

October 26, 2023

The special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 6:32 pm by Dr. Quin. Dr. Quin led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members present Dr. Quin, Mr. Mullett, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Beattie, Mr. Wolfe, Dr. Rogers, and Ms. Justice.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Justice, the Board 7-0 unanimously approved the public agenda with the change of moving item IV. B. Bus Lease Agreement up to the first item.

Superintendent Welcome - Dr. Cole welcomed the audience and thanked them for coming.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment.

II. BUS AGREEMENT - Transportation director Ron Potts spoke about the need for a new bus. He explained there is a 14-passenger yellow bus that has 3-point harness and built in 5-point harness. The bus could be used in many situations when we are short drivers or buses. The question was asked if we could remove one of the 5 buses that were already approved from last year's budget to get this bus. Mr. Potts said if he could get this 14-passenger he could then get 2 81 passengers that would be built in late spring. An option would be to do the lease for 3 buses and the first payment wouldn't be due till January for the set of 3 and it would lock in the price for the 2 larger buses. We budgeted a \$150,000. It would be around \$150,000 in payment if we did a 3-year lease for those 3 buses. It was also discussed to get the lease now or appropriate funds from rainy day and pay them back from operation fund in January 2024.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted 7-0 to issue a PO for the 14-passenger bus now with a determination of the financing at next meeting if company needs payment now pull from rainy day fund with the guarantee pay back starting in January 2024. Second part of the motion is issue Po's on the other 2 buses now with the goal of voting in January on the finances. This way we can get them on the books and not lose money on the increasing of prices.

III. PROGRAM

A. GIRLS WRESTLING CLUB/BOYS VOLLEYBALL CLUB 2024 - Dr. Cole made a recommendation for the addition of girls wrestling club and boys' volleyball club for the 2023-2024 school year.

On motion Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board voted 7-0 for the addition of girls wrestling club and boys' volleyball club for the 2023-2024 school year.

- B. GIRLS WRESTLING SPORT/BOYS VOLLEYBALL SPORT 2024 - Dr. Cole made a recommendation for the addition of girls wrestling and boys' volleyball as a sport part of Indiana High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

On motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board voted 7-0 for the addition of girls wrestling and boys' volleyball as a sport as part of Indiana High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

- C. BARTON AND COE - Dr. Cole presented an updated change order from SME for soil testing. The request is to change from needing soil testing for compaction of the soil for both the new lights and stadium seating area to just the stadium seating area minus the new lights. This changes the fee from \$12,400 that was previously approved to \$9,500. Void the previous change order request.

On motion Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Beattie, board voted 7-0 to approve the updated change order for soil testing.

#### IV. PERSONNEL

##### A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SUSPENSIONS/TERRMINATONS

1. Lydia Kerns - resignation as Elmwood title I aide.

On motion by Ms. Justice, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the board approved 7-0 the resignations/retirements/suspensions/terminations.

##### B. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

1. Pete Polk - Junior Senior High special education instructional aide - Junior High English.
2. Michelle King - KEYS aide.
3. Jo Enyeart - Elmwood special education aide preschool.
4. Faylena Stout - Elmwood title I aide.
5. Desiree Dillman - Elmwood title I aide.

On motion by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board approved 7-0 the recommendation for classified staff.

##### C. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS

1. Joey Donathan - boys (lay) basketball coordinator
2. Patrick Polk - boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade assistant basketball coach
3. Jamie Wright - head JV boys (lay) basketball coach
4. Pete Polk - head boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach
5. Seth Young - volunteer (lay) boys and girls golf coach

On motion by Mr. Mullett, seconded by Mr. Beattie, the board approved the recommendation 7-0 for extra-curricular positions.

V. BUDGET

A. RATIFICATON OF MASTER CONTRACT - The new 2023-2024 master contract was presented. Mr. Mullett said we need to investigate other insurance options for staff due to the rates that keep increasing. Mr. Wolfe asked about the insurance co-op and the number of schools involved.

On motion by Mr. Beattie, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the board approved the recommendation 7-0.

VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENT - Dr. Cole told the board we have 11 paraprofessionals going into the IUK Grow Your Own program. Also, we are getting 2 student teachers from IUK.

B. BOARD COMMENT - Dr. Quin said at this board president round table our corporation had one of largest raises given to teachers.

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Mullett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary,

Brittany Justice

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