the top two students, earning her and Mr. Joe Ruhl, science teacher at Jeff, an all-expense paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose in May.

E. Public Participation

1. Anthony Poore, 2015 Underwood Street, expressed his concern regarding the use of drug-sniffing dogs in the schools, his main concern being for the children who are afraid of dogs. Mr. Poore felt every dog brought in should be accompanied by an officer.

Board President Sprague stated the dogs to be used were non-bite dogs. Superintendent Eiler added that the protocol would be for grades five through twelve. Currently board policy allows dogs to be brought into the buildings, but the corporation has not exercised

the option to bring them in. Currently, cars in the parking lot and student lockers after school hours have been checked. The proposed policy revisions would expand the search and would be the same protocol that is used in the other schools in the county. Students would place their coats, backpacks, purses in the hallways, return to their classrooms, and, with the doors closed, the dog would sniff the items when the students are not in the presence of the dog. The students would have no cause to see the dog.

F. Recommendations

1. First Reading of Board Policy J490 Student Lockers and Student Personal Possessions

The proposed revisions to board policy J490 Student Lockers and Student Personal Possessions were presented for first reading. Superintendent Eiler noted revisions to this policy were discussed at the February board work session and Board Counsel Kent Moore was asked to provide language for the revisions discussed. Dr. Eiler stated notice would need to be given to students that backpacks, jackets, and other personal items could be placed in the hallways and sniffed by dog(s). No action was required of the Board on first reading. There will be further discussion at the March 22nd board work session with the second reading at the regular board meeting in April.

2. Act of Field Trip Request

The Administration recommended approval of the following field trip request:

- a. Jefferson High School, FIRST Robotics, March 24-28, 2010, Buckeye Regional Competition, Cleveland, OH

Mr. Wagner made the motion to approve the FIRST Robotics field trip, seconded by Mrs. Walton.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

- a. Leaves
 1. Karen Haynes, pregnancy/childbirth, April 5-May 24, 2010
 2. Jill Keys, pregnancy/childbirth, April 19-June 1, 2010
 3. Robyn Maish, pregnancy/childbirth, April 5-May 17, 2010
- b. Reduction in Full Time Equivalency
 1. Beth Walker, reduced from 1.0 FTE to .5 FTE science teacher, Jefferson High School
- c. Termination
 1. Alexandra Partin, custodian, Sunnyside Middle School, effective February 4, 2010

d. Resignations

1. Christe Carnes, program aide, Glen Acres Elementary School, effective February 29, 2010
2. Jimmy Frezza, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant, effective February 5, 2010
3. Darci Hall, special education paraprofessional, Tecumseh Junior High School, effective December 18, 2009
4. Betsy Stumph, program aide, Oakland Elementary School, effective February 26, 2010

In reviewing personnel records there was no record of board action on the following list of resignations. These employees separated from their employment and did not submit a written letter of resignation. The Administration requested the board acknowledge the termination of their service.

1. Tabitha M. DePaolo, Title I intervention assistant, Sunnyside Middle School, effective June 15, 2007
2. Adam Graham, severe disabilities facilitator, G.L.A.S.S., effective June 16, 2009
3. Janice E. Lasky, G.L.A.S.S. program aide, effective November 3, 2006
4. Brooke A. Richards, program aide and lunch supervisor, Miller Elementary School, effective June 12, 2009
5. Emilee A. Wintz, lunch supervisor, Miami Elementary School, effective May 30, 2008

e. Employment

1. Jessica Aynes, G.L.A.S.S. school bus attendant (replacement)
2. Ashley Hall, food service substitute (replacement)
3. Kathryn Long, special education paraprofessional (change in wages)
4. Jamie Slickers, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (change in wages)
5. Carolyn Vester, G.L.A.S.S. paraprofessional (change in wages)

Mr. Moulton made the motion to approve the employee requests as presented, seconded by Dr. Stwalley.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended the Board accept the following gifts for the month of February as listed:

- a. F.2200-LARA Donations, \$5,971.67
- b. State Farm Companies Foundation Good Neighbor Grant Program, \$500.00 to the Jefferson High School Band Department

Mrs. Walton made the motion to accept the gifts as presented, seconded by Mr. Eller.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5. Treasurer:

- a. The financial report will be filed for audit.
- b. The Administration recommended approval of the vendor claims and ratification of payroll claims as presented.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to ratify vendor claims and payroll, seconded by Mr. Bultinck.

Roll Call: Ayes: Eller, Moulton, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley, Wagner, Bultinck.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Information Only

1. Jefferson High School, Orchestra, Chicago, IL, April 10-11, 2010, will attend a performance of the Chicago Symphony; visit the Museum of Natural History and the Hancock Building.
2. Construction Payments
 - a. Account #611749, Sweetbriar-softball/tennis, \$6,100.12
 - b. Account #611753, Sunnyside, \$281,896.45


H. Board Reports

1. Board Member Stwalley noted the cellular tower had been placed on top of the water tower at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds which the school corporation had granted a permanent easement to the City for this purpose.

Dr. Stwalley also commented on the speech meet held in Crawfordsville in which he had been asked to judge and Jefferson students participated. A few of the students may present at a future school board meeting.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Sprague called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mr. Moulton and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Rebecca Sprague, President



Brian Wagner, Secretary