

February 23, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015, in the Administration Center Board Room. Those present for the meeting were President Pat Hutchison, Vice President Karla Smith, Secretary Barb Toole, Members Lynne Bobe and Aaron Bauer, and Superintendent Greg Parsley.

Mr. Charles Ellis led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Kelley McCarty announced that Special Ed Teacher Julie Reynolds had been selected as the *Certified Employee of the Month* for Vigo Elementary School. Mrs. McCarty stated that Julie has been teaching for 23 years and is a real “doer” and problem solver, brainstorms and tries to make things better for her students. Julie has been the Challenge Sponsor at Vigo for 15 years, has gone to many Spell Bowls and Math Bowls and has served as Proctor at many of the competitions. Fellow teachers spoke of many accolades to Julie, saying she has been an inspiration to them.

Julie thanked everyone for this honor, stating she has worked at Vigo for 20 years and everyone in the building works as a team and it is great working with the staff.

Steve Combs announced that Band Instructor Aide Garrett Coffey had been selected as the *Non-Certified Employee of the Month* for Lincoln High School. Mr. Combs stated that Garrett has been a Drum Instructor since 2003, in charge of the LHS Pep Band since 2010, as well as taking care of the Drumline since 2005, and currently serving as Assistant Band Director. Students of Garrett commented that Mr. Coffey not only has taught them about music, but also about life, showing that confidence is the best thing you can have. He has made them a better musician and performer. Other comments are that Garrett is always honest and straightforward and always willing to help in any way. Garrett figures out how to teach in the best way that suits the student. Garrett goes above and beyond and is dedicated in his students’ succeeding in learning and is always fun. He adapts to each student, making sure they understand what is going on so they won’t be left behind. Fellow teachers and peers also commented the great rapport Garrett has for his students and co-workers. Mr. Combs stated it is an honor to have someone of Garrett’s caliber working at Lincoln High School.

Garrett thanked everyone for the honor, stating he is very passionate about his job and helping students succeed, not only in band but also in life.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley’s recommendation of the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of January 19 and February 4, 2015 Meetings
- B. Claims 23068 - 23251
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Resignations:

Tiffany Mathias
Vicki L. Craig
Joyce Rudolph

Tec-Harrison Title 1 Aide – eff 1/22/15
Franklin Special Ed Aide – eff 2/20/15
Tec-Harrison Day Care Aide – eff 2/13/15

Brandon Pfoff	LHS Baseball Head Coach – eff end of 2015 season
Kyle Tharp	LHS Girls Assistant Track Coach
Karen Query	LHS Girls Assistant Tennis Coach

Terminations:

Veda Strate	Vigo Day Care Aide – eff 2/5/15
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Transfers:

Dawn Akes	Vigo Classroom Aide to Vigo Media Aide – eff 2/2/15 to replace Tracy Marcroft
Marilyn Durham	Riley Day Care Aide to Riley Day Care Coordinator eff 2/4/15 at \$9.09 per hour
Wendy Neighbors	Riley Day Care Coordinator to Vigo Day Care Aide – eff 2/9/15 at \$10.61 per hour

Recommendations:

Cecile Jones	Provide Alternative Service to Franklin student ½ to 1 Hr after school 3 times per wk, eff 3/2/15
Angela Kay Brannick	Franklin Special Ed Aide – eff 1/29/15 to replace K. Dycus
Kelly D. Gardner	Vigo Classroom Aide – eff 2/11/15 to replace D. Akes
Summer Setser	Franklin Day Care Aide – eff 2/17/15
Tanya Stoll	LHS Girls Asst. Track Coach – replace K. Tharp
Tom Nonte	LHS Girls Asst. Tennis Coach – replace K. Query
Dakota Mercer-Szady	LHS Volunteer Boys Track Coach
Katie Bauer	LHS Volunteer Girls Track Coach

Leaves:

Jessica Whipkey	Tec-Harrison Grade 2 Teacher requests Maternity Leave approximately 3/3/15 for 7 weeks, to return approximately 4/22/15
Kalee I. Britton	Franklin Day Care Aide requests Maternity Leave from 2/25/15 to approximately 4/20/15
Mary Ann Bible	Administrative Assistant requests Surgery Medical Leave from 2/26 to approximately 4/13/15

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted.

