

Western School Corporation

Russiaville IN 46979

May 20, 2008

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Western School Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building.

Members present: Jeff Davidson, Jon Marley, Don Wells, Harry Kenworthy, Mike Koloszar, Linda Singer, and Connie Maugans.

Others present: Peter O'Rourke, Randy McCracken, Dick Taylor, Taffy Cooke, Pat Grzesiak, Carrie Mote, Rick Davis, Sharon Fields, Julie Pownall, Heather Hendrich, Lissa Stranahan, Jim Watkins, Jamie Guge, Marietta Harrold, Denny Pogue, Kristina Muehr, Steve Arthur, Christine Omera and Pam Carter.

Mrs. Singer led prayer and then Mr. Maugans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # 1—Opening of Meeting

Mr. Maugans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item # 2—Approval of Agenda

Mr. Koloszar moved and Mr. Marley seconded that the Agenda be approved. **The motion passed 6-0.** (Mr. Davidson had not arrived yet)

Item # 3—Approval of Minutes

Mr. Marley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Regular Meeting, Mr. Koloszar seconded the motion and **it passed 6-0.** (Mr. Davidson had not arrived yet)

Item # 4—Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Item # 5—Panther Pride

The Board honored Western High Schools' 2007-2008 Science, Interdisciplinary, and Mathematic Teams for the performance at the 2008 State Championships. The English Team was also honored having missed an invitation to the State Finals by one point. Mr. Pogue, Mrs. Harold, and senior Christine Omera were present and recognized for their coaching/performance of the Science Team, which scored higher than any team in an class, and was crowned State Champion for Class 2.

The Girls' Softball Team was recognized for winning the Conference Title. The Boys' and Girls' Track & Field Teams were honored for winning their respective Sectionals. Senior Marc Slick was recognized for his selection as Howard County Male Athlete of the Year.

The Board commended all of the members of the Western School family for their outstanding efforts in support of senior Adrienne Larrison, as she continues to recover from a recent illness.

Item # 6—Reports

a. Director of Finance:

Checking Account Balance 04/01/08	\$4,545,439.26
Non-Revenue Receipts	314,447.28
MTD Revenue	1,439,225.63
Disbursements from Clearing Accounts	354,905.50
MTD Disbursements	<u>1,560,011.52</u>
Checking Account Balance 04/30/08	\$4,404,195.15

Total Depository Balance \$4,404,195.15

Vendor Claims Submitted for Approval

#52932-52976 of 04/16/08-04/30/08	\$715,670.48
#52977-53122 of 05/01/08	<u>\$521,817.45</u>
Total:	\$1,237,487.93

Payroll Claims Submitted for Approval

#20 of 04/11/08	\$424,625.32
#21 of 04/25/08	<u>\$415,595.92</u>
Total:	\$840,221.24

Interest on Checking 01/01/08 to 04/30/08 \$50,595.97

Additionally Mrs. Carter provided an informational report on the Western High School ECA accounts.

Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket. Mrs. Singer seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

- b. Assistant Superintendent: Referring to the Middle School Interservice Report, Mrs. Singer asked how the Love and Logic program presented by Mr. McCaully was going. Mrs. Pownall indicated that she and Mrs. Lissa Stranahan had attended the training and that approximately 75% of the staff were currently using the program; indications are that discipline referrals are down as a result of the many proactive interventions associated with the program.
- c. Director of Technology: Mr. Taylor stated that the first round of moving into the classrooms was going well and that the service center will soon be providing videos over the internet.
- d. Superintendent: Dr. O'Rourke summarized NCLB and PL221 information associated with the current state accreditation process. The tax rates for 2008 were presented by

fund and compared to the 2007 figures. Dr. O'Rourke indicated that the 403 (b) committee had completed its work and would bring a recommendation to the Board this evening. Additionally, he informed the Board that Western High School would offer breakfast during the 2008-09 School Year as legislatively mandated.

Item # 7—After School Child Care Waiver

Mrs. Singer moved and Mr. Davidson seconded that After School Child Care Waiver be approved. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 8—Summer School Bus Drivers

Mr. Marley moved that Mickey Justice, Dennis Latz, and Carol Vandervort be approved as summer school bus drivers, and that Marcheta Davis be approved to drive a summer school special needs route. Mrs. Singer seconded **the motion and it passed 7-0.**

Item # 9—Transportation Fuel Bid

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Wells seconded that the corporation be given permission to advertise for transportation bids. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 10—School Improvement Plans

Mr. _____ moved and Mr. _____ seconded that the school improvement plans for the Primary, Intermediate, and Middle & High Schools be approved.

