

October 21, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation met on Monday evening, October 21, 2013, at 7:03 p.m. in the Media Center of Lincoln High School. Those present were President Lynne Bobe, Vice President Aaron Bauer, Secretary Pat Hutchison, Members Karla Smith and Barb Toole, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

Lynne Bobe led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Tim Smith, Fire Chief with Vincennes Township Fire Department presented a Meritorious Service Award to brothers Brayden and Quinton Seger for their quick action to extinguish a kitchen fire in their home in August. Brayden is an 8th Grade student at Clark Middle School and Quinton is a 5th Grade student at Franklin Elementary School, and are sons of Kurt and Donna Seger. Both boys were congratulated for a job well done!

LHS Principal Steve Combs and Grades 6-12 Curriculum Coach Joe Keller gave a presentation on "Algebra, the Lincoln Way". Steve stated that back in 2010-2011 he, Joe and fellow members of the math department at LHS were trying to come up with a way to improve the Algebra scores at the high school. Steve reported there are currently four things that are on the high school grading scale that we are measured on: 1) Passage of ECA Graduation Qualifying Exam in English 10; 2) College & Career Readiness; 3) High School Graduation Rate; and 4) Passage of ECA Graduation Qualifying Exam in Algebra I.

Joe Keller then explained that "Algebra the Lincoln Way" came into being due to the 2010-2011 ECA Algebra I exam results. All the math teachers collaborated and decided to make a change in the way Algebra I was taught based on three things: 1) Low test scores; 2) allowing teachers to differentiate by allowing them to meet with the students to see where they were and where they needed help; and 3) by start of second semester students were throwing up their hands because they were just not getting it.

By using "Algebra the Lincoln Way" allowed teachers to keep the students actively engaged the entire year. The way the program works is that all Algebra I students are enrolled in one of two classes at the start of the year, split between eight sections. Students are randomly selected for each section, and all students are taught the same curriculum the first nine weeks. By using the standards-based approach the students are taught the basics, concentrating on the first two standards. They are evaluated daily, given assessments every three weeks, and teachers are constantly monitoring the students.

At the end of the first nine weeks students are given a benchmark test, similar to the ECA testing. The teachers then review students' strengths and weaknesses to determine placement second nine weeks. The students are then re-grouped into classes that match their achievement level. Teachers are constantly assessing the needs of each student, including moving them to another teacher if there seems to be a problem in a particular class.

As the start of the second nine weeks begin they will be pushing those students as far as they can, including the ones being remediated, to get them on track to understand the material and to keep them from becoming discouraged.

The same process will be used at the end of the semester to see what the students are ready to do – if they are ready to move on or need more remediation. They should know by the end of the third nine weeks whether or not a student will need to repeat Algebra I. In addition, summer school is offered. Tremendous results have been seen with this new program.

Richard Rutherford, Principal of Franklin Elementary School, announced that the *Non-Certified Employee of the Month* from his building is Special Ed Aide Rachelle Froeschke. He stated Rachelle is their “go-to” person when a hot spot occurs in the building. She is very dedicated, arriving early – at times 25-30 minutes ahead of her scheduled time, willing to step up when a problem occurs and has a very enthusiastic and positive personality.

Rachelle thanked everyone for this honor.

In the absence of Jono Connor due to illness, Susan Marchino announced that the *Certified Employee of the Month* from Tecumseh-Harrison is Grade 1 Teacher Stephany Dillon. Susan advised that Jono’s comments stated that it didn’t take long for him on the job to learn the many wonderful things Stephany does for and at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary. She is very creative and tech savvy, going so far as to create her own box from Pages and Word and utilizes them in her stations table. Stephany is always using technology in her classroom to engage students in proper behavior and she is always about kids first. Jono commented he is looking forward to working with Stephany in many years to come.

Stephany thanked everyone for this honor, saying she loves her job and loves coming to work every day.

Greg Parsley then announced that the *VCSC Employees of the Month* are Barry Stone, Richard Rutherford, Susan Marchino, Kelley Crowley, and Melissa Pancake. These employees are being recognized for their work last year leading the curriculum, which in turn resulted in increases in the letter grades for our four elementary schools. Mr. Parsley was proud to report that Franklin, Riley and Vigo were “A” schools and Tecumseh-Harrison was a “B” school. He reported that while many thanks needs to go to the teachers and staff, many thanks also need to go to our administrators and curriculum team.

