

Western School Corporation

Russiaville, IN 46979

February 17, 2009

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Western School Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jon Marley, Mike Koloszar, Jeff Davidson, Don Wells, and J. Conrad Maugans.

Members Absent: Linda Singer and Harry Kenworthy.

Other Present: Dick Taylor, Pat Grzesiak, Pam Carter, Taffy Cooke, Randy McCracken, Abby Rodgers, Peter O'Rourke, JoElla Maugans, Don Spall, Krista Spall, Shelby Spall, Shannon Staller, Jodi Ruch, Julie Pownall, Richard Davis, Pat Berry, Cami Wyatt, Allyson Gordon, Patty Young, Jill Osman, Blake Rollins, Felicia DeWitt, Janel DeWitt, Mark Hudson, Amy Hudson, Amber Hudson, Daphne Hudson, Brinna Rollins, Cherie Helmberger, Emily Klingler, Tosha Rogers, Nicole Rogers, Greg Ostopa, Debbie Young, Charles J. Graves, and Rod Ruch.

Mr. Wells opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Maugans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1 – Opening of the Meeting

Mr. Maugans called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Item#2 – Approval of the Agenda

Dr. O'Rourke indicated that he would like to add several items to the Personnel section of the agenda. Mr. Koloszar made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by Dr. O'Rourke. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion which passed 4-0. (Note: Mr. Marley arrived after the vote was taken)

Item #3 – Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 regular meeting and the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Board of Finance meeting. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #4 – Opportunity for Public Comment

Mr. Mark Hudson and Ms. Janel DeWitt spoke in opposition to a Personnel agenda item regarding the non-renewal of Mr. Denny Crum as Varsity Head Volleyball Coach.

Item #5 – Panther Pride

Dr. O'Rourke commended the following activities to the Board:

1. Ms. Slick, Ms. Funk, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Lehman and Ms. Harrold for their outstanding efforts in language arts instruction as indicated by Ms. Greta Krawczyk, Language Learning That Works consultant.
2. Western Intermediate School for its February “Book a Trip for Reading Adventures” program.
3. Molly Lauterbach for being selected to study in France next summer. Nicole Kuhn for placing high on the alternate list.
4. Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Pat Berry for their Middle School Liberty Team Model Citizens and Homework Club programs.

Item #6 – Reports

- a. Director of Finance: Mrs. Carter gave the following report:

WESTERN SCHOOL CORPORATION
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 BOARD MEETING 02/17/09

Bank Balance

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| CB - Checking Account Balance 01/01/09 | \$8,238,583.23 |
| Non-Revenue Receipts | 488,548.91 |
| MTD Revenue | 1,356,161.23 |
| Disbursements from Clearing Accounts | 454,778.43 |
| MTD Disbursements | <u>2,297,696.61</u> |
| Checking Account Balance 01/31/09 | \$7,330,618.33 |

Total Depository Balance 01/31/09 \$7,330,618.33

Vendor Claims Submitted For Approval

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| #54650 – 54667 of 01/21/09 – 01/31/09 | \$561,822.63 |
| #54668 – 54769 of 02/01/09 – 02/17/09 | <u>\$308,341.41</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$870,164.04 |

Payroll Claims Submitted for Approval

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| #13 of 01/02/09 | \$445,392.86 |
| #14 of 01/16/09 | \$449,237.90 |
| #15 of 01/30/09 | <u>\$446,819.05</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,341,449.81 |

 Interest on Checking 01/01/09 to 01/31/09 \$8,091.63

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Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the claim docket. Mr. Marley seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

- b. Director of Transportation: Mrs. Cooke submitted the following report:

Western School Corporation
Taffy Cooke, Director of Operations

February 2009 School Board Meeting

- ✚ We were asked by the Department of Education to host another three-day school bus driver training in May. We are really excited about this – our new “training room” was ideal for this. It is really helpful to host those on site, as it is a bonus for potential drivers to not have to drive to Indy or further for those classes. New driver recruitment remains very active right now - We had one driver pass her skills test last week, one who completed his three-day training, and one who is starting his observation and driving with our trainer. Additionally, I have sent preliminary packets of information out to somewhere around ten interested candidates. Our sub list is the envy of the county!!

- ✚ I attended the third of a series of five sessions on transporting students with disabilities at Wayne Township schools last Tuesday. This session covered evaluating student needs, securing the wheel chair, and maintenance of the equipment. I have gotten some really good information and networking opportunities through these sessions.