Administrative Contracts:

Non-Renewal of contract for Richard Rutherford due to Elimination of the Position of “Principal for Alternative Programming” at the end of the current contract period. Mr. Rutherford has been offered a teaching position for the 2015-16 School Year. He has until May 1 to have all of the requirements met to have an active Indiana Teaching License. This is simply a Reduction in Force with his present position.

E. Donations

German American Bank	\$50.00	For VCSC Bullying Presentation
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F. Field Trip Requests

Kayla Jones, JAG Coordinator at Lincoln High School, requests permission to take students to Indianapolis on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13, 2015 for an overnight

field trip for an *Employee Ability Skills & Career Presentation* at the state JAG Indiana Career Development Conference.

Wendy Smith, CMS Social Studies Teacher, requests permission to take 7th and 8th grade students to *Washington, D.C.* during Spring Break, March 16 through 20, 2015. They will visit many historical sites and take a *River Boat Cruise* on the Potomac River. Students will pay their own expenses for the trip.

Amy Lane, Art Teacher at Lincoln High School, requests permission to take art students on a field trip to Chicago to visit museums on Friday, March 27, 2015.

Col. Lee Baker, LHS JROTC, requests permission to take JROTC students to a *JROTC Raider Competition* on Thursday, April 9, 2015, in Olney, Illinois.

G. Fundraiser Requests

Susan Marchino, Principal of Riley Elementary School, is requesting permission to conduct ongoing fundraiser activities to aid parents of a 1st grade student at Riley Elementary with expenses while child is undergoing cancer treatment at Riley Children's Hospital. Some of the activities planned are T-Shirts and Bracelets sales, selling Spirit Day Licenses, Pencil Money, Staff carry-ins, Bake and Snack sales, and staff to pay \$10 to wear jeans for a week.

Amy Lane and LHS Art Honor Society request approval to conduct an *Earth Candles Fundraiser* February 10 through 20, 2015. Proceeds will be used to help defray transportation costs for Chicago field trip.

Amy Lane and LHS Art Honor Society request approval to conduct a *Gourmet Lollipop Fundraiser* February 10 through 20, 2015. Proceeds will be used to help defray transportation costs for Chicago field trip.

Holly Bane and LHS Cheer Team request approval to conduct a *Basketball Cheer Clinic* on February 21, 2015. Proceeds will be used to help pay for cheer uniforms.

Tanya Stoll and LHS RAK Club requests permission to conduct a *"Pie Back"* fundraiser March 2 through 13, 2015. Tickets will be sold for a chance to throw a pie in the face of a teacher. They are hoping to make this a schoolwide event. Proceeds will possibly be donated to a student from one of the elementary schools dealing with cancer and other medical issues.

H. Use of Facilities Requests

Good Samaritan Hospital's Nursing Research Council requests permission to use LHS parking lot next to Hart Street, as well as access to the restrooms next to Hart Street exit, on Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will be conducting a *"Run for a Nurse 5K/10K Run/Walk"*.

Knox County Relay for Life requests permission to use the Upper and Lower Gyms, Concession Stand and Elevator at Lincoln High School from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, May 16th, through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2015, as a backup location in the event of bad weather for their annual relay.

Girl Scout Troop 555 requests permission to use the Art Room, or first available room, at Vigo Elementary School every other Tuesday the Second Semester of 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for their Daisy Scout Meetings.

Discussion Items:

There are no Discussion Items for this meeting.

Decision Items:

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' recommendation to enter into an agreement with *Conexus Indiana* to provide a curriculum that allows for students to receive industry certifications for those that are enrolled in a two-year manufacturing class at Lincoln High School. This would make a student more employable after leaving high school. A large part of the programming and curriculum revolves around logistics. In addition to high school credit, there is a potential to receive VU credit.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request to declare a large printer/blotter in the Project Lead the Way classroom as surplus equipment. This printer was donated to LHS several years ago by VU and it cannot be fixed in a financially prudent manner. By selling this printer the funds obtained would be used to purchase a new printer/ink for the CAD/computer lab.

