

Should anyone from the Public desire additional information, the recordings of the regular and special school board meetings are kept for ten (10) years and are available in the Superintendent's Office at the Hiatt Administration Center, 2300 Cason Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

December 11, 2006

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Board President Robert Stwalley.

B. Roll Call

On call of the roll, board members present were Brian Wagner, CarolJo Brown (by telephone), Greg Eller, Frank Lane, and Robert Stwalley. Rebecca Sprague arrived at 8:07 p.m. Board Member Kay Walton was absent. Present was Board Counsel Kent Moore.

C. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 13th Regular Meeting as well as the memoranda of the Work Sessions held November 13th and November 27th were presented for approval.

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

D. Recognition

1. Since this was the last Board meeting of the calendar year, Mr. Wagner wanted to recognize the efforts of all personnel of the Lafayette School Corporation for their efforts in benefiting his children and all of the students in the Corporation.

E. Public Participation

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

F. Recommendations:

1. Consider Bids for Tax Anticipation Warrant

Notice of Sale of the Tax Anticipation Warrant for the General Fund was published on November 17 and November 24, 2006. The proofs of publication were ordered to be made a part of the minutes of this meeting. The warrant was issued to meet the cash flow needs of the General Fund and must be repaid before the end of the 2007 calendar year. The warrant stated we were requesting a loan of \$9,900,000 for the period January 3 through December 31, 2007. Bids were opened on December 7th by Dr. Robert Foreman and Dr. John Layton. The Board was provided with a bid summary reflecting the following:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>	<u>GROSS INTEREST</u>	<u>NET INTEREST</u>	<u>NET INTEREST RATE</u>
Chase Bank	3.46%	\$0.00	\$339,724.60	\$339,724.60	3.4600%
City Securities	4.00%	\$36,531.00	\$392,745.21	\$356,214.21	3.6279%
Lafayette Bank & Trust	4.75%	\$0.00	\$466,384.91	\$466,384.91	4.7500%
Nat City	3.70%	\$4,653.00	\$363,328.30	\$357,675.30	3.6520%
Parker/Hunter	4.25%	\$49,203.00	\$417,291.78	\$368,088.78	3.7489%
Regions Bank	4.60%	\$0.00	\$451,656.96	\$451,656.96	4.6000%

The Administration recommended awarding the \$9,900,000 tax warrant to Chase Bank with a total interest of \$339,724.60 at a 3.46% interest rate.

Mr. Eller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lane, to award the bid to Chase Bank as recommended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Request to Temporarily Advance Funds

Pursuant to I.C. 19-11-2-2, whenever in any school corporation it becomes necessary to enhance any depleted fund of the school corporation and there is sufficient money in the balance of any other fund of the school corporation which can be temporarily advanced or transferred to such depleted fund, it shall be lawful, upon authorization of the Board of School Trustees by resolution adopted, to advance and transfer to the depleted fund from any other such fund, such amount for such period of time as may be prescribed in the resolution. Any advancement and transfer of funds shall not be made for a period extending beyond the budget year of the year in which the advancement and transfer is made. Any such advancements and transfer shall be made only from funds derived from the levying and collection of special taxes, and from other revenue derived from any operation of the school corporation.

Temporary advancements may be made to any depleted fund of the school corporation from the General Fund, Debt Service, Transportation, Capital Projects, Pre-School Special Education Fund and Referendum Funds since the receipts of these funds are derived from the levying and collection of taxes on property. The Board must approve such advancements on an annual basis.

The Administration recommended the following Advance of Funds Resolution be adopted:

Advance of Funds Resolution

WHEREAS, it has been shows that the Transportation Funds and the Capital Projects Fund may experience a temporary deficit of money due to the schedule of State distributions and local property tax distributions and that the General Fund, the Debt Service fund, the Referendum fund and the pre-School Special Education Fund will have positive balances:

IT IS RESOLVED that advances to the Transportation Funds and Capital Projects Fund can be made from the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Referendum Fund and the Pre-School Special Education Fund limited to a use of their positive balances only during the 2007 budget year as needed and such advance must be repaid prior to December 31, 2007.

Adopted this 11th day of December 2006.

Ayes:

s/Brian Wagner
s/CarolJo Brown
s/Greg Eller
s/Frank Lane
s/Rebecca Sprague
s/Robert M. Stwalley, III

Nays:

Attest:

s/Rebecca Sprague
Secretary of Appropriating Body

Mr. Lane made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to adopt the Advance of funds Resolution.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

3. Request Approval of Field Trip

The Winter Guard requested permission to attend a competition in Dayton, Ohio from April 12-14. The event could result in students spending up to three nights. Any field trip involving more than two nights stay requires approval of the Board prior to the event. The Administration recommended approval of the field trip as presented. Information on other guard field trips was also provided as required by Board policy.

Mrs. Sprague made the motion, seconded by Mr. Wagner, to approve the field trip as requested for Winter Guard.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

4. Review Tobacco-Free Environment Policy

The issues surrounding the use of tobacco products by students attending the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy and the Jefferson High School alternative program A.I.M., both housed at Washington Elementary School, as well as the C.A.P.E. grant, Tippecanoe County Child Care, and the Tippecanoe County Public Schools Foundation offices, had been discussed at the November Board work session. The issue that surfaced was a problem with adult learners who are smokers.