- ✚ We had three buses that went through the Twelve year inspection at Kokomo Center on January 27th and all passed.

- ✚ After many hours and much trial and error, we are ready to begin putting together our emergency preparedness flip charts. These will be included in an emergency bag that will be in each classroom. By doing them in-house, we are saving around \$6000 in printing costs!

- ✚ I was able to lock in 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The original contract was for 20,000 gallons at \$4.599. The new one is much more palatable at \$2.021.

Additionally, Mrs. Cooke reported that the employee cardio-fitness facility was up and running and that the Corporation staff had organized and implemented a Valentine dinner/entertainment event for the residents of Howard Haven.

- c. Director of Maintenance: Mr. Grzesiak submitted the following report:

For the Month of February

Custodial

- ❖ Mr. Bart Pence, custodian at the middle school has resigned his position as of February 6th. We will miss Bart and wish him well in his new job. I have posted that position and will be doing some interviews with the head custodian for replacement. I now have a sub in his place until I can make it permanent.

Building Projects

- ❖ The Bus barn foundation is in, they are laying block starting the 10th. If Mother Nature is nice to us it should go fairly quick from now on. The electric is being trenched and soon the plumbers will be running the water line.
- ❖ I have started getting quotes on some of this year CPF projects for the different buildings. Some items are as follows, resealing the all weather track, remodeling the Main gym lobby area and the lobby bathrooms, South gym locker rooms and hallway bathrooms, resealing parking lots and lining them, etc.
- ❖ I have received the final report on the pool grate issue. It was as I told you last month, and we will shortly have the cost of the fix we need. It will not be very costly from what I have been told. I hope to have this done in a month or two.
- ❖ I have contracted for a permanent hot water heating system into the weight room. We are utilizing the boiler already in that wing. This will assure a comfortable atmosphere now and for future expansion. It is also the most economical to run versus electric.

Sewage Plant

- ❖ There was a valve that broke due to freezing and I had to replace it. I am redesigning this part and we will do the work so this will not happen again. It is only a problem during the winter months.
- ❖ The State Inspector came this week and did our first inspection of the new plant. They were very pleased at what Western has built and besides some paper issues we received a clean bill of health.

Any other questions you may have of me, please feel free to contact me at 883-5576 ext. 5160 or direct number is 883-1460

Thank you,

Pat Grzesiak

Maintenance Director

Western School Corporation

Additionally, Mr. Grzesiak said that work was continuing on the development of the water filtration plant project.

- d. Director of Technology: Mr. Taylor submitted the following report:

Technology Director Report

February 10, 2009

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee met Monday, February 2nd. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Approved continuation of Lead Teacher program with one slight modification of the guidelines. We had previously allowed teachers attending training sessions outside of school time to accumulate credit for purchase of technology for their classroom. It was determined that this was not a significant factor for promoting attendance at training sessions and the amount of record keeping required made it difficult to keep up with.
- The committee also discussed possible approaches for working on the new three year technology plan which will be due in November. It was determined that each building do a needs assessment/questionnaire to determine priorities for the plan.

Voice Lift Module

Last week we received a complimentary Voice Lift system. Voice Lift is a wireless voice amplification system that integrates with our PoleVault projection/audio systems that we installed in classrooms last year. As you may recall, about a year ago we applied for and received a grant for one free PoleVault system and it was installed in the Intermediate building in

room 347 (Elizabeth Hall). The Voice Lift is a brand new add on product and since we had

received the grant for the PoleVault system initially, we were provided one of the Voice Lift

systems at no charge.

State Tech Plan Grant

Our INAccess 1:1 grant application is due March 5th, 2009. Last week, we took a team that

included Principal Rick Davis and English Teachers Carla Smith and Kate Glick to visit Peru

High School to observe three 1:1 classrooms they have implemented. (We have previously

visited Alexandria High School as well.) I have attached a copy of our preliminary budget plan

on how we intend to utilize this \$100,925 grant. Our current plan calls for the implementation of

the nComputing model in at least one classroom this summer. Based upon the successful implementation of this model, we would implement two additional 1:1 classrooms prior to the

end of the 2009-2010 school year. Even though the new Supt. Of Public Instruction has removed several of the previous restrictions on the INAccess program, we feel that it is vital to

the success if we implement a low cost per workstation model in order for it to be sustainable.

The grant application will be done online. The information I have included in the next two pages

reflects the information that will be submitted online. I am requesting board approval of our

plan for these grant funds.

