

January 20, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014, in the Gymnasium of Franklin Elementary School. Those present were President Aaron Bauer, Vice President Pat Hutchison, Secretary Karla Smith, Members Lynne Bobe and Barb Toole, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

Aaron Bauer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

As President of the Board of Finance for the Vincennes Community School Corporation, Pat Hutchison convened the annual meeting of the Board of Finance. He asked that Superintendent Greg Parsley give a summary of the corporation investments.

Greg reported that we earned a total of \$23,291.93 in interest on funds being held at German American Bank. This was at a rate of .003 percent, which we had put out to bid a year ago, as compared to .002 percent for 2012, which at that time we earned \$15,971.09. When asked, Greg advised that we will again be looking at going out to bid in another year or so. He also confirmed we will be investigating some early year investment options.

There being no further questions or comments the Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Richard Rutherford, Principal of Franklin Elementary, was recognized and announced that some Grade 4 students in Mrs. Leigh Anne Eck's class would be giving a presentation on their classroom "Blog" and how they use "Blogging" and Technology in their writing workshop.

Student Jenna Gardner explained how Mrs. Eck has shown them how to make up their own blog website so they each have their own individual place to write. They write posts that other students can read and make comments. This gives the students a different audience to write for other than the teacher. Jenna explained that Mrs. Eck is trying to connect them to other students in classrooms in Ohio and California. Jenna advised that they are becoming a part of the digital revolution in education.

Other students making presentations were Haley Swan, Elijah Hovland, Colton Pfoff, Simon Corrona, Sierra Mullins, Danielle Kroeger, and Torrance Hardin. They told how they write on their blog about everyday things that happen to them, things that are important to them, writing assignments, working together with families to write stories on traditions, making up silly stories, selecting a word to guide them through the year and writing a story about that word, and writing book reviews.

By using their blogs, the students are learning to become better writers. It also gives other students a way to make comments on each other's stories. They also have a school blog about books and Reading called "Franklin Bookmark", with information for the whole family – it features teachers and their reading lives, and information for student readers.

All students were very excited about using technology in their classroom.

Richard Rutherford then recognized some Franklin VIPs....Very Important Parents, beginning with the PTO Officers of President Stephanie Batty, Vice President Krystle Riggie, Secretary

Amber Soderling and Treasurer Leigh Anne Eck; the Chili Supper Co-Chairpersons Pam Robinson and Sonya Nash; and former parent volunteer Nikki Cory who is now a part of the Franklin staff, who was very instrumental in spearheading the "Walkway Project".

As Franklin is very big on partnerships and partnership with the parents is very important to them, Mr. Rutherford recognized some of the parents that are instrumental in giving of their time to come into the classroom to help students with instructional support. Those parents are:

Stacey Bickel	Stacey Foster	Elizabeth Hardin	Maria Lange
Lindsay Catt	Crystal Frasier	Leigh Hinkle	Lori Streitmatter
Ann Couchenour	Amy Gillen	Tatum Hovland	Deb Walker
Jill Doggett	Jaime Greer	Lisa Jeffris	Megan Wedding
Tessa Farrar	Duke Hampsch	Kalissa Johnson	

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes of December 16, 2013 & January 13, 2014 Meetings
- B. Claims 20501 – 20722
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Retirements:

Carolynn A. Stevenson Franklin Grade 2 Teacher

Resignations:

1Sgt. Edward B. Henning LHS/CMS JROTC Instructor – eff 3/1/14
David W. Wilkins Franklin Day Care Aide – eff 12/19/13

Terminations:

Beth Scott Bus Washer, Transportation Dept. – eff 1/17/14

Recommendations:

Stacey R. Lee Riley Temporary Special Ed Teacher – eff 1/6/14
Angela Marie Baldwin LHS English Teacher – eff 1/6/14
Eva Anees Snapp Riley School Secretary – eff 1/6/14
Ryan Steele Bus Washer, Transportation Dept.
Matthew Houchin LHS Volunteer Asst. Softball Coach

Leaves:

Cheryl L. Clemens CMS Special Ed Teacher requests Medical Leave for surgery from 12/11/13 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks depending on recovery and rehab
Carolynn A. Stevenson Franklin Grade 2 Teacher requests Medical Leave from 2/5 through 5/5/14 for surgery.

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

Susan Marchino introduced Stacey Lee, the new temporary Special Ed Teacher for Riley Elementary School, and Eva Snapp, her new School Secretary.

Steve Combs introduced Angela Baldwin, the new Language Arts Teacher at Lincoln High School.

E. Field Trip Requests

Gretchen Bruner, Elementary Music Teacher, requests permission to take Riley and Vigo Elementary Schools Grades 3-4-5 Choirs to Busch Stadium in St. Louis on July 7, 2014. Students will perform "God Bless America" prior to a St. Louis Cardinal Baseball game.

