

April 21, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Vincennes Community School Corporation met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014, in the Cafeteria of Clark Middle 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.

Mr. Bauer recognized Clark Middle School Principal Ryan Clark, who will be presenting the Curriculum Spotlight/Focus. First of all Mr. Clark wanted to thank Steve Evans and his custodial helpers in getting the cafeteria prepared for tonight's meeting. He said a lot of work had gone into getting things ready. He also thanked Art Teacher Levi Atkins and his art students in preparing the posters for presentation throughout the building.

Mr. Clark then introduced Bev Balthus and her Special Education students and aide Millissa Duffey, who gave a presentation on *Peer Tutoring*. Mr. Clark related that when he first came to Clark Middle School he was told that these two ladies needed help. At that time the idea of Peer Tutoring was resurrected for those moderate and severe students that need a little one-on-one attention. He also advised the audience that Mrs. Bev's class is the Tug-of-War champions for the school.

Mrs. Balthus showed an iMovie, which shows exactly what the Peer Tutoring Program does in helping and caring for these students. This is strictly a volunteer program, where some tutors will do the tutoring instead of taking a study hall and some even withdraw from their PE class to accompany their students to their PE class, which is a lot more work for them. These tutors help the students with setting up their things in the morning, work on calendar and reading skills, or maybe even a cooking project.

Mrs. Balthus stated she could not say enough about these tutors. They perform any task that is asked of them and they grow friendships throughout their schooling, which will eventually take them on to the high school. They are very caring and watch out for these students.

When asked, the tutors stated the bonds they have developed with these students and the continuing friendships is what sells the program and they would have no hesitation in recommending the program to their friends. Some of the students are active in various academic programs, as well as sports activities and even color guard. The tutors feel this is very rewarding and an enriching activity that they wish to carry over to the high school. The only problem is that you have to be a junior or senior to join the program at the high school level.

Clark Middle School Principal Ryan Clark introduced Grade 8 Math Teacher Dolores Lane as their *Certified Employee of the Month* from their building. Mr. Clark stated that Mrs. Lane is a very hardworking teacher, makes easy-to-read schedules from his complicated ones, and is always willing to help. Dolores will take personal days to attend professional development workshops and is very instrumental in the PBIS program in their building. She takes it upon herself to organize after-school programs for students in need. In the last four years Mrs. Lane has had 88 of 88 students pass the ECA tests for Algebra. In 2012-2013 she and another math teacher had 77 Algebra students. All 77 passed the ECA exam, with over 50 earning a Pass + and four with perfect scores. A total of 42% of the freshmen have that cohort behind them. This

year, 52% of the 8th Grade students are in an Algebra class. She is hardworking and dedicated teacher and a tremendous asset to Clark Middle School and to the Vincennes Community School Corporation.

Dolores thanked everyone for this honor and recognition.

Riley Elementary School Principal Susan Marchino introduced Nancy Gress as the *Non-Certified Employee of the Month* from her building. Nancy has been with VCSC for 16 years with the last 14 years at Riley Elementary. She is the Head Nurse for VCSC and Riley School Nurse. Nancy attends the state nurses conference every year, comes back and shares information she has learned, as well as does any training that is required so staff and students are taken care of. She knows students and their needs, as well as communicating with parents so they know their child(ren) is(are) being cared for properly. A new program was started this year where kids that are on the bubble are tracked so they don't fall through the cracks. All teachers take part in this and good relationships are formed with students and parents. Susan thanked Nancy for her dedication and for taking care of not only those students at Riley Elementary, but throughout the corporation as well. She is very much appreciated.

Nancy thanked everyone for the honor and recognition.

