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November 13, 2006

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Robert Stwalley.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, board members present were Robert Stwalley, Brian Wagner, CarolJo Brown, Greg Eller, Frank Lane, Rebecca Sprague, and Kay Walton. Also present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 10th Regular Meeting as well as the memoranda of the Work Sessions held October 10th and October 23rd were presented for approval.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

1. Superintendent Eiler honored the memory of friend and colleague, Sue Jones, who had served as the Librarian at Tecumseh Junior High School, and had recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Superintendent Eiler requested the agenda be amended to include an additional recommendation Item 11, to approve bonds for the Deputy Treasurers.

F. Recommendations

1. 1028 Hearing on the Proposed Sunnyside, Jeff and Security Projects

Indiana Code 20-5-52 requires that if the governing body proposes to construct, repair, or alter a school building at a cost of more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) a 1028 hearing must be held. Superintendent Eiler presented information regarding the background, need, and the value of the projects to the school corporation and the community. Dr. Robert Foreman, Deputy Superintendent, covered the estimated construction cost of the three proposed projects which was presented as \$40,500,000 to be covered by school corporation, the costs of financing to include interest to be paid, and the projected tax impact which was presented as an increase of \$.13 per \$100 assessed valuation. Dr. Foreman also covered the term of the lease which was proposed as twenty years plus two years construction time.

This was the time and place for interested parties to present testimony and questions.

1. Andrea Rademacher, 1215 S. 18th Street, strongly urged the Board to postpone the decision to demolish the wing at Sunnyside in the event additional space would be needed in the future. Mrs. Rademacher did not want taxpayers to pay for this wing to be demolished and then pay to have it rebuilt at a later date.

2. Van Phillips, 534 S. 7th Street, supported the projects as presented; felt this was a prudent decision, good for students and our community.

3. Mike McShurley, 3213 Crosspoint Court, was in support of these projects and felt it was a small amount to pay for projects that would touch so many people.

4. Tom Barker, Director of Bands and Music Department Specialist at Jefferson High School, stated he was in total support of the Performing Arts Center for the high school. Twenty years ago when Mr. Barker first saw the facilities for the music program, he was amazed that these were the facilities for such an incredible program. He felt the sooner the facilities were completed the better off our students would be now and in the future.

5. Elizabeth McShurley, 3213 Crosspoint Court, supported the projects and noted the academies at the high school, specifically the Fine Arts Academy, were a draw to students outside of the Lafayette School Corporation district.

6. Allen Keaster, 2533 Rainbow, very much favored the proposed programs, but expressed concern about children being injured commuting to and from school more so than the dangers after children arrived at the school. Mr. Keaster gave the example of no sidewalks on North 26th street, and inquired if these types of issues would also be addressed in the safety and security projects proposed.

Board President Stwalley responded that security had been rolled into the Sunnyside project and these concerns would be given consideration as the final design is approved for that building.

This concluded the 1028 hearing.

The Board needed to adopt the following 1028 Resolution:

1028 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lafayette School Corporation Board of School Trustees voted to hold a public hearing on November 13, 2006, in accordance with I.C. 20-26-7-37 for the purpose of answering questions and listening to taxpayers' comments and any evidence they may present about the proposed renovation of and improvements to Sunnyside Middle School, security improvements at all school buildings and additions and renovations to the music areas at Jefferson High School (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette School Corporation Board of School Trustees has carefully studied all of the known options and feels that the proposed Project is in the best interest of the present and future students to be served by these facilities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Project will be constructed for the purpose of providing an improved educational program and environment for students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projected hard cost of the renovation of and improvements to Sunnyside Middle School is \$26,150,000, the projected hard cost of the security improvements at all school buildings is \$1,130,000 and the projected hard cost of the additions and renovations to the music areas at Jefferson High School is \$5,870,000 and projected soft construction costs, including estimated costs of issuance, of \$7,350,000 resulting in total estimated Project costs of \$40,500,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projected \$40,500,000 will be funded by one or more of the following: Capital Projects Fund, Common School Fund Loan, General Obligation Bond Issue, and Building Corporation Bond Issue with an anticipated impact on the Debt Service Fund tax rate of 13¢ per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$2,476,846,155 assessed valuation beginning in 2006, partially implemented in 2008 and fully implemented in 2009.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of November, 2006.