On behalf of the Vincennes Rotary Club and the Rotary International Foundation, Laura Carie, Assistant District Governor and Vincennes Rotarian, and Dennis Latta, Vincennes Rotary President, presented to the board via VCSC/LHS Media Specialist Jamie Wagler, a check in the amount of \$8,000 for new books for the VCSC libraries. This was made possible thanks to a District Simplified Grant and the Vincennes Rotary Foundation. The money will be used to establish “Rotary Reading Corners” in all VCSC school libraries. Mrs. Wagler thanked the Rotary Club saying that if you get a book into the hands of the students, they will read.

By unanimous vote the board approved the Consent Agenda as proposed by Greg Parsley consisting of the following:

- A. Minutes of September 16, 2013 Meeting
- B. Claims 19873 – 20139
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Resignations:

E.J. Swartz

Major Timothy M. Knigge

LHS Math Teacher – eff 10/18/13

LHS JROTC Instructor – eff 10/11/13

Megan Cox	CMS Special Ed Aide – eff 10/17/13
Rodney Lopez	Franklin Special Ed Aide – eff 10/17/13
Sabrina King	CMS Drama Dept. Asst. – eff 9/17/13
Jason King	CMS Drama Dept. Director – eff 12/15/13
Eric Mikiska	LHS Boys Head Track Coach – eff 9/20/13
Phil Corrora	CMS 6 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – eff 9/6/13
Morgan Whitson	LHS Girls Soccer Asst. Coach – ½ - eff 9/30/13

Recall:

Philip Whigham	IT Technician – eff 10/22/13 pm – 12 mo employee
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Recommendations:

Susan Sewell	Homebound Instruction – eff 10/2/13 - up to 1 hr wk
Kristina “Kris” A. Mikiska	CMS Grade 7 Special Ed Multi-Category Aide
Jesse DaWayne Germany	Franklin Special Ed Life Skills Aide
John Balthus	VCSC Bus Aide
Morgan Kitzman	Tecumseh-Harrison Math Bowl Coach
Andrew D. Jennings	Tecumseh-Harrison High Ability Facilitator
Dakota S. Adcox	LHS Boys Head Track Coach
John “Gabe” Skinner	CMS Co-6 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Cameron Claycomb	CMS Co-6 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Jake Stone	CMS 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer
Kenny Yochum	LHS Winter General Athletics – Basketball Scorekeeper
Troy McCrary	LHS Winter ½ Gen Athletics – Basketball Scoreboard
Karen Livers	LHS Winter ½ Gen Athletics – Basketball Scoreboard
Coty Wiley	CMS Winter General Athletics – Basketball Gate

Leaves:

Tanya Stoll	LHS Business Teacher requests Medical Leave from 9/13 through 10/24/13
Randy Rinehart	School Resource Officer requests Personal Leave from 9/19/13 through 1/3/14

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

E. Donations

Knox County Community Foundation	\$5,000.00	Vigo Outdoor Classroom Project
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F. Field Trip Requests

LHS German Teacher Donna Kramer requests permission to take Grades 10 through 12 students to Wasserburg, Germany in May and June 2014. Students will stay with host families, attend school for 10 days, tour historic sites in Southern Bavaria and Austria, and then travel to Berlin for 2 days touring.

G. Fundraiser Requests

Kyela Jones and the LHS JAG Club requests permission to conduct a *Bake Sale* at LHS on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Proceeds will be added to JAG bank account.

Amy Lane and LHS National Art Honor Society Club students would like to do *Face Paintings* at some of the boys' and girls' home basketball games. Designated dates are

11/26, 12/12, and 12/14/13, as well as 1/18, 1/28 and 2/21/14. Proceeds would be used to fund a club field trip.

Amy Lane and LHS National Art Honor Society Club students would like to conduct *Homemade Ornaments* sales from December 1 through 28, 2013. Proceeds would be used to fund a club field trip.