Clark Middle School Principal Ryan Clark stated that the *Peabody Energy Teacher Award* Program created their *Educational Leadership Program* to recognize educational professionals, from teachers, coaches, librarians to counselors, who make a profound difference in students' lives. These teachers lead, inspire, guide, teach and transform lives by helping children achieve their full potential. They recognize individuals with compassion and dedication to their jobs. He is very proud to introduce the 2014 Peabody Energy Teacher Award Winner this year as Mrs. Jo Ann Lane, 8th Grade Language Arts teacher.

Mr. Clark stated that Mrs. Lane has been here since August 1989 and is currently the department chair for the Language Arts Department. With her leadership, the department has seen tremendous growth in the testing results of Clark Middle School students. She devised a rubric for all curriculum teachers except math to grade reading and writing, and response to literature lessons in their subject areas so everyone is on the same track. She is known as the "Book Lady" as she goes on CMS's Morning Show and relates to all students what books are available in the library. She has been very instrumental in all their curriculum updates. Mrs. Lane is a key component of CMS Green Room Team and also mentors other teachers. She served on the IDOE Committee reviewing Common Core Standards and helping to decide if the state would be adopting those or other state standards. She is a very valued part of the VCSC team and he congratulated Mrs. Lane on this achievement.

Jo Ann thanked everyone, saying that her first administrator told everyone on their first day to "hang tough" and "make every minute count". She has kept that advise over the years. In addition, she also learned at the leadership academy four principles that has sustained her over the years, and they were 1) Choose your attitude every day; 2) Have a little play at work every day; 3) Make someone's day; and 4) Be present every day. Another philosophy she subscribed to was "If you build it, they will come", which couldn't be more true than it is now. She stated there are many deserving teachers and is very thankful and appreciative for the award.

Mrs. Lane will receive a \$1,000 cash award at a presentation to be held later this summer. She is the second Mrs. Lane to be honored as Mrs. Amy Lane, Art Teacher at Lincoln High School, was honored earlier this year.

As part of the National Rural Education Association, Clark Middle School Principal Ryan Clark recognized 6th Grade Math Teacher Mrs. Andrea Hess as the *Indiana Association of Rural Schools Teacher of the Year*. Ryan stated that this award was also a surprise even though Andrea is known to “Google” things to be sure they are true. IARS helps educators find and use resources to educate today’s students, whether it is learning about new legislation that affects rural communities, have completed important research that needs to be published, or looking for help for specific educational needs in the community. They are advocates in the voice of education.

Mr. Clark stated that Mrs. Hess and a co-worker have 96% of the 6th graders on track with their assessments, she is very well versed in what she does, she can “rap” and speaks “teenese”, is very knowledgeable of the “teen language” today. She is a very caring teacher, is driven, and is very involved with her students. She is a key member in the school’s Data Analysis Team, as well as department chair.

Mr. Clark stated that Mrs. Hess and her husband would be flown to San Antonio, Texas to participate in the National Teacher of the Year Award later this summer.

Mrs. Hess thanked everyone for this honor, stating she loves doing what she does. She loves the people she works with, the students she teaches and the subject she teaches. She stated the application process was very rigorous but she was happy to do it. She also stated that this is the first time in the history of the award that the winning teacher has come from the same school corporation in back-to-back years. She is very honored and humbled by this honor. She stated she had told the gal from the newspaper that teachers don’t do this for the awards, they do it for the rewards of seeing a student “get it” when you are teaching.

Dr. Alan Stewart gave an update on the *Keep Vincennes Rolling*, a non-for-profit organization that is attempting to secure trails for bicycle riding in Vincennes, as well as the “*Ride Your Bike to School Day*” at the elementary schools. This is to show children that bike riding can be a healthy activity. Last year was the inaugural year for Riley Elementary and they are going to host another one this year, in addition to one at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary School. There will be safety and awareness demonstrations on this day. At the end of the day there will be the issuance of certificates, fun and activities, with Mike Szady from Sodexo Food Services providing healthy snacks. The organization has received a grant from the Knox County Community Foundation to provide funds for helmets for those students that do not have them. VCSC is highly supportive of any and all efforts of “*Keep Vincennes Rolling*”.