Dick Taylor, Technology Director

2009 Tech Plan Grant

Plan Outline

- Provide 3 INAccess 1:1 English classrooms for Western High School
- 30 computers per classroom using NComputing model
- This would impact nearly 400 high school English students on a daily basis
- Targeted classrooms would be in the recently remodeled area – these classrooms were formerly science classrooms and have approximately 1200 -1300 square feet per classroom and can better accommodate the addition of classroom computers
- The first 1:1 classroom would be setup and operational for the start of the 2009-2010 school year
- The second and third classrooms would be implemented after an initial evaluation at the end of the first nine weeks of the school year (grant funds have to be expended by June 2010)

Proposed budget on following page provides for the following:

- Funding for additional electrical service
- Labor and materials for network cabling
- Software costs for Microsoft operating system and Accelerated Reader subscription
- Three sets of 30 computers & displays with associated ncomputing hardware
- Network printers for 3 classrooms
- Classroom projection/document cameras
- Network electronics/patch cables/miscellaneous
- Professional development fees
- Furniture/workstation desks

Proposed 2009 Tech Plan Grant Budget

Object Code Category/description Unit Cost Qty Extended Cost

100 Salaries \$ -

300 Equipment Maintenance

Electrical \$ 1,000.00 3 \$ 3 ,000.00

Cabling \$ 1,200.00 3 \$ 3 ,600.00

400 Software

MS Windows licenses \$ 1,500.00 3 \$ 4,500.00

691 Computer Hardware

PCs - monitors \$ 12,000.00 3 \$ 36,000.00

692 Distance Learning Equip \$ -

693 Wireless \$ -

694 Connectivity

Increase in bandwidth fee \$ 2,000.00 1 \$ 2,000.00

695 Telecommunications \$ -

696 Other Technology Equipment

Network Printers \$ 600.00 3 \$ 1,800.00

Classroom Projection \$ 4,000.00 2 \$ 8,000.00

Document Cameras \$ 750.00 3 \$ 2,250.00

Network Switches \$ 3,500.00 1 \$ 3,500.00

Network cables-misc \$ 1,275.00 1 \$ 1,275.00

697 Content \$ -

Accelerated Reader subscript \$ 3,500.00 1 \$ 3,500.00

698 Professional Development

Course management training \$ 1,500.00 3 \$ 4,500.00

Other Furniture

Workstation Desks \$ 300.00 90 \$ 27,000.00

Total \$ 100,925.00

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the State Tech Plan Grant. Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Mr. Wells asked how many classrooms would benefit from the grant. Mr. Taylor indicated three classrooms would be affected. The motion passed 5-0.

- e. Assistant Superintendent: Mr. McCracken submitted the following report:

To: Dr. O'Rourke and Members of the Western School Board
From: Randy McCracken
Re: February Assistant Superintendent Report
Date: February 10, 2009

1. Textbook Adoption Update – Our second meeting was on February 10.

Committee members turned in their evaluation forms based on the criteria we established from our needs assessment. Ratings will be summarized and discussed at our February 24 meeting.

Textbook memo from Dr. Bennett (see attached) allows for and encourages schools to use a waiver from adopting Social Studies textbooks.

2. High Ability Program Review

The first meeting of the BBPC subcommittee met on Thursday, February 12, to begin the process of reviewing our current High Ability Program. The preliminary draft that was given the committee outlined four levels of services and the potential for more heterogeneous grouping in grades 1 – 5 for classes other than English/language arts and mathematics.

3. Annual Performance Report (attached)

4. Planning

- Summer School/Remediation and a Continuum of Services (see attached)

Mr. Marley recommended that the Annual Performance Report be posted to the corporation website. He also encouraged all present to review this document.

- f. Superintendent: Dr. O'Rourke submitted the following report:

Superintendent's Report

February 2009

1. Make Up Days (So Far!)

| <u>Weather Day</u> | <u>Make Up</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| January 15, 2009 | February 16, 2009 |
| January 16, 2009 | May 11, 2009 |
| January 28, 2009 | April 13, 2009 |
| January 30, 2009 | May 29, 2009 (This adds one day to the 2008-09 SY) |

2. Radio Spot; February 16, 2009: Z92.5; 7:45 a.m.; I will talk about the Strategic Plan.
3. United Way; I am now on Board of Directors
4. Strategic Plan: Copies will be provided to you and Principals; also will be placed on Western Web. Planning on scheduling a Western Town Meeting to present plan to the community.
5. Federal House of Representatives H.R. 1, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009." IF passed into law, it would mean that Western School Corporation would receive the following increases for the next two years:

| | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Title 1 | \$99,300 | \$99,300 |
| Construction | \$293,100 | — |
| IDEA | \$264,800 | \$304,000 |

