

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
686 WABASH AVENUE  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

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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, July 9, 2018.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Dave Lotter, Mrs. Tammy Pearson, Mr. Paul Lockhart, Mrs. Jackie Lower, and Mr. Melvin Burks. Mr. Pat Sheehan and Ms. Alpa Patel were absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Haworth, Superintendent.

**First Call for Citizen Comments**

No Comments were received.

**Board Spotlight**

Mr. John Newport and Ms. Janet Brosmer, Curriculum Coordinators, shared information on the Math Magic, Reading and Writing Wonders Summer Program. The program was held at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. The program included second and third grade intervention, writing and mathematics enrichment for grades 3-8, and Performing Arts for students in grades 9-12. Mr. Newport shared that math involved higher level thinking and writing involved different styles of writing. The students also had the N.E.A.T experience with Robotics which involved welding, Race Pit Stop, and manufacturing. The Vigo County Education Foundation provided free transportation, and Duke Energy contributed a grant for teacher materials and student books. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant provided instructional support. The VCSC transportation and food services department assisted with free breakfast and free lunch, and bus transportation was provided from each school. Mrs. Brosmer shared that the Reading and Writing Wonders Program is a targeted intervention program that focuses on three reading strands: reading foundation, literature, and non-fiction. Mrs. Brosmer also shared comments from parents and how the students were excited with the summer program. Mrs. Brosmer read a letter written by one of the students thanking the teachers for the summer program and how excited he was to be a part of it.

Mr. Lotter asked how the welding was performed. Mr. Newport responded that virtual welding is a computer program that is used, and the students would put on a mask and use their hands which teach them fine motor skills.

## Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 25, 2018

Finance Reports

- a. Payment of Interim Claims in July
- b. Stipend
- c. In-Service/Committee Activities

### Personnel Report and Professional Leave Requests

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

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

### Sarah Scott Gymnasium and Gymnasium Floor

Dr. Mason, director of Secondary Education, requested approval on behalf of Principal Scotia Brown to name Sarah Scott Gymnasium after Mr. Tony McGee, and the Gymnasium Floor to be named in honor of Dr. Danny Tanoos. Both individuals are graduates of Sarah Scott Middle School and have led distinguished professional careers. Mr. McGee formerly played professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals and is now CEO of HNM Global Logistics in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Tanoos was Superintendent for VCSC for 20 years and an educator for 39 years.

Mr. Burks shared that he had the opportunity to coach Mr. McGee. Mr. Burks also stated that Mr. McGee has always looked forward to the future, and to be able to do this for him is an honor. Tony has also been involved with Sarah Scott Middle School.

Mr. Lotter asked if we needed to review the policy prior to making a motion.

Mrs. Lower responded that we do need to revisit the policy, but due to previous approvals, we should move forward with this recommendation.

Mr. Lockhart asked that the active policy in place be waived in this instance and moved for approval. Mr. Burks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Social Studies Textbook Adoption – Indiana Studies

Ms. Holly Pies requested approval to adopt *Hoosiers and the American Story* for Social Studies. The Indiana General Assembly passed a legislation requiring all school corporations to offer Indiana Studies as a one semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year. Each member was presented with a copy of this book to read at their leisure.

Mr. Lotter moved for approval. Mrs. Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### SPO Training

Dr. Balitewicz requested approval to provide one day of training for all School Protection Officers. The training will consist of state mandated education including autism awareness, bullying prevention, suicide prevention and abuse and neglect awareness training. During this training, the SPO's will also be reviewing policing in schools and firearm training.

Mrs. Lower shared how she appreciates the training and how important it is to have officers available to assist our students.

Mrs. Pearson moved for approval. Mr. Lotter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Grants

Dr. Haworth requested approval for the Lilly Endowment Comprehensive Counseling Initiative Grant that will focus on college and career guidance and impact all of the district's 28 schools. The Vigo County School Corporation has been awarded \$1,392,204.00 and was one of 39 corporations/schools funded in the Round II competition. Dr. Haworth thanked the Board for pursuing such grants and also thanked the district staff and representatives of the Vigo County Teachers Association for assistance in developing the grant proposal.

Dr. Balitewicz, Director of Student Services, shared that the grant will impact every student. He also shared that the grant will help the district prepare for the state's new graduation pathways requirements and enable the district to hire two district counselor coaches to lead the K-12 comprehensive college and career guidance plan. Dr. Balitewicz mentioned that the Vigo County School Corporation will partner with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to develop digital resources to support college and career guidance; Indiana State University counseling department will assist with training for counselors and administrators; and a partnership with Ivy Tech Community College will enable counselors to make more high-school-to-college connections.

Mr. Stevens, Assistant Director of Student Services, shared that the grant will not only benefit the school counselors, but it will also impact reading and writing teachers and media specialists.

Mrs. Pearson moved for approval. Mr. Lotter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Second Call for Citizen Comments

No comments were received.

### Information from Board Members and Superintendent Haworth

Mr. Lotter shared that he knows that Dr. Haworth has been busy meeting with community members and the Board. Mr. Lotter also shared how much he and the Board appreciate Dr. Haworth and that the VCSC is fortunate to have him.

Dr. Haworth commended Mr. John Newport and Ms. Janet Brosmer on a job well done on the Board spotlight. Dr. Haworth also thanked the Board for the opportunity to be the new Superintendent of VCSC, and he and his family are looking forward to their new life here. Dr. Haworth shared that our next School Board meeting is scheduled two days prior to school starting. Dr. Haworth also shared that the Parade of Elementary

Classrooms is scheduled for July 26, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. and the Administration Retreat is scheduled July 24-25 to discuss strategic planning.

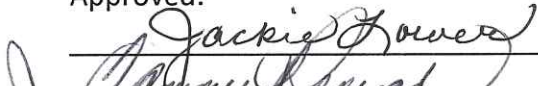


**Adjournment 6:40 P.M.**

**Future Meetings**

Monday, - August 6, 2018 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building

Monday, - August 20, 2018 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building

Approved:

President

Vice Pres.

Secretary

