

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
686 WABASH AVENUE
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
6:23 P.M.

BEIT

MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vigo County School Corporation was held at the Vigo County School Corporation Administration Building, 686 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana on Monday, January 7, 2019.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Melvin Burks, Mr. Joseph Irwin III, Mr. Paul Lockhart, Mrs. Jackie Lower, Dr. Susan Powers, Ms. Rosemarie Scott, and Mrs. Joni Wise.

Board Spotlight #1

Ms. Holly Pies, Curriculum Coordinator, shared some of the activities that are involved with Academic Competitions. Some of the activities are the Science Fair, Spell Bowl, Geography Quiz Bowl, math competition, and many others. Ms. Pies also shared that these academic competitions take place beyond the school day. Ms. Pies also mentioned how much she appreciates the Board's support and that she enjoys working with the students and the staff.

Dr. Katelynn Liebermann, Assistant Curriculum Coordinator, shared some of the academic competitions that take place at the elementary, middle, and high schools which include Battle of the Books, Word Studies, and GAIM which is a math competition that involves middle school girls. Dr. Liebermann also thanked Jane Nichols, Director of the Vigo County Education Foundation and the Board of Directors, for their support to help make the competitions possible for the students.

Board Spotlight #2

Jane Nichols, Executive Director of the Vigo County Education Foundation, shared that VCEF was formed in 1984 and the foundation exists to fill gaps in funding to allow teachers to offer enhanced programs for learning. Mrs. Nichols also shared that since 1984, \$2.6 million dollars has been donated to schools to sponsor programs and \$240,000 for this year. Mrs. Nichols shared some of the programs that they sponsor: Terre Haute Children's Museum, Fowler Park Pioneer Days, and the Symphony are some examples. There are also school wide programs such as "Riley Big Read" that involves the family and school reading the same books. Mrs. Nichols mentioned that teachers are able to deliver curriculum in exciting ways and different schools have creative programs to engage students that allow them to create memories that would not be possible without our community.

Mrs. Lower thanked Curriculum and VCEF for sharing the great activities that are taking place in VCSC.

First Call for Citizen Comments

Dr. Muriel Ryan welcomed the new Board members. She shared that families are facing many problems, but she came with hope and a gift. Dr. Ryan presented Dr. Haworth with a book titled "Horace's Hope". She also shared that we have achievements, but we also have challenges.

Mrs. Lower and the Board thanked Dr. Ryan for her comments.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Burks moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 10, 2018
2. Finance Reports
 - a. November Encumbrance Report
 - b. November Financial Report
 - c. December Accounts Payable Docket
 - d. November Non-Taxpayers Report (ECA)
 - e. In-Services/Committee Activities
 - f. Stipends
 - g. Donation/Permission to Purchase Equipment
 - h. Fundraiser Authorization
 - i. Information Item – Indiana Youth Institute
 - j. Information Item – Miracle on 7th Street

Amendment of Policies 205 and 206

Dr. Powers asked if the language in the Nepotism Policy had been defined. Mrs. Lower responded yes and that there will always be situations that we have to take into consideration and revisit.

Mr. Lockhart moved for approval to amend policy 205-Conflict of Interest and policy 206 – Nepotism. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Report and Professional Leave Requests

Dr. Haworth requested that the Board approve the Personnel Report in the absence of Mr. Newport.

The Personnel Report and Professional Leave Requests were correct as presented.

Mr. Burks moved for approval. Mr. Lockhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Acquisition of Parcels by Vigo County

Mr. Perry requested Board approval of the acquisition by Vigo County for portions of parcels 11 and 13 to complete the road widening project on Lafayette Road. Parcels 11 and 13 are a part of VCSC Otter Creek Campus. Mr. Perry also shared that VCSC received \$15,025.00 for the properties.

Mr. Lockhart moved for approval. Mr. Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Second Call for Citizen Comments

Ms. Leah Myers shared that she was present to see how the Board was going to take place and that she is very pleased with what she sees. Ms. Myers also shared that she enjoyed the community conversations and she is looking forward to working together.

Mrs. Lower thanked Ms. Myers for her comments.

Information from Board Members and Superintendent Haworth

Mrs. Lower shared that the Board met with Senator Ford and State Representative Tanya Pfaff to get input and information on the upcoming legislation.

Dr. Haworth welcomed the new Board Members and stated that he looks forward to working with them. He also mentioned that it does his heart good to see former Board members present. Dr. Haworth announced that the VCSC Aquatic Center will open for lap swimming beginning January 21, 2019 and the hours of operation will be Mondays and Fridays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 a.m. -7:15 a.m., and Sundays, 12 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and the cost would be \$5.00 per person.

Adjournment 6:47 P.M.

Future Meetings

- Monday, – January 28, 2019 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building
- Monday, - February 11, 2019 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building

Approved:

<u>Jackie Lower</u>	President	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>Joseph H. [Signature]</u>	Vice Pres.	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>Paul [Signature]</u>	Secretary	<u>[Signature]</u>
<u>Rebecca [Signature]</u>		