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

- A. Minutes of March 10, 2014 Meeting
- B. Claims 20997 – 21249
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Personnel

Retirements:

Madonna J. Williams
Denise Dayson-Bristol

VCSC Business Manager – eff 8/29/14
LHS Special Ed Teacher - eff 5/23/14

Susan Battles
Cathy Gray
Anastasia "Ann" Obermeyer

Vigo Kindergarten Teacher - eff 5/23/14
Vigo Special Ed Teacher - eff 5/23/14
LHS Secretary - eff 6/1/14

Resignations:

Caleh E. Miller
1st Sgt. Michael Austin
Haley Lancaster
Richard Rutherford
Megan Scott
Caleh Miller
Kyela Jones
Doris Fellows
Emma Johnson
Carly Tibbs
Matthew Houchin

CMS Gr 6 Language Arts Teacher - eff 5/23/14
LHS JROTC Instructor (Rescinded Acceptance)
LHS Fall Play Director – eff 4/15/14
LHS/CMS Swim Coach
LHS JV Softball Coach - eff 3/27/14
LHS Girls Asst Track Coach at 63% of Stipend
LHS Spring Gen Ath Worker at 10% of Stipend
LHS Spring General Athletic Worker
LHS Spring General Athletic Worker
LHS Spring General Athletic Worker
LHS Volunteer Girls Softball Coach

Recommendations:

Deborah M. Nowakowski
Tina M. Ray
1st Sgt. James "Brian" Deckard
Susan Sewell
Kelley Crowley
Amy Mattison
Lindsay Rutherford
Sabrina McGill
Morgan Whitson

LHS Science Teacher- Full Time 2014-15
SWRYV Title I Language Arts Tchr - eff 4/23/14
LHS JROTC Instructor – eff 4/21/14
Summer Speech Clinic Teacher
Jump Start Summer School Administrator
Jump Start Summer School Teacher *
Jump Start Summer School Teacher *
Jump Start Summer School Teacher *
Jump Start Summer School Teacher *

* Minimum of 12 students needed for each section to operate

Joe Keller
Leigh Anne Eck
Casey Kotter
Stacie Tabler
Andrew Jennings
Meredith Dreiman
Josh Frederick
Suzanne Corrona

SPARK Counselor - \$500 Stipend **
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** Contingent upon "SPARK Your Brain" Camp being approved later in meeting. Stipend to be paid from High Ability Grant

Kyle Tharp
Matthew Houchin
Kyela Jones
Jared Blue
Matthew Collins
Chris Todd
Dave Dawson
Lindsay Rutherford
Coty Wiley
Kirk Bouchie
Courtney Fenwick

LHS Girls Asst Track Coach-at 37% of Stipend
LHS Softball 2nd Asst Coach - eff 3/28/14
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Track) at 10% of Stipend
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Track)
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Track)
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Baseball)
LHS Gen Ath Worker (formerly pd by Athletics)
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Track) at 90% Stipend
CMS Gen Ath Worker (Softball)
LHS Gen Ath Worker (Baseball) Pd by Athletics
LHS Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Leaves:

Ashlee O'Dell

Tec-Harr Special Ed Teacher extends
Maternity Leave Request from 3/24/14
Through 4/25/14, returning to work 4/28/14

Kerri Clayton

CMS Gr 7 Language Arts Teacher extends

Medical Leave Request from 4/1/14 for 8 Weeks, through end of school year

All other Leave Requests were approved as submitted

E. Donations

AME	\$ 80.00	VCSC Elementary "Secret Alice" Fund
K12 Launch	\$ 150.00	Advertising Partner "eLearning Conference"
PRISM	\$ 150.00	Advertising Partner "eLearning Conference"
ENA (Education Networks of America)	\$ 250.00	Advertising Partner "eLearning Conference"
Aaron Bauer	\$ 3,000.00	VCSC "Secret Alice" Fund
Duke Energy	\$25,000.00	For VCSC to partner with Marian University, Indianapolis, to provide scholarships, Professional Development, and collaboration on both Dual Credit programs and Early College program

F. Fundraiser Requests

LHS Varsity Baseball Team requests permission to conduct their second annual *Youth Baseball Camp* on Saturday, April 26, 2014, for students in Grades 3-8. Proceeds will be used to buy needed equipment for 2014 baseball season.