President: s/Robert M. Stwalley, III

Secretary: s/Rebecca Sprague

Mr. Lane made the motion to adopt the 1028 Resolution as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brown.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Preliminary Determination Hearing on Issuing Bonds

When a school corporation makes a preliminary determination to issue bonds or enter into a lease, Indiana code 6-1.1-20-3.1 requires the Board to conduct a hearing before adopting such a resolution to do so.

A preliminary determination hearing had been advertised as set out in statute. The Proofs of Publication from the Lafayette Journal and Courier and the Lafayette Leader have been entered into these minutes (attached) that notice was legally given.

The following Preliminary Determination Resolution was presented for adoption:

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Lafayette School Corporation (the "School Corporation") published notice of a preliminary determination hearing on November 3, 2006 in The Lafayette Journal and Courier and The Lafayette Leader and mailed such notice to any organizations requesting such notice as provided in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1; and

WHEREAS, a preliminary determination hearing has been held in accordance with said notice and Indiana law; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation preliminarily determines to enter into a lease for the renovation of and improvements to Sunnyside Middle School, security improvements at all school buildings and additions and renovations to the music areas at Jefferson High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lease will be for a maximum term of 22 years with a maximum annual lease rental of \$3,389,000. The maximum annual lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$40,500,000 and estimated interest rates ranging from 4.5% to 6% and total interest costs of \$30,621,250. The purpose of the lease is to provide for the proposed renovation of and improvements to Sunnyside Middle School, security improvements at all school buildings and additions and renovations to the music areas at Jefferson High School. The School Corporation expects to incur annually \$200,000 in operating costs for which a new facility appeal may be sought and currently expects to appeal for an increased adjusted base levy to pay these estimated costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees is hereby authorized and directed to publish the notice of this preliminary determination in accordance with Indiana law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a petition pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-20-3.1 is filed, the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees is hereby authorized to publish a notice of the applicability of the petition and remonstrance process pursuant to Indiana law.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of November, 2006.

President: s/Robert M. Stwalley, III

Secretary: s/Rebecca Sprague

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Walton, to adopt the Preliminary Determination Resolution as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

The announcement by Superintendent Eiler that the projects had been approved to proceed was received with spontaneous applause from the supporters present.

Mr. Lane and Board President Stwalley stated they appreciated those in attendance and thanked them for being present. Dr. Stwalley also commented that our work was not finished; we all believe the work outlined in these projects will be a tremendous benefit to our citizens, but now it was our responsibility to communicate this very effectively to our friends and neighbors for the future for our children.

3. Approve Advertising of Tax Anticipation Warrant

The Administration requested permission to advertise for a tax anticipation warrant in the amount of \$9,900,000. This amount was the same as last year needed to meet cash flow obligations.

In order to grant permission, the Board needed to adopt a resolution, approve the form of the lease and approve the disclosures and legal advertisements.

Mr. Eller made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to adopt the resolution, approve the form of the lease and approve the disclosures and legal advertisements. The bids for the warrant will be presented at the December Board meeting.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Act on Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bids

Bids were received from four vendors on November 8, 2006 by Dr. Robert Foreman and Dr. Linda Thompson for gasoline and diesel fuel bids as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Unleaded Gas</u>
Pinkerton Oil Co.	2.1195/gallon	1.7827/gallon
Westland Co-op	2.1320/gallon	1.8220/gallon
Petroleum Traders	Improper bid	No product specifications
RKA Petroleum	Improper bid	No bid bond

Due to improper bid documents, Petroleum Traders and RKA Petroleum bids were rejected. The Administration recommended accepting both Pinkerton Oil Company and Westland Co-op as responsive bidders who will be called upon to give quotes as fuel is needed. The initial award was recommended to be granted to Pinkerton Oil Company.

Mr. Lane made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to award the bid as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Brown, Eller, lane, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

5. First Reading of Selected Board Policies

Board Policies G 290 Teacher Evaluation and G 291 Instructional Improvement Process were presented for first reading. Board members should contact Superintendent Eiler regarding revisions. Any revisions would need to be discussed with the Lafayette Education Association. No Board action was required.

6. Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA) Board Appointment Renewal Certificate

The Administration recommended that Lynna Harfmann be named the representative to the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA) for the Lafayette School Corporation libraries. Lynna would serve a three year term effective through June 30, 2008.

