

November 10, 2008

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 Greg Eller.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, board members present were Jess Washburn, Rebecca Sprague, Kay Walton, Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, Steve Bultinck, and Greg Eller. Also present was Board Counsel Bob Laszynski.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 14th Regular Board Meeting and the memorandum of the October 27th Work Session were presented for approval.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

Good News presented by Mrs. Kelly Coleman, Assistant to the Superintendent:

1. Mr. Duane Smith, social studies teacher at Sunnyside Middle School, was nominated by his principal, Mr. John Forville, and recognized with the Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award. Mr. Smith is devoted to operating the Homework Club at Sunnyside ensuring each student receives the needed help and guidance with their schoolwork. Recently the Homework Club was expanded to include students who were not turning in their homework. This created a much higher population of students participating in the Homework Club and Mr. Smith received the additional students without question. He arrives at school early and voluntarily supervises students during breakfast. Mr. Smith enjoys getting to know the students and the students love having him there. Mr. Eller, School Board President, thanked Mr. Smith for his dedication to the Sunnyside students and presented him with the GEM Award on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Wagner thanked Mr. Smith for all he has done and stated he had made a very positive impact personally with his children.

2. The school corporation was recently visited by staff from the Title III (English as a Second Language) office of the Indiana Department of Education. In the written report of this visit, Sunnyside Assistant Principal Brandon Hawkins was commended for his work with the ELL program at Sunnyside. This is the second time Mr. Hawkins has received commendation for his work with Sunnyside's ELL program.

3. Bill Huston, earth science and astronomy teacher at Jefferson High School, received a \$44,000 Alcoa grant to be distributed over a two-year period. This grant money will be used for making improvements to the planetarium. The first phase will be the installation of L.E.D. cove lighting and the second phase will be a full-dome video system.

4. Jefferson High School coaches and athletes of fall sports received the 2008 Sportsmanship Award from the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

5. Gail Gripe, English teacher and volleyball coach at Jefferson High School, who has been coaching volleyball for over thirty-five years, was inducted into the ICGSA Volleyball Hall of Fame. Mrs. Gripe has had a stellar coaching career having achieved over six-hundred victories.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board. Superintendent Eiler welcomed the Boy Scouts who were present.

F. Recommendations

1. Act on Bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Bids were received at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from Pinkerton Oil Company, Ceres Solutions, and Petroleum Traders to provide gasoline and diesel fuel. The bids will be in effect from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Since the rack price of fuel fluctuates on a daily basis, the Administration recommended acceptance of the bids from all three companies. This will allow the Lafayette School Corporation to purchase the lowest priced fuel available on any given day. The first delivery will be awarded to Pinkerton Oil Company at a cost of \$2.2632 per gallon for diesel fuel.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to accept the administration's recommendation to award the fuel bid initially to Pinkerton, but to consider both Ceres Solutions and Petroleum Traders as responsive bidders. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Walton.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Approve Advertising of Tax Anticipation Warrant

The Administration requested permission to advertise for a tax anticipation warrant totaling \$9,900,000. This would be \$4,100,000 for the Debt Service Fund, \$4,000,000 for the Capital Projects Fund, \$1,150,000 for the Transportation Fund and \$650,000 for the School Bus Replacement Fund.

The school corporation had been informed by the County Treasurer's Office that the June property tax settlement may not be received on time. Therefore, the Administration recommended approval to advertise for a tax anticipation warrant, adoption of the resolution, approval of the form of the warrant, and approval of disclosure and legal advertising.

Mrs. Walton made the motion to approve advertising for a tax anticipation warrant, seconded by Mrs. Sprague. Discussion occurred regarding the number of years tax anticipation warrants have been needed (every year), total interest on current tax anticipation warrant of \$17,700,000 (approximately \$590,000), and the percentage of advance tax draws being received as collected (approximately 20%). Deputy Superintendent Foreman stated it is expected 95% of the anticipated property tax will be received by the end of the calendar year.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Approve Bonds for Deputy Treasurers

The Administration recommended approval for bonds in the amount of \$25,000 for each of six deputy treasurers. This is the same procedure followed last year.