LHS RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Club requests permission to *Collect Toys for Riley Children's Hospital* one week in May 2014. Proceeds from this activity will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and given in honor of former LHS student Nate Myers.

Tecumseh-Harrison PTO requests permission to conduct their *Third Annual T.H.E. 5K Run* on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Proceeds will be used to fund field trips, classroom projects, PBIS celebrations and teacher/student recognition awards and projects.

LHS Cheer Team requests permission to conduct a *Bake Sale* at Wal-Mart on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Proceeds will be used to fund Cheer Camp, and for clothes and new uniforms.

G. Use of Facilities Requests

KCARC requests permission to use LHS Media Center on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an informational meeting regarding special needs services.

Good Samaritan Hospital requests permission to use LHS Parking Lot (between school and Hart Street Road), and restrooms (next to exit on Hart Street Road), on Saturday, May 10, 2014, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., for their annual *RUN-4A-NURSE 5K*. Proceeds will be used for their Nursing Certification fund.

CMS Dance Team requests permission to use Clark Middle School Gymnasium on Friday, May 16, 2014, from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m. for a *Dance Hosted by Dance Team*. Proceeds will be used for the Dance Team.

Psi Iota Xi requests permission to use various Clark Middle School classrooms and facilities to conduct their annual *ARTventures Camp & ARTventures on View* Monday

through Friday, July 7 through 11, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will use Sunday, July 6, 2014, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for set-up. This camp is for students in Grades 1 through 6. Proceeds will fund grants to the teachers of the camp, as well as grants to Knox County Art and Music Teachers.

Keep Vincennes Rolling Club requests permission to use CMS Cafeteria and Restrooms on Saturday, July 19, 2014, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for their *Second Annual Bicycle Ride*. Proceeds will benefit the KVR Club.

Greg Parsley wanted to recognize the five retiring employees tonight and to thank them for their many years of service to the VCSC. They are: Business Manager Madonna Williams with 40½ years of service, LHS Special Education Teacher Denise Dayson-Bristol with 31 years, with 27 years of service to VCSC, Vigo Kindergarten Teacher Susan Battles with 34 years of service, Vigo Special Education Teacher Cathy Gray with 31½ years with 27 years of service with VCSC, and LHS Secretary Ann Obermeyer with 34½ years of service.

In addition, Mr. Parsley wanted to welcome the new hires for tonight, Mrs. Debbie Nowakowski who will become a full-time Science teacher at LHS in the fall, and 1st Sgt. James “Brian” Deckard who will be returning to his hometown to become the LHS/CMS JROTC Instructor.

By unanimous vote the board approved Sandra Lange’s request to hold a Special Education Functional Skills Summer School this summer. Class will be offered from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday from June 2 through 26, 2014. Program will be housed at Clark Middle School and will be paid from the Joint Service and Supply Budget.

By unanimous vote the board approved Sandra Lange’s request to hold a Summer Pre-School offering this summer. The program will coincide with the VCSC’s Jump Start program at Vigo Elementary School from July 21 through August 1, 2014. The program is aimed and designed to help “ready” those 3 to 5 year old children who may not be prepared or ready to start the school year on August 7th.

By unanimous vote the board approved Sandra Lange’s request to hold a Summer Speech Clinic throughout the summer. This is being offered due to the difficulty of being fully staffed with speech therapists during the 2013-2014 school year. This would only be for those students who experienced an interruption in services, which include students at Franklin and Vigo Elementary Schools and Clark Middle School.

