

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
686 WABASH AVENUE  
MONDAY, August 20, 2018

6:00 P.M.

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**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, August 20, 2018.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Alpa Patel.

**First Call for Citizen Comments**

No Comments were received.

**Board Spotlight #1**

Mr. Doug Dillion, CTE Director, shared information on the NEAT Experience and the portable student capacity cell known as "Manufacturing Mania." The NEAT System allows the equipment to be shared between our high schools and is supportive to other CTE teams. The Manufacturing Mania was custom built in the spring of 2018 and was first used during summer school. The current model is Plan It – Build It – Finish It. NEAT was first unveiled in 2016, and has made appearances at each of the high schools. Mr. Dillion also shared that they will be able to travel to all of the elementary schools for the next four years due to a Lilly Endowment Grant. Mr. Dillion also mentioned that the NEAT trailer has traveled to 17 different counties in Indiana and five different counties in Illinois. Mr. Dillion thanked the students and staff for all the work they do, and the multiple business partners who help make this possible.

**Board Spotlight #2**

Dr. Tom Balitewicz, Director of Student Services, shared that the Diversity Internship Program has been in existence for nine years, serving the community and our students by providing them with real-life experiences throughout Vigo County. Dr. Balitewicz introduced and thanked Mr. Ernie Thompson, who sponsored the Internship Program this year. Mr. Thompson introduced Ila Frazier, one of our student interns, who had the opportunity to gain work experience at the Vigo County Prosecutor's Office. Ila Frazier thanked the School Board members, past Superintendent Danny Tanoos, for his vision and the current Superintendent Rob Haworth for the opportunity to gain work experience through the Diversity Internship Program. Ila also shared that this experience was life-changing and an eye opener. Dr. Balitewicz, Mrs. Lower, and Dr. Haworth

presented certificates to the students and to the business partners in appreciation for their support and participation.

Mrs. Pearson asked how many businesses we had when the program first started. Dr. Balitewicz responded that we started out with three businesses and now we have 13 business participants.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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#### Finance Reports

- a. July Encumbrance Report
- b. July Financial Report
- c. July Accounts Payable Docket
- d. July Non-Taxpayers Fund Report (ECA)
- e. Stipends
- f. In-Service/Committee Activities
- g. Fundraiser Authorizations

### **Personnel Report and Professional Leave Requests**

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

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

### **Second Reading of Section 504 Policy JFD**

Section 504/ Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Prohibition Against Discrimination based on Disability Policy JFD is a VCSC policy that will be brought back at the next Board meeting for a third reading and Board approval.

### **Marketing & Community Relations**

Dr. Haworth requested approval to purchase a table to support the Power of the Purse event.

Mr. Burks moved for approval. Ms. Patel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **First Reading of the Strategic Plan Process**

Dr. Haworth shared information on the first reading of the potential Strategic Plan Process. He shared that the Strategic Plan Process has three goals: to provide a strategy and decision-making process that continues to secure a strong future for our school corporation and the community as a whole; to develop a Generational Facilities Plan; and to conduct a planning process that is highly collaborative to ensure that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to share their ideas and feedback on the district's future direction. Dr. Haworth also



shared that the planning process will look at four areas: student success, culture and climate, high quality workforce, and communication, engagement, and strategic partnerships. Dr. Haworth mentioned that the second part of the process will be to prepare, assess, engage, design, engage again, punch list, and then launch publicly. Dr. Haworth also mentioned that the high school projects will be a part of the planning process, and the goal is to launch the strategic plan July 2019.

Mrs. Lower commented that the strategic plan is exciting, challenging, and will require a lot of decisions. The Strategic Plan Process will be brought back for a second reading at the next School Board Meeting.

**Second Call for Citizen Comments**

Mrs. Stephanie Stonebraker shared information and her concerns on the new lice procedures in the Vigo County School Corporation. Mrs. Lower thanked her for her comments and let her know that someone will contact her.

**Information from Board Members and Superintendent Haworth**

Mrs. Lower shared that school has started and things are going well. Mrs. Lower also thanked Dr. Haworth for making visits to the schools and meeting the community.

Mr. Lockhart thanked Dr. Haworth and his staff for a great start to the school year. Mr. Lockhart also shared that the strategic plan is going to move us forward in the direction that the public can see, feel, and participate in the process.

Mr. Lotter shared that he attended some of the Open Houses of the schools, and they were well attended.

Mrs. Pearson shared that Mr. Rick Long, Director of General Services, and his staff did an excellent job taking care of a boiler situation at West Vigo High School.

Dr. Haworth commented that the Air Show was a tremendous opportunity for our community. Dr. Haworth gave a special thank you to Nancy Weaver, Supervisor of the Vigo County School Corporation Transportation Department, for stepping in and providing the assistance needed to help meet the needs of the community.

**Adjournment 7:05 P.M.**

**Future Meetings**

Monday, - September 10, 2018 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building

Monday, - September 24, 2018 6:00 P.M. – Administration Building

Approved:

Jackie Lower  
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