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March 6, 2006

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Board President Robert Stwalley.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, Board members present were CarolJo Brown, Greg Eller, David Jarmon, Frank Lane (by phone), Rebecca Sprague, Kay Walton, and Robert Stwalley. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 13th Regular Meeting, February 25th Executive Session and memoranda of the work session held February 27th were presented for Board action.

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the minutes and memoranda as presented. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

1. Superintendent Eiler informed the Board that Dr. John Layton, Principal at Tecumseh Middle School, had been selected to be a member of the Indiana/Chinese Initiative with the Department of Education and visit China from March 8th -17th. Dr. Layton was present and stated the Freeman Foundation was funding this initiative. The delegation, representing eight Indiana schools, will be exploring opportunities for teacher, student, and curricular exchanges over the next several years.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

F. Recommendations:

1. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests:

a. Leaves

1. Teresa L. Valencia, pregnancy/childbirth, August 28, 2006-October 9, 2006
2. Manndi M. Rodgers, pregnancy/childbirth, March 23, 2006-Fall, 2006

b. Resignations

1. Brett C. Gibson, custodian, Jefferson High School, effective February 23, 2006

2. Deborah Nugent, food service, Vinton Elementary School, effective February 8, 2006
 3. Bobbie Ritz-Puetz, Life Skills Facilitator/paraprofessional, Tecumseh Middle School, effective January 11, 2006
- c. Terminations
1. Justin Wilson, systems technician, effective February 22, 2006
 2. Beth Wroblewski, program aide, Learning Center, effective February 27, 2006
- d. Employment
1. Sara Bean, intervention assistant (new)
 2. Oscar C. Haughs, teacher assistant (new)
 3. Karin Kvale, kindergarten teaching assistant (new)
 4. Kiley Reed, paraprofessional (replacement)
 5. Heather Watts, kindergarten teaching assistant (new)

The Administration recommended approval of the employee recommendations as presented.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

The Administration recommended the Board accept the gifts listed below:

- a. \$15,095.98 to F. 220-Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, February 2006 donations
- b. \$500.00 to Glen Acres Elementary School, from Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Renaming of Schools

Board President Stwalley suggested the Board first consider the renaming of the 7/8 building and requested a recommendation from the Administration. Superintendent Eiler stated he liked the heritage of the Tecumseh name, but noted the middle school needed to be changed to junior high school. Dr. Eiler recommended renaming the seven/eight building Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School.

Mrs. Brown made the motion to name the seven/eight building Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School, seconded by Dr. Jarmon. Dr. Jarmon stated that after hearing the pros and

cons, he felt it important to keep Tecumseh a part of the name - part of the tradition. Mr. Lane requested Superintendent Eiler refresh the Board about the survey taken and the results. Superintendent Eiler stated information had been distributed to the parents of children who were currently in our system who would be, at some point in time, attending either Tecumseh or Sunnyside. The intent and purpose behind changing the names of the schools had been explained to the parents. Approximately 472 of the returned surveys supported changing the names to Lafayette Junior High School and Lafayette Middle School and approximately 306 opposed the change. Mr. Eller stated he had lived in Lafayette sixteen years and felt the current names of the schools were destination names. By maintaining Sunnyside and Tecumseh in each of the names Mr. Eller felt it served as a reference point to an area of town. Mrs. Walton felt if Tecumseh was kept in the name of the seven/eight school, Sunnyside should also be kept in the name of the five/six school. Mrs. Brown stated a lot of feedback was received after the parent survey and felt, regardless of the action taken by the Board, someone would be upset and they would adjust. The quality of education would not be affected. Mr. Lane agreed with Mrs. Brown and stated he would support Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High School.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

Board President Stwalley requested a recommendation from the Administration on renaming the five/six building. Superintendent Eiler stated that since Tecumseh was kept in the name of the seven/eight building, it would be appropriate to rename the five/six building Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School.

Dr. Jarmon made the motion to change the name of the current Sunnyside Middle School to Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School, seconded by Mrs. Walton. Superintendent Eiler commented that when a remodeled or newly constructed building is complete, the Board may want to consider a different name for the facility at that time.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

Board President Stwalley asked if the Administration would like to make a recommendation regarding the school colors and mascot for the seven/eight building. The Administration chose not to make a recommendation on these topics.

In a nod toward continuity, Mrs. Brown felt when students are transitioning from middle school to junior high school to high school, the colors and mascot should be the same – red and black and a Broncho – this would unify the students and carry them on from one level to the next.

Mrs. Brown made the motion for the middle school, junior high school, and the high school to have the same colors, red and black, and the same mascot, the Broncho. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Board President Stwalley agreed with Mrs. Brown's rationale and felt this action would bring forward a unifying culture and feel to the single building cultures as students move forward from the five/six building, to the seven/eight building, on to the high school, and this would achieve that aim. Mrs. Sprague inquired how difficult or costly it would be to change the colors and mascots at the two buildings. Superintendent Eiler explained the changes that would be necessary and how these would be achieved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Treasurer:

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

Mr. Eller made the motion to approve vendor claims and ratify payrolls, seconded by Mrs. Sprague. Mr. Lane noted his appreciation to Dr. Foreman and his staff for completing the financial reports early due to the earlier date of this Board meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Eller, Jarmon, Lane, Sprague, Walton, Stwalley.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Board Reports

1. Mrs. Brown stated the Spelling Bee went well. Mrs. Brown reminded Board members the fundraiser for the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy would take place soon by means of a phonathon.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Dr. Jarmon, seconded by Mrs. Brown and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

Rebecca Sprague, Secretary