By unanimous vote the board approved Barry Stone’s request to hold a “SPARK Your Brain” High Ability Summer Camp from June 9 through 12, 2014 at Tecumseh-Harrison Elementary School. SPARK, which stands for “Super Powered Activities to Recharge Kids, will focus on activities that utilizes higher order thinking and will be paid through the High Ability Grant. We have at present at least 140 high ability students and we are hoping that 70 will attend the camp. There will be a \$20 registration fee, but there is a scholarship program in place for those that may not be able to afford this. The following teachers will serve as SPARK Counselors: Joe Keller, Leigh Anne Eck, Casey Kotter, Stacie Tabler, Andrew Jennings, Meredith Dreiman, Josh Frederick, and Suzanne Corrona.

By unanimous vote the board approved Barry Stone’s request to submit a Rural and Low Income Grant Application in the amount of \$52,070. This grant is aimed at improving the graduation rates, focusing upon math and language arts with funds for the Green Rooms and gift cards. Funds attained will also be used for professional development, which includes

sending teachers and staff to conferences, in addition to covering the costs of substitute teachers, and technology at the high school, including updating the NetBooks.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for \$.10 increase in the Lunch Meal Prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Prices for the breakfasts will remain at \$1.35 for paid breakfasts and \$.30 for reduce price breakfasts across all schools. Lunch prices will go to \$2.30 for elementary, \$2.40 to \$2.65 for middle school and \$2.40 to \$2.75 for high school. The reduction in the range at the high school is for the purpose of bringing both the middle and high schools in line by 2015-2016 so we will have the same price structure at both schools. The \$.10 increase this year is based on the base price of October 13, 2013 meal counts so the decrease in the range at LHS will not affect next year's equity calculation.

By unanimous vote the board approved Riley Elementary Principal Susan Marchino's request for the 2014-2015 Elementary Handbook. Primary changes include wording on Attendance to reflect wording that is already in place for the middle and high school students, adding wording to reflect addition of Spring Conferences with parents, wording on Bullying to follow state law, changing wording of Sex Education for 5th grade students to Family Living. In addition all doors will be locked at 8:00 a.m. daily, and parents, grandparents, etc. will not be able to eat with their students as it pertains to breakfast or lunch. School sponsored events and mentoring programs will be excluded. These changes are strictly for the concern of safety of all our students.

By unanimous vote the board approved Ryan Clark's request for approval of Clark Middle School's 2014-2015 Handbook. Primary changes include: Balloons, flowers, etc. are allowed to be sent to students while at school, but are not to be allowed on school buses; student absences wording is changed to match the high school policy. This includes five absences per semester and anything after this will be counted as unexcused. Bullying is redefined and is aligned to state law.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request for approval of Lincoln High School's 2014-2015 Handbook. Primary changes in the handbook address Tardiness and Period 1, wherein a 4th tardy will result in an office referral with a Friday Night School Assignment, a 5th Tardy will be an Out of School Suspension and a 6th Tardy will be a loss of credit. An Attendance adjustment was made to reflect those students who move in after the start of a new school year or semester – adjustment will coincide with the number of days school has already been in session. There is a change to the protocol guidelines for students who work the polls on Election Day, and a change in the Bullying Language to meet state law.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request for approval of the LHS Alice Academy 2014-2015 Handbook. Major changes include Attendance language, language outlining individual service plans and how they are implemented and tracked, language change to use Plato versus Novel Stars (technology curriculum), and revision of staff and procedures including the time that the program meets.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request for approval of the LHS/CMS Extra-Curricular 2014-2015 Handbook. As this handbook went through a major revision in the summer of 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year, no changes are being made at this time.

By unanimous vote the board approved Steve Combs' request to phase in the purchase of Chrome Books instead of the iPad 2's or iPad Minis with incoming freshmen for the 2014-2015 school year. The advantages to the Chrome Books is that it is totally web-based, it has keyboards, and is more compatible with the technology currently used in the curriculum.