H. Use of Facilities Requests

Kids Hope USA (through St. John's United Church of Christ) requests permission to use Riley Elementary Gymnasium and Cafeteria on Friday, October 25, 2013 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. for a *Halloween Party* for Kids Hope students and mentors.

Vincennes/Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau Watermelon Drop Committee request permission to use Ader Auditorium on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a *Community Entertainment by Gallagher* program. Proceeds would be used to fund the Riverfront Pavilion vinyl siding project.

LHS Softball Team requests permission to use the Gymnasium at Franklin Elementary School for a 12 & Under Fast Pitch Softball Clinic. They would hold the sessions one day a week from January through April 2014.

Vincennes Basketball Association requests permission to use the LHS and CMS Gymnasiums Saturday and Sunday, February 22 and 23, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a Boys IBA Tournament.

Vincennes Athletic Booster Club requests permission to use LHS and CMS Gymnasiums Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a Girls IBA Tournament.

Greg Parsley opened a Public Hearing to present bonding obligations and options pertaining to proposed projects for Lincoln High School and the four elementary buildings. The VCSC does not want to extend to the taxpayers of the VCSC a rise in the overall tax rate, but are simply asking to protect our present tax rate as we prepare to pay off Lincoln High School. In addition, VCSC does not want to extend debt out for a large period of time as with the paying off of LHS will extend to the VCSC some flexibility for future projects, in addition to the availability of paying off \$4M in debt rather quickly. The end result, by not extending the debt out for a long period of time, is that the VCSC is in discussions, and will be for a while, as to what to do with our aging elementary schools.

Jeff Qualkinbush of Barnes & Thornburg stated that after the presentation by Umbaugh & Associates he would present to the board several resolutions as it pertains to the QZAB funds and bonding process for proposed VCSC projects. This Public Hearing and notification of the Public Hearing have been advertised as required by law.

Mrs. Belvia Gray then gave a presentation of Proposed Financing Options, as well as Preliminary Financing Options relative to the projects. As a point of comparison as it specifically pertains to the present outstanding bonds that apply to LHS, the VCSC makes an annual payment of approximately \$2,262,000.

There being no questions or comments from the Public, the Public Hearing was then closed.

Jeff Qualkinbush then went over the various amendments and resolutions required to the lease of LHS. This goes along with the bonding of \$4M+ in upcoming projects at LHS that will address the HVAC and lighting. This project is that of a Guaranteed Savings Project as a part of that upgrade. VCSC will pay off LHS with a final debt payment in December 2015. VCSC will continue to pay off the high school, but will add an additional item to the lease with the amendment that will allow for VCSC to complete the necessary upgrades. This will keep the tax rate at the same level with a payoff in five years.

VCSC was successful in being awarded a \$2M QZAB (Qualified Zoning Academy Bond), but in addition to this VCSC will need to release an additional \$2M General Obligation Bond to complete the project. These bonds would also be paid off in a five-year period. These funds would be used to finish the LHS project, as well as upgrades to the elementary buildings.

Mr. Qualkinbush has met with the holding corporation of LHS and they have formally voted to disband and in turn the VCSC is utilizing the Clark Middle School Building Corporation and organizing them as the Vincennes School Building Corporation, which is permissible under Indiana law. Mr. Qualkinbush met with the new VCSC Building Corporation prior to this board meeting in a publicly advertised meeting. Old National Bank will be the trustee bank.

As it specifically pertains to the present project, VCSC has the proposals for the Guaranteed Savings Project publicly advertised locally, in addition to the Evansville and Indianapolis areas.

Mr. Qualkinbush went over the following resolutions relative to the project:

1. FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE between Vincennes School Building Corporation (as assignee to The Vincennes Community School Building Corporation), Lessor, and Vincennes Community School Corporation, Knox County, Indiana, Lessee.
 - a. The Lessor and the Lessee wish to further amend the Lease by modifying the term of the lease, and
 - b. Increasing the rent payable under the Lease to provide the Lessor with the ability to issue two or more series of additional first mortgage bonds.

Amendment too voluptuous to include in these Minutes – refer to file.

2. RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA, CONFIRMING FIFTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AND TAKING OTHER ACTION
 - a. Since the Board's initial approval of the Fifth Amendment to Lease, the Prior Corporation has notified the School Corporation of its desire at the present time to assign and otherwise convey all of its rights, title, interests and obligation in, and with respect to, the Premises to the Vincennes School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") in order for the Prior Corporation to wind down its operations; and
 - b. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the School Corporation and the members of the community to approve the assignment and conveyance to the Building Corporation of all the rights, title, interest,

obligations of the Prior Corporation in and with respect to the Premises and to approve amending the Fifth Amendment to Lease to recognized the Building Corporation (as assignee to the Prior Corporation) as the Lessor;

Resolution too voluptuous to include in these Minutes – refer to file.

3. APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA

- a. The School Corporation, as lessee, has been authorized to enter into a fifth amendment to the Lease (the Fifth Amendment to Lease”) with the Vincennes School Building Corporation (as assignee to the Prior Corporation) (the “Building Corporation”), in order to allow the Building Corporation to issue:
 - i. First mortgage bonds to fund all or any portion of the 2013 High School Renovation Project in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000); and
 - ii. First mortgage bonds to fund all or any portion of the 2014 High School Renovation Project

Resolution too voluptuous to include in these Minutes – refer to file.

4. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE AIR HANDLING UNITS IN THE AUXILIARY AREAS OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT, UPGRADING AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AT ALL OR ANY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING OF THE SCHOOL CORPORATION AND COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

Resolution too voluptuous to include in these Minutes – refer to file.

5. VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE INTEREST EARNINGS THEREON.

Appropriation Resolution too voluptuous to include in these Minutes – refer to file.

All required Public Hearings have been held as required by Indiana Law and no public questions or comments were received.

By unanimous vote the board approved the previous amendments and resolutions relative this project:

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By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's recommendation to enter into a continued annual agreement with KCARC to provide transportation for pre-school special education students for the 2013-2014 school year to the Civitan Children's Center. At the present time this includes approximately 15 students.

Greg Parsley presented the bids for the vacant downtown parking lots/surface lots that had been put up for sale. Properties were:

		APPRAISED VALUES	
		HOPKINS	LASKEY
Tract #1	235 N. 5 th Street	\$22,000	\$21,000
Tract #2	511 Buntin Street	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000
Tract #3	504 Perry Street	\$18,000	\$16,000
Tract #4	411 N. 5 th Street	\$12,000	\$11,000
Tract #5	421 N. 5 th Street	\$33,000	\$33,000

We received a bid of \$20,000 on Tract #1 and \$10,000 on Tract #2 from David Goodwin and Chris Sievers on behalf of Goodwin Family Funeral Home.

We received a bid of \$500 for Tract #3, \$500 for Tract #4, and \$1,500 for Tract #5, all from David Lane on behalf of Laneco Properties.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's recommendation to accept the bids for Tracts #1 and #2, but to reject the bids for Tracts #3, #4, and #5.

By unanimous vote the board approved Mr. Parsley's request of the following resolution to formally join the federal lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as to what it does to public schools, and more specifically to Vincennes Community School Corporation. Under the intent of the ACA, VCSC would need to offer health insurance to all employees who work past 29½ hours during the course of a week, which would include substitute teachers, lay coaches, volunteers, etc.

VCSC is not protesting the intent of the ACA, but instead the pretense of a public employer that is supported entirely by tax dollars and in turn having the Federal Government via the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service levy fines and penalties against the VCSC as a public entity.

VCSC would be joining 14 other Indiana school corporations, who are being represented by Mr. James Hamilton, an attorney with Bose, McKinney & Evans, and there would be no cost to the public schools. The State of Indiana has also filed and is represented by Indiana State Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") was signed into law by the President of the United States of America on March 23, 2010;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld portions of the PPACA, including the portion known as the "Individual Mandate", but also invalidated other portions of the PPACA;

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services have issued administrative regulations, non-regulation guidance and opinions related to the PPACA which will have a significant adverse impact upon Indiana public schools and their employees;

WHEREAS, the PPACA effectively requires Indiana public schools to elect among three options:

1. Provide affordable health insurance coverage to all employees who work over thirty (30) hours of service per week, which would include certain part-time or seasonal employees who historically have not been eligible for health insurance coverage;
2. In lieu of coverage, pay substantial fines if one full-time employee enrolls in a PPACA insurance exchange and receives a subsidy; or
3. In lieu of coverage or the payment of fines, establish a maximum for the weekly hours of certain employees of less than thirty (30) hours per week during the work year.

