

February 4, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation along with the Board of School Trustees of the Washington Community School Corporation met on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vincennes Community School Corporation Administrative Center. Those present were Vincennes School Board Members, President Pat Hutchison, Vice President Karla Smith, Secretary Barb Toole, Members Lynne Bobe and Aaron Bauer and Superintendent Greg Parsley. Those present from Washington Community School Corporation were Board President Steve Frette, Vice President Pam Bartlett, Secretary Peg Stephens, Members Steve Bouchie, Randy Bouchie, Jay Armes, Superintendent Dr. Daniel Roach and Transportation/Grounds Supervisor Gary Puckett.

Mr. Parsley thanked Dr. Roach for introducing him to Cenergestic which is an energy consulting firm. He then introduced Roger Thornton and Mike Bitar, representatives of Cenergestic. Mr. Thornton explained that due to the size of the corporations, they would have to form a partnership to take advantage of their services although they would be treated separately. One energy specialist would be hired to oversee the program for both corporations. The specialist would do 25-30 audits a week and then share the findings with a Cenergestic engineer who will make suggestions on how to make improvements.

The corporations would be in a five-year contract with Cenergestic. After the fifth year, the savings go on without any cost. They proposed that Vincennes Community Schools would save \$1.5 million over the next ten years. \$21,000.00 would be saved in the first four months and a minimum of \$166,000.00 would be saved in the first year. Mr. Bitar explained that these savings do not include savings from upgrades in boilers, lighting, etc. These kinds of changes will realize even more savings. Cenergestic would receive 12% of the energy savings as their fee.

After the fifth year, the corporations can continue on their own or hire the energy specialist. It was suggested that due to the cost perhaps the corporations could split the cost of this person. The license fee for the software would still apply. If the software is stopped, the support from Cenergestic will stop.

A question and answer session was held after the presentation.

All agreed that this is a very intriguing proposal and it is something they will all think over and talk over to see if it is something they would like to pursue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Patrick P. Hutchison, President

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Barbara L. Toole, Secretary