F. Fundraiser Requests

Vigo Elementary Student Council requests permission to conduct a Service Learning Fundraiser for *Kids Caring and Sharing Riley Children's Hospital* during the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year. All monies collected will go to the Riley Kids Caring and Sharing program.

LHS RAK Club (Random Acts of Kindness) requests permission to collect money for the *Pennies for Patients Campaign* with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from February 3 through 21, 2014. All funds raised will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Riley Elementary Student Council requests permission to collect money for the *Pennies for Patients Campaign* with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from February 10 through 14, 2014. All funds raised will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to help fund services for children with blood related cancers.

Vigo Elementary Student Council requests permission for a *Song Dedication* from February 10 through 14, 2014. All monies raised will be used to purchase a pencil machine for students to purchase pencils.

Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary Student Council requests permission to conduct *Lollipop Sales* on February 13 and 14, 2014. All proceeds will be put into the school's "Secret Alice" account.

Vigo Elementary PTO requests permission to conduct their *Spring Fundraiser* February 20 through 28, 2014 by selling Bulbs and Bunnies for spring and Easter candy. All proceeds would be used to support Vigo PTO budget for the garden, end of year activities and student incentives and awards.

LHS RAK Club requests permission to collect items for *Helping His Hands* disaster relief kits during March 2014. They would like to challenge other VCSC schools to participate as well.

Riley Elementary Student Council requests permission to conduct a fundraiser for *Kids Caring and Sharing Riley Children's Hospital* from April 28 through May 2, 2014. All monies collected will go to the Riley Kids Caring and Sharing program to benefit various clinical areas.

LHS Athletic Department and Student Council request permission to conduct a *Change War Competition* against Washington High School February 3 through 7, 2014. All proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research. This is a yearly event between the two schools to coincide with their annual boy's basketball game.

G. Use of Facilities Requests

Riley PTO requests permission to use the building and grounds for a *Family Dance* to be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 to thank everyone for their help.

Children's Center for Dance Education requests permission to use LHS Ader Auditorium on Saturday, March 22, 2014, to present a family ballet of *"Beauty and the Beast"*.

Riley PTO requests permission to use the building and grounds for their annual *Ice Cream Social* on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Discussion Items:

There were no Discussion Items for this meeting.

Decision Items:

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to execute the already approved Indiana Secured School Safety Grant with which the VCSC was approved for the maximum amount of \$50,000. This grant is through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and a requirement came out within the past week that the Board President and Secretary must sign off on the grant. The VCSC's grant includes that of \$32,000 for personnel and \$18,000 for equipment. At the present time, the VCSC has two uniformed officers taking care of the VCSC's six different school buildings, one for the middle and high school, and one for the elementary schools.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's recommendation to adopt the presented 2014-2015 School Calendar. Highlights of the calendar being recommended include the following: School will start with organization day (full day) for the teachers, nurses, social workers, academic specialists and interventionists, on Wednesday, August 6th; students start on Thursday, August 7th; three days for both the Fall and Thanksgiving Breaks; two weeks off at Christmas; parent/teacher conferences for both Fall and Spring; four built-in weather related make-up days; and barring no additional weather make-up days over the built-in four days the ending of school would be Friday, May 22nd, which is before Memorial Day.

Greg did advise the board that when he began discussion with the VEA on the calendar he had three calendars for presentation. The one being recommended is a hybrid from the regular calendar he first presented. He added that included in the discussion was that of a Balanced Calendar, which generated a lot of discussion and was favored by many.

Greg stated that at the onset of the discussions he had made it clear that this balanced calendar was being presented for review purposes only. Due to the favorable response he will work on school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year much earlier in the year and take it to the many different VCSC support groups, which include the VEA and the PTOs. He felt it very important that all stakeholders have some input.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's following request of Resolution to Transfer Appropriations in the General Fund due to ECA fund line coming up short, in large part due to an increase in health insurance costs and contributions to PERF/TRF:

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation, acting within the authority established by the laws of the State of Indiana, wishes to transfer appropriations within the 2013 General Fund budget classification to another budget classification,

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby declare the following transfers are necessary, the transfers do not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the 2013 General Fund and the transfers are made at a regular public meeting and by proper resolution.

GENERAL FUND

FROM: TO:
0100 11300 Instruction Reg. Prog/H.S 0100 33400 Oper of non-Inst Srvs-Coaching \$ 30,200

Passed and adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation this 20th day of January, 2014.