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to appoint Lynna Harfmann as the Lafayette School Corporation representative to INCOLSA.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

7. Request Permission to Approve Use of Textbooks

The Administration requested permission to use the following textbooks for Business, College Level and International Business as these two courses were approved to be offered second semester and were not included when the Business Technology Department presented textbooks for adoption.

Business, College Level

Business in Action

Authors: Bovee and Thill

Publisher: Prentice Hall

ISBN: 0-13-149266-7

Price: \$70.25

International Business

International Business – 3E

Authors: Dlabay & Scott

Publisher: Thomson (Southwestern)

ISBN: 0-538-72860-4

Price: \$50.50

Mr. Lane made the motion to approve use of the textbooks as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Sprague.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

8. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee recommendations:

a. Resignations

1. Joy Backus, program aide, effective November 3, 2006

2. Laura Bell, program aide, effective October 30, 2006

3. Rita Bostic, program aide, effective August 21, 2006

4. Love Lynda Dimaculangan, physical therapist, effective October 31, 2006

5. Sally Finders, program aide, effective June 30, 2006

6. Alisa Harris, paraprofessional, Jefferson High School, effective September 20, 2006

7. Rebecca Hayhurst, GLASS job coach, effective October 12, 2006

8. Terrance P. Jackson, paraprofessional, effective October 23, 2006
 9. Steven L. Kitchen, head custodian, Miller Elementary School, effective November 3, 2006
 10. Fred Klaverenga, paraprofessional, Jefferson High School, effective October 13, 2006
 11. Amy Nelson, intervention assistant, Edgelea Elementary School, effective November 3, 2006
 12. Mary Elizabeth Ortner, teacher, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective October 30, 2006
 13. Margaret Prazinko, G.L.A.S.S. paraprofessional, effective November 3, 2006
 14. Michelle Sadler, speech assistant, effective August 1, 2006
 15. Julie Waggoner, paraprofessional, Edgelea Elementary School, effective October 10, 2006
 16. Alicia Wireman, childcare aide, Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, effective June 5, 2006
- b. Employment
1. Ebony M. Barrett, program aide (new)
 2. Elizabeth Bowling, sign language interpreter (replacement)
 3. Krista Chipman, intervention assistant (replacement)
 4. Tina Gray, paraprofessional (replacement)
 5. Crystal Ellen Lewis, job coach (replacement)
 6. Lola McClain, kitchen staff (replacement)
 7. Amanda L. Miller, program aide (replacement)
 8. Amy Nelson, intervention assistant (replacement)
 9. Sandra Page, kitchen staff (replacement)
 10. Paige Peters, program aide (replacement)
 11. Cheryl Schultz, program aide (new)
 12. Nathan Sheets, science teacher (regular/replacement)
 13. Michael L. Sims, teacher assistant (replacement)
 14. Sylvia L. Spelbring, G.L.A.S.S. bus attendant (new)
 15. Michele Irene Spottswood, paraprofessional (new)
 16. Holley Staddon, transition facilitator (replacement)
 17. Emily Taylor, paraprofessional (replacement)
 18. Katherine Weismiller, program aide (new)

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Eller, to approve the employee recommendations as presented.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

9. Approval of Gifts to Lafayette School Corporation

The Administration recommended acceptance of the following gifts for the month of October 2006.

- a. F. 208 received the following donations for Glen Acres Elementary School:
 - \$2,500 from State Farm Insurance Company

- Von Tobels donated \$500.00 for picnic tables and patio stones
 - Vulcan Material donated pea gravel
 - Lafayette Sign and Houston Electric installed a school sign
 - Garden Art and Master Gardeners donated landscape plans
- b. Edgelea Challenge Account received \$1,000 donation from Diane Despopoulos
- c. F. 220 LARA monetary donations of \$3,137.97

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

10. Treasurer

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

Mrs. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Eller, to approve the claims and ratify payrolls as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stwalley, Wagner, Brown, Eller, lane, Sprague, Walton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

11. Approve Bonds for Deputy Treasurers

The Administration recommended approval for bonds in the amount of \$25,000 each for six deputy treasurer positions.

Mr. Eller made the motion to approve the bonds for deputy treasurers as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Brown.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Board Reports

1. Mrs. Walton reported the Public Schools Foundation held their phonathon and several thousand dollars were raised.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley requested a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mrs. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

Rebecca Sprague, Secretary