6. Indiana General Assembly Activities:

- a. HB 1723 is the school funding bill
- b. HB 1723 is a one-year budget; assembly would come back in the 2010 short session to do the second year of the budget when an updated revenue forecast will be available; "unusual times, unusual process"
- c. \$116 new funding would be added to 2009 appropriations for the school distribution formula; provides a state-average increase of 2%
- d. Full Day K grant will provide \$86.5 million so that every corporation can receive \$1,132 per Kindergarten child.
- e. HB 1723 eliminates the mandate for school corporations to go to fiscal year budgeting in 2010.
- f. The use of CPF monies for utilities and property insurance continues.

- g. All remediation \$ will be used for remediation and not testing.
- h. HB 1723 uses \$100 million from the Tuition Reserve Fund
- i. If HB 1723 passes, the projected state surplus at the end of the biennium would be between \$800 and \$900 million, currently the balance is \$1.3 billion.
- j. SB 561 eliminates the School Property Tax Control Board. It also contains the following language:

“When formulating an annual budget estimate, the proper officers of a political subdivision shall consider the ending balance that will remain in each fund relative to the budgeted expenditures from the fund and whether the part of the balance in excess of 10% of budgeted expenditures should be used instead of improving additional property taxes for the ensuing year.” This is the first time that cash balances have been mentioned in a bill so far this session.

Item #7 – Disposition of Old Checks and Warrants

Mr. Wells moved that Pam Carter be given permission to dispose of all warrants and checks pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-10.5. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #8 – NEOLA (2nd Reading)

The Board discussed the following new/revised/replacement policies for a second reading: 0165.3, 1537, 2340, 3437, 4437, 5111, 5111.01, 6650, 7440, and 8310.

Dr. O’Rourke provided the following suggestions for policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students:

1. The effective date should be July 1, 2009
2. Non-resident students may be accepted into the corporation prior to the official State ADM count day, and that no non-resident students will be accepted after the official State ADM count day.

The Board will vote on these policies at the regular Board meeting in March 2009.

Item #9 – Meal Payment Policy Revision

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the attached revision to the meal payment policy and that such policy be included in all student handbooks, as well as posted on the corporation website. Mr. Marley seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

MEMO

TO: WESTERN SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: EMILY KLINGLER, FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: MEAL PAYMENT POLICY REVISION
DATE: 2/11/2009
CC: DR. PETER O'ROURKE, SUPERINTENDENT

Due to the number of inquiries from parents regarding lunch account payments, it has become necessary to expand upon the current meal payment policy. The content of the revised policy includes information on payment options, obtaining account balance information, meal charging guidelines, collection of funds, free and reduced-price meal assistance and refund requests. It is suggested that the revised policy be included in all student handbooks, as well as posted on the corporation website.

**Western School Corporation
Food Service Department**

Meal Payment Policy

The Western School Corporation food service department utilizes a computerized point-of-sale system, Café Enterprise. Upon enrollment, all students are given a Café account and 4-digit PIN number. Money deposited into this account can be used for the purchase of breakfast, lunch, milk and a la carte items.

I. Payment Options

The food service department strongly recommends that money is pre-paid into an account prior to the point-of-sale. Depositing cash or checks during the breakfast or lunch service interrupts the flow of the line and reduces the total time students have to eat. The following payment options are available:

- a. Major credit card online at www.CafePrepay.com
 - i. Minimal service fee to make payments
 - ii. Easy to enroll, convenient & secure
- b. Check
 - i. Check must be made payable to the corresponding school
 - ii. Must have student's name & 4-digit PIN number in memo
 - iii. If more than one student is on a single check, the check must specify how much money is to be deposited into each account
 - iv. If a check is returned due to non-sufficient funds (NSF), we will attempt to collect all money owed. In the event it cannot be collected, a third-party collection agency will be utilized.
- c. Cash
 - i. Primary & Intermediate students must turn payment in to teacher in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with name & 4-digit PIN number
 - ii. Middle & High school students must turn payment in to cafeteria in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with name & 4-digit PIN number

II. Account Balance Information

Western School Corporation expects parents to be responsible for monitoring their student's Café account and maintaining a positive balance. Free and reduced-price meal assistance is available to all patrons at any time throughout the school year. Applications can be obtained from the Food Service Director or any school office secretary. Contact the Food Service Director at 765-883-1462 with all questions related to free and reduced-price meals.