By unanimous approval the board approved Barry Stone's request to accept a *Summer e-Learning Grant* of \$17,000 for VCSC to again this year host the "Summer of e-Learning". This conference will be in partnership with North Knox School Corporation and they will work together on curriculum. This grant will allow us to offer the conference free of charge to VCSC and NKSC teachers and a fee of \$25 for those outside our corporations. The conference will again be held at Clark Middle School on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 14th and 15th. Leslie Fisher will return and will be the opening and closing Keynote Speaker. The conference will focus on blended learning, which is the use of digital resources in the classroom to enhance educational opportunities for students.

By unanimous approval the board approved Greg Parsley's request to allow him to make application to the IDOE for offerings for Summer School 2015. Only Category 1 classes will be offered, which are near 100% reimbursement funding from IDOE. VCSC will offer those classes that are needed for high school graduation (Math, Language Arts, Government/Economics, Physical Education, etc.), in addition to Grades 1-3 Reading will be offered for elementary school students.

By unanimous approval the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Resolution to transfer appropriations based upon the VCSC 2015 Corporation approved Budget by the DLGF (Department of Local Government and Finance):

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 2015 Capital Projects 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 2015 Capital Projects Fund and the transfers are made at a regular public meeting and by proper resolution.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

FROM:

TO:

0350 45100 Bldg Acq, Const & Imp. 0350 22300 Instruction Related Tech \$ 74,000.00

Passed and adopted by the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation this 23rd day of February, 2015.

Patrick P. Hutchison, President

Karla A. Smith, Vice President

Barbara L. Toole, Secretary

Lynn M. Bobe, Member

Aaron M. Bauer, Member

ATTEST

Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Vincennes Community School Corporation

All board members extended their congratulations to the honored employees and thanked them for their energy and devotion to the students of VCSC. They are all excited about the possibilities with Conexus.

Barb Toole extended good luck to all schools and students on the upcoming ISTEP+ testing.

Pat Hutchison wanted to extend best wishes to Brandon Pfoff, who will be retiring as LHS Baseball Coach at the end of the 2015 season. With 295 wins, Brandon has done well in his coaching career at VCSC.

Greg Parsley wanted to announce that meetings with the PTO and CAB members for discussions related to our elementary schools have been set for early April. They are open to the public and we welcome as many people to attend that can. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

April 2 nd	Franklin Elementary
April 6 th	Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary
April 8 th	Clark Middle School
April 9 th	Vigo Elementary
April 14 th	Riley Elementary

Greg Parsley also stated that the joint board meeting with Washington Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees and Cenergistic regarding energy savings was a very interesting one and invaluable items were learned. However, VCSC has decided to table for the time being any partnership regarding an energy savings plan. He stated that it does not make sense at the present time as we begin to examine the situation with our elementary schools. Depending upon the direction for which we may choose to go with this, our hands could somewhat be tied to a commitment with Cenergistic as this is a five-year commitment. Some of the items learned may be able to be implemented in the short term as we educate the staff as to ongoing utility costs and ways for which we can save not only VCSC dollars, but also taxpayers.

Greg Parsley stated that we are blessed with having Barry Stone and Debbie Gries, a teacher at Vigo Elementary School, participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). They are writing curriculum for the Department of Education Migrant Program. A team consisting of twenty-five educators across the state has been asked to meet on long weekends for training and work sessions to develop this one of a kind curriculum. The tools the team has been working with include survey drones (quadcopters), 3-D printers, Robot devices, Go-Pro cameras, Mac Books, iPads, and weather balloons. Each curriculum component that has been created includes multiple curriculum components, including English-Language Arts, Math, Science, Physical Education, Digital Citizenship and Cultural Diversity. At the present time the team has created over one hundred lessons at differing age levels.

The VCSC is extremely excited to have two of our employees be a part of this process. Having the opportunity to work with new devices and learn from the best educators across the state will allow the VCSC to enhance the curriculum opportunities in the future.

Greg Parsley also stated that with all the media hype on the ISTEP+ testing, he believes VCSC is in a good position and all the hard work by the teachers will have the students ready to take these tests. Testing is tentatively to begin taking place in our elementary schools and Clark Middle School on Tuesday, March 3rd and concluding on Friday, March 6th. Make-ups will be scheduled for Monday, March 9th through Wednesday, March 11th for elementaries and Tuesday, March 10th through Wednesday, March 11th at the middle school. He extended good luck to all our students.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Patrick P. Hutchison, President

Barbara L. Toole, Secretary