During Discussion:

- a. Mrs. Singer indicated that she liked the variety of instructional strategies in the Primary plan.
- b. Mrs. Singer expressed her pleasure with the Intermediate 3-Year performance comparison charts, which included 6th grade.
- c. Mrs. Singer complemented the Middle School for the belief statements and the LEAD Program.
- d. Mrs. Singer said she was pleased with the comprehensive surveys, and the focus on new instructional methods contained in the High School plan.

The motion passed 7-0.

Item # 11—Full Day Kindergarten

Mrs. Singer moved and Mr. Wells seconded that the corporation initiate full day kindergarten for the 2008-09 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 12—Student/Parent Handbooks

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Marley seconded that the Board approve the Primary School Student/Parent Handbook, for 2008-09 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Koloszar seconded that the Board approve the Intermediate School Student/Parent Handbook, for 2008-09 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Wells seconded that the Board approve the Middle School Student/Parent Handbook for the 2008-09 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Marley seconded that the Board approve the High School Student/Parent Handbook for the 2008-09 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item #13—New Textbook/Workbooks MS/HS Choir

Mrs. Singer moved and Mr. Kenworthy seconded that the Board approve the request for new textbooks/workbooks for the MS/HS Choir. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item #14—Personnel

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Marley seconded that the Board approve the following employment recommendations:

- a. Carol Greenburg, HS/MS Remediation/Instructional Aide, HS, beginning May 21, 2008.
- b. Toney Lorenz, Custodian, WSC, beginning April 4, 2008.
- c. Bev Austin, homebound instructor
- d. Kristin Payne, transfer from Remediation/Instructional Aide, HS, to MIMD/LD/Instructional Aide position.
- e. Josh Larsh, transfer from MS Social Studies position to HS position, School Year 2008-09.
- f. Dawn Woolace, cafeteria worker, MS, beginning May 12, 2008.

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Marley moved and Mr. Koloszar seconded that the Board approve the following:

- a. Kristy Wiechmann, resignation, 8th grade Student Council sponsor, effective June 2, 2008.
- b. Della Clouse, resignation, Panther Press Sponsor
- c. Kari Meissnest, resignation, Westernettes Dance Team
- d. Dawn Anderson, appointment, Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- e. Sheila Morrow, appointment, JV Cheerleading Coach
- f. Kylie White, appointment, Freshman Cheerleading Coach
- g. Angela Love, appointment, 8th Grade Cheerleading Coach
- h. Michelle Gribble, appointment, 7th Grade Cheerleading Coach

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Wells moved and Mr. Kenworthy seconded that the Board approve the custodial realignment plan presented by Mr. Grzesiak. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Wells moved and Mr. Davidson seconded that the Board approve the cancellation of the indefinite teaching contract of Kevin Sheets, effective at the end of the 2007-08 School Year. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Mr. Kenworthy moved and Mr. Koloszar seconded that the Board approve the maternity leave request for Melissa Burkhalter. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 15—Bakery, Food, and Dairy Bids

Mr. Marley moved and Mr. Koloszar seconded that the Board approve the request to advertise for bakery, food, and dairy bids. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 16—403 (b)

Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Marley seconded that the Board approve American Fidelity Assurance Company as the 403 (b) Administrator for the Corporation. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 17—Neola

Dr. O'Rourke provided the Board advanced copies of pending NEOLA Policy changes and additions.

Item # 18—Tennis Courts

Mr. Kenworthy moved and Mrs. Singer seconded that the Board approve the request to advertise bids for new Tennis Courts. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 19—Professional Development

Mr. Marley moved and Mr. Davidson seconded that the Board approve all of the attached professional improvement requests. **The motion passed 7-0.**

Item # 20—Board Member Roundtable

- a. Mr. Marley complemented the principals and staff on the school improvement plans and asked that the principals keep the Board informed on implementation successes and challenges. Mr. Wells also thanked all involved for their hard work.
- b. Mrs. Singer mentioned that former Western students now at ISU were mentioned in the newspaper for their accomplishments.
- c. Mr. Maugans completed the Middle School for the LEAD Program.

Item # 21—Signing of Documents

The proper documents were signed.

Item # 22—Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.