WHEREAS, several Indiana public school corporations and the State of Indiana have filed a lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, the lawsuit is an Administrative Procedure Act challenge to the interpretation of the PPACA;

WHEREAS, the lawsuit also alleges that the PPACA exceeds the authority of the United States and violates the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, Indiana public school districts are a subdivision of the State of Indiana and should be provided this protection of the Tenth Amendment;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Vincennes Community School Corporation and its employees to have the PPACA as it is now interpreted to be adjudicated not to be applicable to Vincennes Community School Corporation and its employees.

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Powers Act, IC 20-26-5-1 *et seq.*, is the core statutory provision to grant Indiana school district its power and authority and specifically, at IC 20-26-5-4(1) the specific power is granted to Vincennes Community School Corporation the authority "in the name of the school corporation to sue and be sued."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of School Trustees of Vincennes Community School Corporation ratifies the following:

1. The inclusion of Vincennes Community School Corporation as a Plaintiff in the lawsuit attached.
2. The engagement of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP as counsel to represent the School District in this litigation.

This Resolution approved by the Board of School Trustees of Vincennes Community School Corporation this 21st day of October, 2013.

Board President

Board Secretary

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to purchase the following items from the Clark Middle School Contingency Fund:

Jackson Systems	\$ 324.00	HVAC Outdoor Air Humidity/ Temperature Sensor
Quill	\$ 551.93	Laser Jet Printer Cartridges
JW Pepper & Son	\$3,585.54	Sheet Music
The Teacher Store	\$ 236.40	Books
Encore Data Products	\$ 681.99	Headphones/Earbuds
Barnes & Noble	\$ 450.95	Books
Office Max	\$ 299.26	Classroom Supplies
Schoolsin.com	\$ 199.90	Mobile Carts

This leaves a balance being maintained in the account in excess of \$34,000.

All board members thanked the Rotary Club for their donation to the corporation for books for our libraries. They congratulated the Seger brothers for their heroic efforts in extinguishing a kitchen fire at their home. They congratulated all the employees of the month for their dedication and hard work, commended all the administrators and staff on their great achievements this past year with all the time and hard work that went into raising the level of student success. They also thanked everyone involved in the "Algebra the Lincoln Way" project and the great strides we are realizing from the endeavors of the Lincoln Math Department. They are very proud to be a part of the great team within the corporation. All expressed their continued pride in being involved in such a great school corporation.

Board members also urged everyone to attend the receptions at the elementary schools and to give all staff a pat on the back for a job well done and the congratulations they deserve.

Franklin's was today, and Vigo's is to be held Tuesday, Riley's on Wednesday, and Tecumseh-Harrison's on Thursday, all from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Buaer wanted to let the audience know that with reference to the donation from the Rotary Club, our own Greg Parsley was the Rotary President last year and was very instrumental in getting the grant, and that the amount of the grant is not something we are used to. We typically see a \$1,000 grant, so the \$8,000 we received is something to be proud of and thanks to Mr. Parsley.

Mr. Bauer also wanted all staff to know that there are people out there that are very much appreciative of the efforts put forth by them in the success of our students. He knows some of the problems faced by each one and just wanted to let everyone to know they are recognized and asked that they take time to sit back and "smell the roses".

Mrs. Bobe wanted to thank Goodwin Funeral Home for their successful bid on the vacant problems and also thanked them for putting up with students and parents filling their parking lot over the years.

Mr. Parsley also encouraged everyone to attend the elementary receptions and thanked Mike Szady and his Sodexo crews for providing such great food. He urged everyone to visit the outdoor classroom at Vigo when they are there, it is such a phenomenal project and thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Parsley thanked Mr. Combs for hosting tonight's meeting and advised that next month's meeting would be hosted by Susan Marchino at Riley Elementary School. He advised that Sodexo has provided some refreshments and invited everyone to enjoy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lynne Bobe, President

Pat Hutchison, Secretary