In 1993 the Board adopted a policy addressing the use of tobacco products on or near school facilities. While not changing the substance of the policy a reading of the policy had identified a few issues that needed clarification. The policy reads in part:

The Board shall create a tobacco-free school environment by August 1, 1994. The tobacco-free environment shall include all buildings owned by the Lafayette School Corporation, athletic facilities and corporation-owned vehicles. Athletic facilities include those facilities with outdoor seating areas. The Board shall delegate to the Administration the designation of appropriate smoking areas permitted in the outdoor athletic facilities areas. In addition to employees, the policy shall be applicable to students, visitors, vendors and contractors.

Superintendent Eiler stated it was unclear to the Administration precisely what the policy meant as it pertained to grounds of the school district. The policy did not appear clear enough to understand the intent. Superintendent Eiler felt 1) a clarification of the policy to determine if any modification of the policy needed to be made and, 2) a neighboring business had indicated their willingness to allow smokers on their property for this purpose, provided the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy (L.A.R.A.) provided appropriate receptacles for their use.

Other issues of concern when addressing tobacco use at Washington were the practice of permitting smoking in staff members' vehicles parked on school grounds, the fact that any policy created would not apply to sidewalks since sidewalks were public property, and the fact that some school-age children were also served at this facility.

Discussion occurred and Board members stated a variety of solutions and opinions including revising the Tobacco-Free Environment Policy to include smoking in designated areas including private vehicles, not condoning smoking in public schools, maintaining a

smoke-free environment in all buildings, revising the current policy to include grounds not currently addressed, and the concern about the trash being left on neighboring church property.

Superintendent Eiler felt if the mess being left on neighboring property was addressed; perhaps by students needing service learning credits, the other issues surrounding use of tobacco products could be resolved using the Tobacco-Free Environment currently in effect. The Board supported this approach.

Superintendent Eiler requested the additional employee recommendations provided to the Board be included with the following recommendation.

5. Employee Recommendations

The Administration recommended approval of the following employee requests as amended:

a. Leaves

1. Jennie C. Bowers, pregnancy/childbirth, April 27-August 17, 2007
2. Maribel S. Masoodi, pregnancy/childbirth, December 22, 2006 – April 2, 2007
3. Jane Pearson, business, December 1, 2006 – June 1, 2007
4. Sarah Bowe, pregnancy/childbirth, extension through the 2006-2007 school year
5. Carin Hollandbeck, pregnancy/childbirth, January 8, 2007-March 6, 2007

b. Resignations

1. Ruby L. Bailey, school bus attendant, effective October 31, 2006
2. Denise Denham, food service, Murdock Elementary School, effective November 10, 2006
3. Summer Hayes, .5 FTE kindergarten teacher, Vinton Elementary School, effective December 22, 2006
4. Lucia Mendez, speech/language pathologist, effective December 21, 2007

c. Termination

1. Jeff Crichfield, custodian, effective November 16, 2006

d. Employment

1. Starla Apparicio, breakfast helper (replacement)
2. Jan Blackburn, lunch supervisor (new)
3. Jennifer L. Chapman, GLASS program aide replacement)
4. Laura Cupp, elementary food hostess (replacement)
5. Terri DeWees, ED alternative teacher (replacement)
6. Crystal Ellen Lewis, job coach (replacement)
7. Marianne Sue Lloyd, job coach (replacement)
8. Linda Christine Meade, GLASS program aide (replacement)
9. Corie Navel, 0.6 FTE science teacher (temporary/replacement)
10. Cathi Owings, GLASS interpreter (new)

11. Melanie Sietsma, breakfast helper (replacement)
12. Melanie Sietsma, attendance officer (.5 FTE regular/.5 FTE temporary/replacement)
13. Jason Brookhart, severe disabilities teacher (new/regular)
14. Jean Terry, emotional disabilities (regular/replacement)

Mr. Wagner made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Sprague, to approve the employee recommendations as amended.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

6. Recommend Acceptance of Gifts

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

- a. F.205 Superintendent's Discretionary Fund received \$1,000 from Jack Bogan
- b. F.208 Glen Acres Donations received \$229.70 from Gordmans
- c. F.220-LARA Donations received \$11,445.00

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

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

7. Treasurer:

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

Mr. Eller made the motion to approve the vendor claims and ratify payrolls, seconded by Mr. Wagner.

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

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

G. Information Only

A notice of emergency allocation from Kevin Little, Director of Facilities, regarding indoor air quality testing performed at Glen Acres Elementary School was provided for the Board's information.

H. Board Reports

1. Mrs. Brown stated she would be officially tendering her resignation as the Board representative from the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy Advisory Board due to her term ending on the school board December 31st.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to be presented, Board President Stwalley called for a motion to adjourn. On motion duly made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lane and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Robert M. Stwalley, III, President

Rebecca Sprague, Secretary