Students will no longer be given written negative account balance notices.

The food service department has implemented an automated phone system to notify parents of low and negative account balances. Any student with a lunch account balance below \$5.00 will receive an automated phone call.

In addition, account balance information may be obtained in the following ways:

- a. www.CafePrepay.com (no service fee to view balances)
- b. Contact the Head Cook at the student's school

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| Primary Cafeteria: | 883-1441 |
| Intermediate Cafeteria: | 883-1442 |
| Middle School Cafeteria: | 883-1443 |
| High School Cafeteria: | 883-1444 |

III. Charge Guidelines

We will no longer allow large debts to accumulate on student lunch accounts. In the event a student does not have money to pay for a meal, the following guidelines will apply:

Primary/Intermediate/Middle/High Schools:

- a. All students allowed to charge up to \$6.00
- b. NO Breakfast charges
- c. NO a la carte charges, including milk

After six dollars have been charged, a student will no longer be able to charge a full meal to their account. An alternate lunch will be served for \$.75, consisting of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich & milk. Any student with a documented peanut allergy will receive a deli meat or cheese sandwich. The student will continue to receive an alternate meal until all charges are paid and the account has a positive balance. **There is no alternate breakfast.**

If the account is still not paid after three weeks of serving an alternate lunch, *the account will be subject to a referral made to the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFACS) and/or filing in Small Claims Court for collection. Accounts filed in small claims court will incur additional charges assessed by the Howard County Clerk.*

IV. Guests

All guests are expected to pay for their meal at the time of purchase. Money deposited into a student's lunch account shall not be used for the purchase of a guest's meal.

V. Excess Funds

Any funds remaining in a student's Café account at the end of each school year will be carried over into the next school year. Only in the event that a student graduates or leaves the school district may a refund of an account balance be requested. A refund request must be submitted to the Food Service Director at 765-883-1462.

The USDA and the State of Indiana are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Item #10 – Personnel

1. Mr. Marley made a motion to approve the following personnel items:
 - a. Recommendations for employment:
 1. Nicole Sanders, Non-Diploma Track Program Teacher, WHS, beginning March 1, 2009.
 2. Edward Bicknell, Homebound instructor
 3. Kalyn Smith, Remediation Aide, WPS, beginning January 23, 2009
 4. Kristy Wiechmann, Temporary tutoring position
 5. Nabeela Virjee, Instructional Assistant E/LA Focus at WHS, beginning February 2, 2009
 6. Jamie Chapin, Instructional Assistant Math Focus at WHS, beginning February 2, 2009
 7. Judy Suffield and Kendra Metcalf, Homebound instructors
 8. Bev Austin and Kay Lazar, Homebound instructors
 9. Tammy Smith to fill a newly created Primary Primetime Aide position at WPS, beginning January 29, 2009
 - b. Maternity Leave for Lissa Stranahan
 - c. Retirement of Tom Lewis
 - d. Resignation of Bart Pence, Custodian
 - e. ECA Recommendations:
 1. Courtney McClure, Assistant Girl's Track Coach, split pay
 2. Mike Smith/Mike Shephard, Assistant Girl's Track Coach, split pay
 3. Brandon Shawhan/Skip Youngdale, Assistant Girl's Track Coach, split pay
 4. Duane Bishir (Stats/Manager), Bill Burkholder, Randy Everetts, Joe Harter, Gary Jewell (State/Web page), volunteer track coaches

Mr. Davidson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

2. In response to Mr. Hudson's presentation concerning the Varsity Volleyball Coaching position of Mr. Denny Crum, Mr. Maugans stated that the Board would not vote on Mr. Hudson's recommendations on the creation of policy and form(s) to evaluate varsity coaches and/or ECA personnel or the request to have an independent evaluation of Coach

Crum. Mr. Maugans referenced the existing NEOLA policy development and revision process and described the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Board and the Superintendent. In particular, Mr. Maugans indicated that he had confidence in the job performance of the Superintendent and had no reason to question Dr. O'Rourke's recommendation(s).

Dr. O'Rourke stated that after careful consideration of all of the data and several discussions with the Athletic Director and High School Principal about said data, that it was his recommendation that Mr. Crum be non-renewed as the Varsity Head Volleyball Coach.

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the recommendation of Dr. O'Rourke to non-renew Mr. Crum as the Varsity Head Volleyball Coach. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. Mr. Marley stated that since his daughter was a member of the volleyball team and had Mr. Crum as a teacher, that he would abstain from voting.