Meetings were held with staff and then with the technology department and committee and it was unanimous to go with the Chrome Books. Those students currently using and have purchased iPads and Mini iPads will continue through the phase out of the devices. Pricing would be comparable or maybe a little cheaper.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to certify the days/hours which students and staff made up during the 2013-2014 school year to satisfy the Indiana Department of Education due to days lost this past winter due to inclement weather. All days lost (10) have been made up, with two days waived by IDOE, four days that were built into the 2013-2014 School Calendar, and four days made up by adding an hour of instruction from February 24 through April 2, 2014. The last student day will be Friday, May 23, with graduation held that evening.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to award a five (5) year agreement with PepsiCo for the VCSC Beverage Contract. Angie Gries from PepsiCo gave a brief outline of the contract. Bids were accepted from PepsiCo, Coca Cola and RC Cola. RC Cola is the current carrier and is ending a ten (10) year contract with VCSC. The PepsiCo contract is estimated to deliver to the CSC over the terms of the contract \$353,858.60, assuming that volume and sales remain where they have been with RC Cola. It is expected that the actual financials for the contract with PepsiCo could be much higher as it is expected that Pepsi will grow the market in the VCSC. They were heads above the other presenters in their progressing to a healthier product with a long range of sports and fruit drinks in addition to their line of diet products. RC Cola had submitted a bid for a five year contract of \$213,630.

Mr. Parsley stated that a committee consisting of the following attended presentations from all three companies and were unanimous in their recommendation: VCSC Athletic Director Jeff Hein, VCSC Business Manager Madonna Williams, LHS Principal Steve Combs, VCSC Food Service Director Mike Szady and VCSC Concessionaire Jon Litherland.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request to seek a Waiver to help offset the Circuit Breaker Tax Credits. This is a result of new legislation (HEA 1062) passed by the Indiana General Assembly for those schools most impacted by the circuit breaker.

The Waiver allows for 100% of monies to be receipted into the debt service fund. The Circuit Breaker Credits that would have been received to cover the debt service fund are now spread out into Transportation, Bus Replacement and Capital Projects Fund. Without the Waiver the loss would have impacted the various tax funds by 45% for each fund. With the Waiver, the VCSC will offset the reduction to 18% of the certified levy. This still relates to a significant loss but is not as catastrophic as a 45% loss.

To place this into perspective, an 18% loss translates to a \$552,377 cut whereas a 45% reduction translates to a \$1,380,944 cut. With declining AV (assessed valuation), a looming personal property tax credit coming and the possible TIF expansion in the Vincennes area, the VCSC is gravely concerned with operating expenses in our property tax rated funds.

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for the following Resolution to Appropriate Self-Insurance Funds and the ISTA Settlement Fund as it relates to self-insuring funds of dental and worker's compensation in the VCSC. In addition, to appropriate the funds which were received in the now defunct ISTA Insurance Fund in the amount of \$315,983.49

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE
SELF-INSURANCE FUND AND THE ISTA SETTLEMENT FUND
VINCENNES COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION by the Vincennes Community School Corporation, Board of Trustees, Knox County, State of Indiana to appropriate the 2014 SELF-INSURANCE FUND AND THE ISTA SETTLEMENT FUND.

BE IT RESOLVED that it is now necessary to appropriate the funds available in the Dental and Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund and the ISTA Settlement Fund in the amount of \$391,983.49.

BE IT RESOLVED this resolution approves the payment of any settlement due the dental or workman's compensation carrier from their self-insurance fund or any health insurance expense from the ISTA settlement fund for the plan year ending December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution is effective for the 2014 calendar year in the amount of \$391,983.49.

THIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS:

Dental Self-Insurance Fund - 1100.00.60800.243.00	\$31,000.00
Worker's Compensation Self-insurance Fund - 1100.00.60800.225.00	\$45,000.00
ISTA Settlement Fund Account - 3952.00.11100.222.00	<u>\$315,983.49</u>
TOTAL:	\$391,983.49

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2014.

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

Lynne M. Bobe, Member

Barbara L. Toole, Member

By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for a Resolution to Distribute Textbook Assistance. A change is coming from the state in that they will no longer be sending schools a flat dollar amount per student, but it will now be based upon a percentage. This insures that all students' accounts receive an equal amount. The state reimbursed VCSC \$125,080.18, which is 72% of what was submitted for reimbursement.

RESOLUTION TO DISTRIBUTE TEXTBOOK ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of Vincennes Community School Corporation, Knox County, Indiana, directs that textbook assistance money received from the State of Indiana be posted to the affected student's accounts by a percentage amount rather than a flat dollar amount.

Posting by percentage ensures the funds received from the State of Indiana will assist all student accounts equally since all students will receive the same percentage of their individual book rental.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will remain in effect for future school years.

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2014.

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By unanimous vote the board approved Greg Parsley's request for permission to partner with Marian University with several endeavors. Thanks to the generous donation of \$25,000 from Duke Energy we will partner with Marian University as it relates to the certification of teachers in certain fields (i.e. Spanish and STEM related classes), in addition to the possible partnership of dual credit programs and the possible start-up of an Early College. Marian University is partnered with Duke Energy and is working with a small number of schools throughout Indiana and Vincennes Lincoln High School was chosen as one of these schools. The VCSC recognizes the importance of Vincennes University to our staff and students. However, in order for VCSC, and more specifically, Lincoln High School, more is needed and desired and this includes possible partnerships with other outside partners as we do what is best for our students and staff. This includes partnerships with Ivy Tech, Oakland City, Marian and also VU.

Barb Toole extended a big thank you to the Peer Tutors and commended them for stepping out of their comfort zone and by them setting a good example is so impressive. Befriending and helping these students shows maturity and caring in their hearts. She also stated we have such incredible teachers working for us, that the awards mentioned tonight shows that we are truly blessed. She welcomed Sgt. Deckard and stated with what we are offering for our students this summer with the SPARK Camp and all the other activities is such a wonderful opportunity and she is very glad to be a part of it. She is also looking forward to the partnership with Duke Energy and Marian University and can't wait to see that grow.

All board members extended their congratulations to the employees of the month and to the teacher award winners. They also extended their thanks for Dr. Stewart and the *Keep Vincennes Rolling* project in promoting health and wellness to our students. They all commended the Peer Tutoring program indicating that their children had been a part of the program during their time in school and it really opened up their eyes and they were very appreciative they had been given the opportunity to participate.

All members extended their thanks and appreciation to all the retirees. Those retiring tonight represented 171½ years of experience. They thanked Mrs. Williams in helping to keep the ship afloat when we went through some tough financial times.

Board members also extended their thanks to Mr. Clark and Clark Middle School staff in hosting this evening's meeting.

Greg Parsley announced that the "Road Shows" are over for this year and the May and summer month's meetings will be held at the Administration Center. He stated that Mike Szady would be at the May meeting to give us information on the Summer Feed Program.

Mr. Parsley also extended congratulations to Steve Combs and Lincoln High School in that he has the highest graduation rate of schools in the county at 93%.

Mr. Parsley also thanked Gretchen Bruner and her students for putting on a fabulous "Back to the 80's" program. He stated that preliminary kindergarten register numbers are up so we are looking for a good kindergarten enrollment in the fall. He also thanked Barry Stone and the Technology Department in their direction and guidance in being able to put on a statewide tech conference in July at Clark Middle School where Indiana Superintendent Glenda Ritz will be the featured speaker.

Mr. Parsley also congratulated and thanked all the award winners for their achievements.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Aaron M. Bauer, President

Karla A. Smith, Secretary