Aaron M. Bauer, President

Patrick P. Hutchison, Vice President

Karla A. Smith, Secretary

Lynne M. Bobe, Member

Barbara L. Toole, Member

ATTEST _____
Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Vincennes Community School Corporation

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's following Resolution to move \$105,000 in appropriations within the Rainy Day Fund from the Maintenance of Building/Supplies Account for the purchase of two new 15-passenger student activities buses. This will give us more flexibility when the smaller buses are needed, as well as the present two buses we have are attaining excessive mileage.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation, acting within the authority established by the laws of the State of Indiana, wishes to transfer appropriations within the 2013 Rainy Day Fund budget classification to another budget classification,

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby declare the following transfers are necessary, the transfers do not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the 2013 Rainy Day Fund and the transfers are made at a regular public meeting and by proper resolution.

RAINY DAY FUND

FROM: TO:
0610 26200 Maint of Building/Supplies 0610 27400 Purchase of School Buses \$105,000

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ATTEST _____
Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Vincennes Community School Corporation

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Resolution to Transfer \$14,060 from the Debt Service Fund to the Pension Fund, as VCSC did not have enough money in this fund at the close of 2013:

RESOLUTION FOR FUND TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation, acting within the authority established by the laws of the State of Indiana, wishes to transfer approximately \$14,060.00 in funds from the 2013 Debt Fund to 2013 Pension Debt Fund for cash flow purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation, Knox County, Indiana that the fund transfer from Debt Fund to Pension Debt Fund is deemed necessary due to shortfall of property tax funds available from the Knox County.

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby declare the following transfer is necessary, the transfer does not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the Pension Debt Fund, and the transfer is made at a regular public meeting and by proper resolution.

Passed and adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation this 20th day of January, 2014.

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ATTEST

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Vincennes Community School Corporation

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Resolution to transfer \$2,233,330 from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. Greg is requesting to make this transfer as a result of needing more dollars for the other funds with which the Department of Local Government and Finance must sign off on.

For the last several years, and more so as a result of the property tax caps, the VCSC has received zero dollars for Bus Replacement. Further, projections are showing that the VCSC will likely not have enough monies to finish the 2014 calendar year in transportation.

In addition to this, Mr. Parsley has already been told that the Capital Projects Fund will be cut, and could be as much as \$1Million. With aging buildings and already having to use the Debt Service Fund to cover capital needs and different types of projects, the VCSC is likely going to need a strong Rainy Day Fund to cover 2014 needs and beyond.

The other concern is that if the personal property tax is eliminated or phased out the overall impact on the VCSC could be that of \$1,469,531. If this is combined with that of the impact of the circuit breaker losses, the impact will be as high as \$2,649,151. This is according to the Legislative Services Agency and reports with which they have began to provide to that of the different taxing entities.

Obviously, the VCSC is highly concerned with the loss of personal property and simply hopes that legislators and the governor will be mindful of the overall impact of the many different taxing entities. The VCSC is already impacted as one of the top school corporation in the State of Indiana with the circuit breaker losses. If this is coupled with that of the elimination of personal property it could be devastating to the VCSC.

Mr. Parsley assured the board this would in no way have any impact on the HVAC project for Lincoln High School, that it may in fact help. The project was bid out in three phases with the \$2Million QZAB, the \$2Million Obligation Bond, and we could go out for another \$2Million Obligation Bond. With the way Performance Services bid the project we could possibly forego the second \$2Million Obligation Bond and pay for any excess from the Rainy Day Fund and not tie our hands with a second \$2Million Obligation Bond.

That Resolution is as follows:

VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
VINCENNES, INDIANA

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER TO RAINY DAY FUND

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation, acting within the authority established by the laws of the State of Indiana, wishes to establish the purposes and amounts to be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund;

THEN BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby declare that a Rainy Day Fund is established for any legal purpose of the General, Debt Service, Pension Debt, Capital Projects, Transportation, Bus Replacement, or Preschool Special Education Funds as setout in Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1 and declares the following transfers to the Rainy Day Fund.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,233,330.00

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Patrick P. Hutchison, Vice President

Karla A. Smith, Secretary

Lynne M. Bobe, Member

Barbara L. Toole, Member

ATTEST _____
Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Vincennes Community School Corporation

Although it wasn't on the Agenda, at Mr. Bauer's request, Mr. Parsley gave an update on the downtown properties. Greg reported there was a closing and papers signed a couple of weeks ago turning the downtown properties over to Flaherty & Collins. We no longer have to worry about paying utilities or the alarm system. Greg has met with the Project Manager, who has already moved a trailer in behind Adams Coliseum and will basically be living in it for the next year. They will more than likely start with the renovations of Adams Coliseum, and the demolition of the recent Clark Middle School, also known as the high school. Greg reported there would be great things starting to happen here shortly.

All board members extended their appreciation for the presentation of the students and their "blogging" project. They thanked the many parents, faculty, and volunteers that help make Franklin a great school and it is greatly appreciated. They all welcomed the new employees to the corporation.

Mr. Bauer announced that the next Board "Road Show" would be held at Tecumseh-Harrison on Monday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Aaron Bauer, President

Karla Smith, Secretary