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to approve bonds for the deputy treasurers as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Walton.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Act on Lease with Evangelical Covenant Church

The Title I pre-school program had been in need of space additional space. After investigating options the Administration recommended approval of a lease with Evangelical Covenant Church for classroom space. The proposed lease had been reviewed by board counsel and was provided for the board's consideration.

Mr. Bultinck recommended approval of the lease agreement as presented, seconded by Mrs. Sprague.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

a. Resignations

1. Amy Bochenek, intervention, Miller Elementary School, effective June 1, 2008
2. Rosealand Brandmeyer, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., effective October 24, 2008
3. Kristin M. Bruce, Title I instructional aide, Miami Elementary School, effective October 21, 2008
4. Sandra Lyerly, G.L.A.S.S. paraprofessional, effective October 24, 2008
5. Claire Plantenga, Title I preschool teaching assistant, effective October 3, 2008
6. Derek Plantenga, Title I preschool teaching assistant, effective October 3, 2008
7. Shirley Francis, paraprofessional, Jefferson High School, effective July 17, 2008

8. LaVeta Franze, support services aide, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective July 4, 2008
9. Lori Wagner, program aide, G.L.A.S.S., effective September 15, 2008
10. Karen Walker, nurse/paraprofessional, G.L.A.S.S., effective September 29, 2008
11. Kristianne Young, intervention, Miller Elementary School, effective June 1, 2008
- b. Termination
 1. Donna Kennedy, food service, Miller Elementary School, effective October 28, 2008
- c. Employment
 1. Ric Allen, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
 2. Chad Arnold, G.L.A.S.S. teacher assistant (change in wages)
 3. Emily Burger, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
 4. Jennifer Campagna, teacher assistant (replacement)
 5. Harold Crumley, staff custodian (replacement)
 6. Julie A. Everett, substitute school bus driver
 7. Tamara Gibbons, G.L.A.S.S. ACC program aide (new)
 8. Patricia Hurst, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
 9. Janet Lippai, G.L.A.S.S. paraprofessional (change in wages)
 10. Lizz Long, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (new)
 11. Kristen Ludington, .5 FTE kindergarten (regular/new)
 12. Christopher Mathias, 5th grade teacher (regular/new)
 13. Catherine A. Odle, G.L.A.S.S. school bus driver
 14. Colleen Quinn, Title I preschool teaching assistant (replacement)
 15. Dalila Rios, staff custodian (replacement)
 16. Robert Sandy, G.L.A.S.S. program aide (replacement)
 17. Barry A. Shockey, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (new)
 18. Ashly Stacy, G.L.A.S.S. teacher assistant (replacement)
 19. Keonna Williamson, G.L.A.S.S. substitute program aide (replacement)
 20. Grazyna "Grace" Zieminski, Title I preschool teaching assistant (replacement)

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mr. Washburn, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

6. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended acceptance of the following gifts for the month of October:

- a. F. 2050 Superintendent's Discretionary Fund received \$5.57 in dividends from Huntington Bank.
- b. F. 2200 LARA monetary donations of \$2,153.00.
- c. F. 2920 GLASS Donations of \$350.00 for the Artists for Autism Program from Tim Francen \$250.00 and PEFCU \$100.

Mrs. Sprague made the motion to accept the gifts as presented, seconded by Mr. Wagner.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

7. Treasurer:

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

Dr. Stwalley made the motion to approve claims and ratify payroll, seconded by Mrs. Walton.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Information Only

1. The following report on construction payments was provided for the Board:
 - a. From Account #611749 (Sweetbriar project)
 - b. From Account #611753 (Jeff Performing Arts Center, Sunnyside, and Jeff chiller projects)

H. Board Reports

1. Dr. Stwalley commended the Administration on the use of PowerSchool; that it is a great parent tool and is in keeping with our strategic ideal of getting parents involved.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Eller called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Stwalley, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Greg L. Eller, President

Kay L. Walton, Secretary