The motion passed 4-0-1

After the motion passed, Mr. Rollins, Patron, asked that the administration provide closure on this issue to the members of the team. Mrs. Rogers, Patron, asked that the Athletic Director hire a new coach for the volleyball team as soon as possible.

Item #11 – Volunteer Bus Aide

Mr. Davidson moved that the Board allow the parent of a special education elementary student to provide an aide(s) on the bus, at her expense of through Medicaid services for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Additionally, that the Board approve the aide(s) as volunteers so that they are covered through corporation liability insurance. Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #12 – Acceptance of Grant Money

Mr. Koloszar moved that the Board accept a 2009 Target Field Trip Grant awarded to Mrs. Kay Lazar, 6th grade Language Arts teacher at WMS. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #13 – Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Davidson moved to accept the parental donation to Mrs. Bouslog's Third grade classroom. Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #14 – Field Trip

Mr. Davidson made a motion to approve the field trip request of the FCCLA State Leadership Conference, March 5-7, 2009, in Indianapolis. Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #15 – ISBA 2009 Spring Region Meeting

Dr. O'Rourke indicated that the ISBA 2009 Spring Region Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at the Kokomo Country Club and that Board members should inform Mrs. Rodgers of their attendance status.

Item #16 – Professional Improvement Requests

Mr. Wells moved and Mr. Davidson seconded that the Board approve all of the attached professional improvement requests:

Professional Improvement Requests

February 2009

Randy McCracken-Identification of High Ability Learners-Fishers-February 25, 2009

Steve Arthur-Identification of High Ability Learners-Fishers-February 25, 2009

Heather Hendrich-Identification of High Ability Learners-Fishers-February 25, 2009

Alix Engle-Indiana State Football Clinic-Lawrence North HS-March 20, 2009

Alix Engle-Professional Development Clinics- Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Cleveland-February 6, February 20, February 27, and March 6, 2009

Heidi Percy-Improving ISTEP Scores Workshop-Indianapolis-February 19, 2009

Jean Walls-Improving ISTEP Scores Workshop-Indianapolis-February 19, 2009

Christy Unger-Improving ISTEP Scores Workshop-Indianapolis-February 19, 2009

Julie Quinn-Improving ISTEP Scores Workshop-Indianapolis-February 19, 2009

Matt Jung-HASTI-Indianapolis-February 5-6, 2009

David Hole-HASTI-Indianapolis-February 5-6, 2009

Lyndsay Fisher-Maria Walther's 6-Trait Writing Conference-Indianapolis-February 19, 2009

Heather Hendrich-Spring 2009 ISTEP+ Pretest Workshop-Zionsville-February 6, 2009

Lissa Stranahan-Spring 2009 ISTEP+ Pretest Workshop-Zionsville-February 6, 2009

Randy McCracken-Spring 2009 ISTEP+ Pretest Workshop-Zionsville-February 6, 2009

Carol Cole-Producing More Intelligible Speech-Indianapolis-March 11, 2009

Lynn Hale-Orange Leadership Conference-Atlanta,GA-April 28-May 1, 2009

Becky Burke-HASTI Conference-Indianapolis-February 5-6, 2009

Stephanie Rose-ACT Conference Challenging Education to Meet the Changing Face of Indiana-Indianapolis-March 2, 2009

Sherry Yazel-ACT Annual Conference-Indianapolis-March 2, 2009

Stephanie Rose-Indiana State University Counselor Day-ISU-March 17, 2009

Amber Chambers-Diabetes Management Training for Registered Nurses in Schools-Danville, IN-February 19, 2009

Brenda Pullen-2009 Statewide Professional Development Conference-Indianapolis-April 21-22, 2009

Marc Vester-End of Course Assessment/Core 40 Workshop-Greenfield Central HS-February 19, 2009

Marvin Boswell-End of Course `Assessment/Core 40 Workshop-Greenfield Central HS-February 19, 2009

Rick Ryan-End of Course Assessment/Core 40 Workshop-Greenfield Central HS-February 19, 2009

Rick Davis-End of Course Assessment/Core 40 Workshop-Greenfield Central HS-February 19, 2009

Mr. Davis seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Item #17 – Board Member Roundtable

1. Dr. O'Rourke commended Pam Carter for the excellent results of a recent State/Federal audit.
2. Mr. Koloszar indicated that he was having trouble with email correspondence with the Corporation. Mr. Taylor said that he would look into it.

Item #18 – Signing of Documents

The proper documents were signed.

Item #19 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.